



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A

Sunday 27 September 2026



Readings for
this week:

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



Readings for
next Sunday:

Isaiah 5:1-7
Philippians 4:6-9
Matthew 21:33-43



Liturgical Jottings

Liturgical Catechesis Va

Chapter five of the Constitution on the Liturgy (SC) is dedicated to the liturgical year. It should thus be understood as a constant renewal of the work of salvation which Christ accomplishes in history. As the Church journeys through this temporal cycle, it remains in contact with the Lord's redemptive action, so that all the faithful may be filled with His grace (SC 102c). The encounter with Jesus, who died and rose again for us, is the purpose that the Church always pursues, placing the celebration of the Paschal event at the centre of every moment. The liturgical year thus repeats, in sacramental form, the teaching of the history of salvation, guiding the faithful from the expect-ation of the Messiah to the fullness of the Paschal Mystery and to the anticipation of future glory. In it, we celebrate the salvific relevance of the mystery of Christ, enabling us to participate in it ever more deeply. For this reason, the liturgical year constitutes the guiding principle and the essential framework for all pastoral action.

Pope Leo 12/8/2026

Looking at the Readings

In the parable of the two sons, Jesus touches on a very human dynamic in our society. There are dissensions, rivalries – siblings or otherwise – slacking of values – charity, respect – and petty arguments. The parable shows one son who says no, but then does the right thing and the son who says yes and fails to do what he said he would. Perhaps a petty incident but could escalate into a bigger confrontation or become a habitual failing.

Jesus addresses the parable to the chief priests and the elders of the people knowing that they are guilty of the same faults of saying one thing and doing the opposite and appearing holier than thou but lacking integrity. An occupational hazard? Christians today could be blamed for preaching one thing but failing in action. But the evidence of Christians contributing positively is overwhelming. Yet this parable serves as a timely reminder.

Jesus follows up the parable rather unexpectedly noting that the public sinners are listening, accepting the message of John the Baptist and coming to conversion better than they. While the chief priests and the elders are mulling over all this, Jesus addresses to them a stronger parable we will hear next week.

Prayer for the Week

Creative and nurturing God, Jesus made a family gathered around a festive table as the final sign of unity with his followers. May we be united and transformed like the saints in every age. As we remember Saint Francis of Assisi, give us his vision and strength to dedicate ourselves to rebuilding your house suitable to our times and a foretaste of the eternal Jerusalem. Through Christ our Lord.

Pope Leo XIV Message on Season of Creation

If we take up this task of the care of creation with humility and faith, we will become collaborators in God's work of renewal. We will move, slowly but surely, from desert to garden, from division to communion, and from violence to peace.

May the Lord grant us the courage to walk along this path, so that in our time, swords may indeed be beaten into ploughshares, and the promise of the Gospel may take deeper root in our world, and the peace of Christ may reign over all of creation.

On the Lighter Side

We take for granted the slow miracle whereby water in the irrigation of a vineyard becomes wine. It is only when Christ turns water into wine, in a quick motion, as it were, that we stand amazed.

Saint Augustine.

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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: Robin Mulcahy

Anniversaries: Joseph Mahanggun, Isabel Slaughter, Kate Delahenty.

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

ROSTERS

Sunday 4 October 8.30am

Commentator – J Chant

Lector – R Chapman

Special Minister – M Cocks

Saturday 10 October at 5pm

Commentator – J Harris

Lector – M Tesoro

Special Minister – L Moran

Sunday 11 October 8.30am

Commentator – N Watt

Lector – P Jenner

Special Minister – M O'Shea

PLATE AND ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Last weekend Collection: \$ 1377.05

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

PARISH DETAILS

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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.

BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Sophia Robins and Santino Taranto into our faith community. Sophia and Santino will be baptised in St Augustine's church. Please keep these children and their parents and godparents in your prayers, as they continue on their faith journey.

PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION APPEAL

Priest Retirement Foundation appeal for retired Priests of Sandhurst. We have 15 retired Priests. Fundraising assists the provision of housing, annual recurrent and everyday expenses. The Foundation relies on the generosity of the priests and people of the Diocese. A special collection will be taken on the weekend of 10th /11th of October and is the major fundraiser of the year. Your Donations (tax-deductible) are essential. This day is an opportunity to thank God for their ministry and dedication, and to pray for our priests, active and retired. All donations are tax-deductible. Those requiring receipts for donations, please use the envelopes provided. Thank you.

