



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A

Sunday 6 September 2026



Readings for
this week:

Ezekiel 33:7-9
Roman 13:8-10
Matthew 18:15-20



Readings for
next Sunday:

Sirach 27:30-28-7
Romans 14:7-9
Matthew 18:21-35



Liturgical Catechesis IIIII

As we continue our catechesis on the *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, we wish to pause and reflect on some of the fundamental elements of the sacred liturgy, such as the rite, the sign and the symbol. Through the sacred rite we are thus formed in listening to the Word of God, in giving thanks and in adoration, in fraternal sharing and in ecclesial communion. We discover that we are an assembly with many faces, united by the same faith. The rite involves us in a sequence of gestures and prayers simplicity of its rhythms, the rite interrupts our frenetic activities. We thus discover another dimension of action ruled by calculations of productivity and another experience of time and space. Above all, symbols have a unique performative and transformative dimension, both in relation to the material elements of which they are composed and to those who come into contact with them, engendering a sense of belonging, touching the heart and mind, and giving rise to authentic ecclesial relationships. *Rome 3 June 2026*

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Looking at the Readings

It is difficult for leaders to call people to accountability. Such is the unenviable responsibility of pastors in the parish, coordinators of religious education, members of the parish council, principals in the school, directors of liturgical ministry, to name but a few. Disciples must also engage in the very difficult process of reconciliation. Differences of opinion, misunderstandings, and actual offences tend to alienate people. We see this happen in families, neighbourhoods, parish communities, workplaces. It is not enough to say that we must try to forgive from our hearts. The process of reconciliation requires significant movement toward the admission of guilt as well. Both the one offended and the offender must be willing to be transformed.

Gathering two or three together in prayerful collaboration is not as easy as it sounds. If collaboration is to be effective, we have to be open and honest about our opinions and our biases, and respectful of the opinions and biases of others. We must work for the common good and not merely for what we personally think is best. We must be willing to accept and implement decisions with which we may not totally agree, and we must live with them gracefully. All of this calls for unselfish love. Love fulfils the entire law only: when we honour our personal commitments and the personal commitments of others; when we value the life, dignity and reputation of others; and when we respect their possessions. It is only because love is so demanding that it covers all of our responsibilities. © Dianne Bergant CSA

Pope Leo's Message on Season of Creation

To build a peaceful society, we must not only reform structures but also renew our hearts. The causes of conflict and the exploitation of creation stem from an ethical and cultural crisis, including the loss of a sense of limits, the desire for domination, the pursuit of immediate profit, and the inability to recognise the God-given dignity of each human person. The prophetic call to 'beat swords into ploughshares' (*Is 2:4*) is therefore not only a vision for nations, but a call to each person. It invites us to transform harm into life. Yet this transformation cannot be achieved through external change alone. It requires, through cooperating with God's grace, a deeper personal and collective conversion — a returning to God, who will reorder our desires, heal our wounds and help us grow in virtue.

Sunday ClipArt

The image for this week depicts the Prophet Ezekiel as a sentry to the House of Israel. *By Steve Erspamer © 1992 Archdiocese of Chicago*

On the Lighter Side

AI gives four warnings about brotherly correction: The Hypocrisy Trap, Sibling Dynamic, Awkward Timing, Pedantism



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: John Georgiou

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



ROSTERS

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

Sunday 20 September 8.30am

Commentator – B Elliott

Lector – P Jenner

Special Minister – J Chant

PLATE AND ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Last weekend Collection: \$ 1086.60

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

PARISH DETAILS

PARISH PRIEST

Fr Uday Kumar Marneni ALCP/OSS

PARISH SECRETARY

Vicki Arnel – 0417 147 695

PARISH PASTORAL ASSISTANT

Mary Zobec – 0427 190 282

Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 8.30am-4pm

PRINCIPALS

St Augustine's College - Tim Campbell - Phone 5851 3000

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.

TOLLE LEGE (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.

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. For more information, go to: <https://renewedandsent.com.au>

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.

MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Sun 6th September - 8.30am Mass

Sun 6th September - 11.30am Mass Tongala

Weekly Masses

Tue 8th September - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 10th September – No Mass

Sat 12th September - 5pm Mass

Sun 13th September - 8.30am Mass

Weekly Masses

Tue 15th September - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 17th September – 9.15am Year 5/6 and Year 7&8

CARITAS AUSTRALIA NEPAL APPEAL

The Caritas network is working alongside affected communities and local authorities to assess needs and ensure assistance reaches those most impacted. We are asking Australians to stand with the people of Nepal during this devastating time. Thousands of households have been affected across multiple districts. Search and rescue operations continue in extremely challenging conditions, with damaged roads and communications hampering access to affected areas. You can support the Appeal at www.caritas.org.au/nepal or call 1800 024 413.

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

LIVE YOUR BEST LIFE IN LOVE...

A Marriage Encounter weekend is a gift for every married couple and priest. Every married couple and priest deserves to experience this very special weekend. Time-out to focus on your most precious relationships. You will come away feeling more deeply connected and with tools to help keep it alive. No group sharing is required. The weekend is based on Catholic values and couples of all faiths are very welcome. We have just one weekend remaining for 2026 - don't miss this opportunity to nurture your most precious relationship. Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend: **November 6-8th, 2026, St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South.** Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm. Information/Bookings: Please phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

PROTECT ST KILIAN'S APPEAL

Following the 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 the church. While insurance will assist with repairs, the Parish must invest in improved protection to safeguard St Kilian's. The estimated cost is **\$500,000**. Friends of St Kilian's will be invited to support the appeal.

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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"I can do the things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things."
– St Teresa of Calcutta

GOSPEL

MT 18:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community, and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.'

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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Breaking Open the Word

SEEK RECONCILIATION

Last Sunday reminded us that following Jesus is not free from struggle. Challenges, even misunderstandings, will be part of the disciple's vocation. This Sunday, the evangelist moves deeper to highlight further concerns that beset the community of disciples—internal struggles, tensions, even rejection.

The evangelist draws on the wisdom of Jesus to address these realities and suggests a three-step process towards reconciliation. It begins with personal dialogue. The one wronged seeks to invite the wrongdoer to reconciliation. If this fails, witnesses to what has happened verify the authenticity of the issues and encourage resolution. If this fails then the whole faith community, the *ekklesia*, witness to the wrong that has created the division, inviting the wrong doer to a change of heart and reconciliation.

Even if this third step fails then Matthew advises to treat the wrong doer 'like a pagan or tax collector.' In other words, as Jesus welcomed strangers and invited a tax collector to become one of his disciples, the door must always be left open. The final words of the Gospel contain Jesus' assurance that he is always present to even a small discipleship gathering, of even two or three, no matter what they are dealing with.

Today's Gospel is as relevant for our day as it was in the time of Matthew. No faith community is tension free. Disagreements arise and, sometimes, are not easily resolved by faith leaders. Rather than gossiping or character assassination, personal approaches that invite conflict resolution and community building are essential. In everything, Jesus is present.

Fr Michael Trainor

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

FIRST READING

Ezek 33:7-9

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 94:1-2, 6-9, R. v. 8

R. O that today you would listen to his voice!

Harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; / hail the rock who saves us. / Let us come before him, giving thanks, / with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; / let us kneel before the God who made us / for he is our God and we / the people who belong to his pasture, / the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

3. O that today you would listen to his voice! / Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, / as on that day at Massah in the desert / when your fathers put me to the test; / when they tried me, though they saw my work. **R.**

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THE SAVING WORD



SECOND READING

Rom 13:8-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the

Romans

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia! / God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; / and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. / 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.



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