



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

St Augustine's - Kyabram ~ St Patrick's - Tongala

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Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A

Sunday 30 August 2026



Readings for
this week:

Jeremiah 20:7-9

Romans 12:1-2

Matthew 16:21-27

Readings for
next Sunday:

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Roman 13:8-10

Matthew 18:15-20



Liturgical Catechesis II

The Second Vatican Council gathered with the desire to “impart an ever increasing vigour to the Christian life of the faithful; to adapt more suitably to the needs of our own times those institutions which are subject to change; to foster what-ever can promote union among all who believe in Christ; to strengthen whatever can help to call the whole of mankind into the household of the Church, There was a strong sense of the need for a renewal of the ritual forms through which, for centuries, the Church had glorified God and sanctified the Christian people. A very close and organic bond exists between the renewal of the liturgy and the renewal of the whole life of the Church. The Church not only acts but also expresses herself in the liturgy, lives by the liturgy and draws from the liturgy the strength for her life: “That sound tradition may be retained, and yet the way remain open to legitimate progress” ([SC](#), 23) Rome 27 May 2026

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Looking at the Readings

Jeremiah was the classic prophet of doom warning the citizens of Jerusalem of their impending captivity and their city of its impending destruction. They did not appreciate that, nor did Jeremiah find comfort or reward in telling them. But he was impelled by a fire within. On reflection, his passion was a great motivation and awesome emotion. It makes us listen and take heed of events and advice we may encounter.

Jesus faced the same reactions from the citizens and leaders of Jerusalem. He warns the disciples of this impending rejection and suffering. Peter and the others were with Jesus in the good times and the bad but wanted to avoid the bad times. Life has its contradictions! And the last of these is that suffering leads to glory.

St Paul echoes the words of Jeremiah, that now as Christians we must model Christ in offering our lives as servants and pursue God's will.

Pope Leo XIV on the Season of Creation 2026

Pope Leo has chosen “They shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks” (*Isaiah* 2:4) as the theme for the 2026 World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, to be celebrated on Tuesday 1 September. During the whole season the scripture theme is on “Living Water” from Ezekiel 47:1–12, focusing on life-giving water flowing from God's sanctuary to restore ecosystems and heal the earth. The season continues until Sunday 4 October (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi).

Prayer for the Week

Holy God, whose Spirit hovered over the waters at the beginning, we gather as part of your community of all creation, thirsty for your grace. We give thanks for the gift of water, the veins of our common home, that sustains the cedar and the whale, the pasture and the city. We are grateful for the local waters that nourish our homelands and our fellow creatures. We give thanks that in your well-watered garden, every drop is a sacred testament to your love. (Season of Creation Prayer. Part 1/4)

Sunday ClipArt

The image for this week depicts the prophet Jeremiah facing his critics and denouncers.

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On the Lighter Side

People will always criticize how you said something regardless of what you actually said.



“The trouble with most of us is that we would rather be ruined by praise than saved by criticism” Norman Vincent Peale

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Michael Ianacone, Barbara Cameron, Shane Boyd, Pat Commons, Julie Kleinert, Noreen Gallardo, Kady Mitchell-Treacy, Olive McElroy, Philip Bowman, Millie Perry, Frances Corso.

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Les Karrall, Andrew Cavicchiolo, John Brennan

(Please email or contact the Parish Office to add names to our prayer list)

ROSTERS

Sunday 6 September 8.30am

Commentator – R Chapman

Lector – L Sorbello

Special Minister – K McGlade

Saturday 12 September at 5pm

Commentator – J Harris

Lector – **Help Required**

Special Minister – L Cosgriff

Sunday 13 September 8.30am

Commentator – **Help Required**

Lector – N Watt

Special Minister – B Lyon

PLATE AND ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Last weekend Collection: \$982.20

Thank you for your generosity and support for our Parish. May God bless you, always.

PARISH DETAILS

PARISH PRIEST

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PRINCIPALS

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St Patrick's Primary - Jackie Stockdale - Phone 5859 0371

MASS TIMES

KYABRAM

Week Day: Tuesday Rosary 4pm, Mass 4.15pm & Thursday 9.15am

Saturday: 2nd and 4th weekend of month: 6pm EDT (5pm EST)

Sunday: 8.30am

TONGALA: First Sunday of month 11.30am

RECONCILIATION: Second Saturday (Weekend) of month 30 mins before Mass in St Augustine's Church.