TOWN OF KYABRAM 150 YEAR CELEBRATION

You are warmly invited to attend an ecumenical prayer service hosted by the Minister's Fellowship to celebrate 150 years of the Town of Kyabram on Sunday 25th October 5pm at Uniting Church. This will be followed by a free BBQ tea. Please byo drinks, chairs and picnic rugs. There will also be a historical Churches display in the Uniting Church Hall on Saturday 24th October 11am-3pm and on Sunday 25th 11am-6pm. All welcome. Come along, celebrate our community's history, and share in this special occasion together.

MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

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

Weekly Masses

Tue 13th October - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Liturgy

Thu 15th October - 11.30am Whole College Mass
Grandparents & special friends – Brigidine Centre

Sun 18th October - 8.30am Mass – Fr M Grace

ST AUGUSTINE'S CARE GROUP

St Augustine's Care Group was established around 1980. Marie Dillion was the first person in charge, and the role was later passed on to Mary Elliot. Over the years, the Care Group provided wonderful support to our parish community. Its members prepared and delivered food to those who were sick, catered for funerals, hosted cuppa's after mass and visited parishioners who were sick or homebound.

In recent years, the group has sadly come to an end. We would like to acknowledge and sincerely thank all those who were involved in the Care Group for the many years of caring, service, and generosity they gave to our parish.

We would also like to acknowledge the **\$306 donation** of remaining funds that has been left to the parish. We are truly grateful for the legacy of kindness and care that St Augustine's Care Group has given to our parish community over so many years.

FATHER AWAY

Father will be taking leave throughout October. During this time, there will be **no Saturday Masses**. We wish Father all the very best for his travels and pray for his safe journey. May he have a restful and enjoyable time away. We look forward to welcoming him back safely.

DAY LIGHT SAVING TIME

Please note that Daylight Savings time comes into affect on Sunday 4th October. Clocks move forward one hour. From November, Saturday Mass times will move to 6pm.

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.

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 Annette 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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"The patient and humble endurance of the cross – whatever nature it may be – is the highest work we have to do."
– St. Katharine Drexel

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

In 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia! / My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord: / I know them, and they follow me. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Nb 21:28-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew:

He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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Breaking Open the Word

CHANGE OF ATTITUDE

Remaining in the agricultural world from last Sunday and the hiring practice of a landowner, we are now inside the landowner's family and its two sons. The landowner requests both sons to go to work in the vineyard. Such a request would have been unnecessary, given that there would have been hired labourers in the vineyard – information learnt from last Sunday's Gospel.

A deeper intent lies behind the owner's request: Are the sons' committed to the family's enterprise? Perhaps, too, this reflects what is occurring with the Gospel household, the inner relationship and ethical practice of its members. The main issue concerns integrity of word and openness of heart. The first son is asked to work in the vineyard but refuses the request. Later, he thinks about it, changes his mind and goes. The second promises to go the vineyard but doesn't. There is no further comment about the request or change of heart. Jesus asks the religious leaders, 'Which of the two did the father's will?' They respond, 'The first.' This son, at first resistant, changes his mind and responds to the father's request.

The parable is obviously directed to Jesus' audience and religious leaders, to recognise their need to change attitudes that exclude certain types of people. Surprisingly, those judged as social reprobates, the 'tax collectors and prostitutes', are given preferential acceptance into God's Kingdom. The parable overturns conventional expectations in Matthew's day and in ours!

Fr Michael Trainor

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

FIRST READING

Ezek 18:25-28

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 24:4-9. R. v. 6

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways. / Lord, teach me your paths. / Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: / for you are God my saviour. R.
2. Remember your mercy, Lord, / and the love you have shown from of old. / Do not remember the sins of my youth. / In your love remember me, / because of your goodness, O Lord. R.
3. The Lord is good and upright / He shows the path to those who stray, / he guides the humble in the right path / he teaches his way to the poor. R.

SECOND READING

Phil 2:1-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one

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thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,

should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

■ The word of the Lord.