



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A

Sunday 20 September 2026



Readings for
this week:

Isaiah 55:6-9
Philippians 1:20-24,279
Matthew 20:1-16



Readings for
next Sunday:

Ezekiel 18:25-28
Philippians 2:1-11
Matthew 21:28-32



Liturgical Jottings

Liturgical Catechesis IVb

We will continue our catechesis on the Constitution on the Liturgy (SC).

Immediately after recalling Jesus' Last Supper, SC speaks of the Eucharist in Augustinian terms. For Christians, taking part at the Lord's table means being "instructed by God's word, nourished and giving thanks to God" (cf SC 48). It is by receiving Him in His Word and in the Eucharist that we become what we receive. We become the Body whose Head is the risen Christ, who prepares a place for us in heaven. Thus, the Eucharist is the sacrament of the Kingdom that is to come. It is the Bread for the journey that leads us to our heavenly homeland, until that blessed day when "God will be all in all". Thus, by incorporating us into Christ, the Eucharist teaches us to adopt the very style of life of the Lord Jesus, which was marked by the free gift of Himself. This gift draws us into a dynamic of unity.

Pope Leo XIV, Rome 24 June 2026

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Looking at the Readings

The readings present us with an underlying theme, God's thoughts are not our way of thinking, God's generosity is beyond our understanding. But there are more in the parable that meets the casual eye.

The world today has many and varied laws and practices about wages and conditions and a very elaborate systems of social security. Pope Leo XIII's encyclical *Rerum Novarum* (1891) gave principles on workers' rights and a just wage and the Australian Conciliation and Arbitration Court (1909) defined a fair and reasonable wage as an amount sufficient to support an unskilled worker, his wife and three children in a condition of "**frugal comfort**". The vineyard owner in Christ's parable was ahead of his times recognising that his labourers needed to feed and support their families and so gave each a sufficient amount (one denarius) as their take home pay.

Notice that the labourers who worked for the whole day did not grumble about their pay (one denarius) but grumbled about the pay of the latecomers and the landowner's generosity. Indeed, God's generosity may be beyond our understanding but not out of reach for those in need. We are all in need of God's Goodness.

Pope Leo XIV Message on Season of Creation

Dear brothers and sisters, the true tools for building peace are not weapons of destruction, instead they are truth, dialogue, patience, goodness, justice, mercy, understanding, care and love. These flow from hearts shaped by the Gospel and sustained by God's grace. Only these qualities possess the power to transform individuals, renew communities and heal the wounds of our world.

The path before us is clear, though it is not easy. We are called to allow our hearts to be renewed, so that we might seek peace and care for creation.

Sunday ClipArt

The image for this week depicts a couple searching for God's wisdom that is higher than the sun, moon and stars (Isaiah 55:9). By Steve Erspamer © 1992 Archdiocese of Chicago

Prayer of the Week

God most high, your ways are not our ways,
for your kindness is lavished equally upon all.
Teach us to welcome your mercy toward others,
even as we hope to receive mercy ourselves. Amen.

On the Lighter Side

A worker asked his boss for a raise, stating that two companies are after him. Boss: "What companies are those?" He replied "The power company and the water company."



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: Isabel Slaughter, Virginia Spina.

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

ROSTERS

Saturday 26 September at 5pm

Commentator – J Harris

Lector – C Anderson

Special Minister – L Busch

Sunday 27 September 8.30am

Commentator – C Goode

Lector – C Cabaraban

Special Minister – N Livsey

Sunday 4 October 8.30am

Commentator – J Chant

Lector – R Chapman

Special Minister – M Cocks

PLATE AND ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Last weekend Collection: \$ 1506.70

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

PARISH DETAILS

PARISH PRIEST

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Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 8.30am-4pm

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.

APPOINTMENT OF VICAR GENERAL

Very Rev. Dr Brian Boyle has been appointed Vicar General of the Diocese of Sandhurst, effective 14 September 2026, for a term of two years.

The Vicar General assists the Diocesan Bishop in the governance of the Diocese and, in accordance with canon law, exercises the executive authority entrusted to that office (cf. canons 475–481).

René Ramirez RCJ Bishop of Sandhurst

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Congratulations to our sacramental children who this weekend are receiving Confirmation and First Eucharist. May their hearts always be open to the loving embrace of God and may they continue to grow in faith and love.

FATHER AWAY

Father will be taking leave during October. There will be no Saturday Masses during this time. We wish him all the best for his safe travels.

DAY LIGHT SAVING TIME

Please note that Daylight Savings time comes into affect on Sunday 4th October. Clocks move forward one hour.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross painted by Rev Patrick Negri are currently on display at the Eymard Centre at St Francis Church in Melbourne until 5 October before they head to St Peter Juliens in Sydney. Please see displayed flyer for more 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.

MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Sun 20th September - 8.30am Mass

Weekly Masses

Tue 22nd September - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 24th September - No Mass

Sat 26th September - 5pm Mass

Sun 27th September - 8.30am Mass

Weekly Masses

Tue 29th September - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 1st October - 10am Anointing Mass

Sun 4th October - 8.30am Mass

Sun 4th October - 11.30am Mass Tongala

Weekly Masses

Tue 6th October - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Liturgy

Thu 8th October - No Mass

Sat 10th October – No Mass

Sun 11th October - 8.30am Mass – Fr M Grace

NEWSLETTER NOTICES – SURVEY OF CATHOLIC COUPLES OVER SEPTEMBER

The Australian Catholic Bishops are funding a survey over the month of September into the experience of Catholics in their first 10 years of marriage. The information gathered will inform the development of pastoral responses and resources for this vital stage of married life. Any couple married in the last 10 years, where at least one spouse is Catholic, can contribute their valuable insights via this link <https://thepmrc.org/survey>. All answers are anonymous and confidential, and participants can contact the researchers directly with any questions via the survey link.

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 interested, please register with the Parish Office by 20 September 2026 on 5852 1026 or email: kyabram@sandhurst.catholic.org.au. For more information, contact Alana Brennan at brenpk1@gmail.com. Event is subject to numbers.

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. Search and rescue operations continue in extremely challenging conditions, with damaged roads and communications hampering access to affected areas. We are asking Australians to stand with the people of Nepal during this devastating time. Thousands of households have been affected across multiple districts. You can support the Appeal at www.caritas.org.au/nepal or call 1800 024 413.

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: <https://renewedandsent.com.au>

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. November 6-8th, 2026, St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South. Website: wwme.org.au

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 want eternity. I was born for greater things." – St. Stanislaus



Liturgy of the Word

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2: 1- 6, 14, 22-23, 32-3

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language.

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Judaea, and all you who live in Jerusalem, make no mistake about this, but listen carefully to what I say.

'Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know.

This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that.

Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the LORD, O my soul!
O LORD, my God, you are great indeed!
How manifold are your works, O Lord!
the earth is full of your creatures;

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

If you take away their breath, they perish
and return to their dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth.

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-13

A Reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them.

All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ.

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The Father will send you the Holy Spirit, says the Lord, to be with you forever. Alleluia!

Gospel:

John 14:15-17

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you.

The Gospel of the Lord.