ANointing MASS: First Thursday of the month at 10am in St Augustine's Church.

ST AUGUSTINE FEAST DAY

St Augustine feast day will be held this Sunday 30th August at 8.30am Mass. You are warmly invited to bring a plate to share and to enjoy fellowship as we celebrate our patron saint together.

TOLLE LEGGE (SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION GROUP)

You are warmly invited to participate in a scripture discussion group which will be held monthly after 8.30am Mass. Next meeting will be on **Sunday 13th September**. Please see Mary or Annette for further information.

PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

The pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in our parish from 31st August to 5th September. The Church will be opened on **Tuesday 1st September and Thursday 3rd September from 8.45am to 5pm for private devotion**. For other times please see Mary Zobec. We warmly invite you to come and spend some quiet time with Our Lady, asking her intercession for our loved ones, our parish, and the needs of the world.

LONE PINE CEREMONY

All Parishioners are invited to the Lone Pine Ceremony which will be held on Wednesday 2nd September at 10am followed by refreshments in the church gathering space. All Welcome.

RCIA INQUIRY EVENINGS

Inquiry evenings for the RCIA program will begin on **Monday 5th October at 5.30pm** in the presbytery. The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** is a process of Christian formation by which those who are seeking full communion with the Church. For more information contact Annette Ryan 0408 502 858 or Mary Zobec 0427190282.

RENEWED AND SENT PARISH RENEWAL SUMMIT

Will be held 1-3 October, St Gregory's College, Campbelltown (Western Sydney) Bishop René RCJ strongly encourages Sandhurst Clergy and Parish leaders to attend and see what God is doing in other parishes and what it can mean for their own. More information to follow.

MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Tue	1 st September - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass
Thu	3 rd September - 9am School Fathers Day Liturgy
Thu	3 rd September - 10am Anointing Mass
Sun	6 th September - 8.30am Mass
Sun	6 th September - 11.30am Mass Tongala

Weekly Masses

Tue	8 th September - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass
Thu	10 th September – No Mass
Sat	12 th September - 5pm Mass
Sun	13 th September - 8.30am Mass

ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration is the spiritual practice of spending time in the presence of the exposed consecrated Host. Through this practice, we are invited to spend time alone with God in his real, physical form and to bring to Jesus all our cares, concerns, prayers, hopes and thoughts. Adoration will be held on the **2nd Saturday** of the month from 4.45pm. Next adoration will be **12 September**. Please consider spending some quiet time in the presence of Jesus.

ST AUGUSTINE'S PARISH DEBUTANTE BALL 2027

St Augustine's Parish is seeking expressions of interest from young people wishing to participate in the **2027 Debutante Ball**. If you are interested, please register with the Parish Office by **20 September 2026** on (03) 5852 1026 or email: kyabram@sandhurst.catholic.org.au to register your details. For further information, please contact Alana Brennan at brenpk1@gmail.com. Note this event is subject to sufficient numbers.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL SANDHURST

Retreat Day Saturday, 19 September 2026 at St Brendan's, Shepparton 9:30am – 3:30pm. Come be refreshed and renewed, encounter the Presence of God. Facilitated by Br Massino Chang and Fr Doroteo Bravi from the Community of the Sons and Daughters of God. Starting at 9:30am with a cuppa, ready for 10am start. Monsignor Peter Jeffrey Centre, St Brendan's, 121 Knight St, Shepparton. All welcome. Lunch: Please bring a plate to share. An offering will be taken up. Contact: Brigita Hore: 0412 042 196, Mary Zobec: 0427 190 282 Denise Illot: 0407 506 813

PROTECT ST KILIAN'S APPEAL

Following the recent fire at St Kilian's, Fr Junray Rayna has launched the **Protect St Kilian's Appeal** to help fund a modern fire detection and suppression system for our historic church. While insurance will assist with repairs, the Parish must invest in improved protection to safeguard St Kilian's for the future. The estimated cost is **\$500,000**. Friends of St Kilian's will be invited to support the appeal. A Deductible Gift Receipt will be available to those who donate.

How you can help:

- Make a donation to the Protect St Kilian's Appeal. (Details shortly)
- Encourage business, family and friends who value St Kilian's to contribute
- Keep St. Kilian's Parish and this important project in your prayers

Fr Junray Rayna Administrator St Kilian's

MONTHLY EVENTS

- 1st Tuesday - Men's Group 6pm**
- 1st Thursday - Anointing Mass 10am**
- 1st Saturday - Monthly working bee 9.30am (church cleaning)**
- 2nd Wednesday - Ladies Cuppa and Chat 2pm**
- 2nd Saturday - Adoration 4pm**
- 3rd Wednesday - Prayer Meeting 5.30pm**

Please note these dates and times are subject to change, please check bulletin for updates, times and venues.

CHILD SAFE PARISH

We are a Child Safe Parish, we have a zero tolerance for child abuse and aim to provide a safe, supportive and welcoming environment to all visiting children, young persons and vulnerable adults. If you are concerned for any form of abuse that is immediate you should call 000; a significant risk or harm, whether or not you have formed this belief on reasonable grounds, you should immediately raise your concerns with one of our Parish Child safety officers Mary Zobec 0427 190 282 or Annete Ryan 0408 502 858.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

As we come to worship, we remember the Yorta Yorta & Bangerang People the original custodians of this land. We acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with deep respect. May the Elders, past and present, be blessed and honored. May we join and build a future based on compassion, justice, faith and reconciliation.

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"Nothing is so strong as gentleness; nothing is so gentle as real strength."— St. Francis de Sales

GOSPEL

MT 16:21-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it, but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

GENUINE DISCIPLESHIP

Today's Gospel follows on immediately from last Sunday's Gospel and the question posed to Jesus' disciples in Matthew's day, and to us, about his identity. Jesus then outlines what awaits him in Jerusalem—his suffering, death and resurrection. These words seem either incomprehensible to his disciples, represented by Peter, or are rejected.

Whatever the reason for Peter's reaction, following God's anointed one on a path of suffering, death and resurrection is unfathomable. The disciples imagine a triumphant, powerful figure who will overcome Roman opposition. Success and status are their vision for the future of discipleship!

Today's Gospel is a sobering reminder that suffering is not excluded from discipleship. Life's tragedies and concerns are not the opposite of following Jesus; they can be authentic expressions of it. Disciples are not called to seek suffering nor to become victims. Rather, suffering can be integrated into genuine discipleship. These are important insights especially for some who think that they must 'prove' their loyalty to Jesus by seeking out further pain or suffering. We know that suffering is part of life; we need not look for it further. We are surrounded by a world of suffering.

Today we acknowledge the sufferings of those who gather with us in our Assembly, especially those borne silently or through violence, including domestic violence.

Fr Michael Trainor



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

30 AUGUST 2026

FIRST READING

Jer 20:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.

I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.'

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,

imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 62:2-6, 8-9, R. v. 2

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long. / for you my soul is thirsting. / My body pines for you / like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary / to see your strength and your glory. / For your love is better than life, / my lips will speak your praise. **R.**

3. So I will bless you all my life, / in your name I will lift up my hands. / My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, / my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**



4. For you have been my help: / in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. / My soul clings to you; / your right hand holds me fast. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 12:1-2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him. I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Eph 1:17, 18

Alleluia, alleluia! / May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ / enlighten the eyes of our heart, / that we might see how great is the hope / to which we are called. / Alleluia!

SAVE THE DATE

Sandhurst Celebration

to launch the

Season Of Creation

Tuesday 1 September



Immersion in Living Water
EZEKIEL 47:9, 12



**Mass celebrated by
Bishop Rene Ramirez**



Venue:
Huntly Streamside Reserve
Time: **11am**



Followed by Picnic Lunch
Sausage sizzle provided

ALL SANDHURST SCHOOLS & PARISHES are invited
and encouraged to come along and celebrate in
this beautiful bush setting.



Living Water

Season of Creation 2026