



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 5 October 2025



Readings for
this week:

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4
2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
Luke 17:5-10



Readings for
next Sunday:

2 Kings 5:14-17
2 Timothy 2:8-13
Luke 17:11-19



Liturgical Jottings

Liturgy and Old Age

The liturgy is for all peoples, young and old. The scripture readings sometimes address the old and the young with prayers to God to guide the young and come to the aid of the aging. But the prayers of the Mass rarely address the passing of the years. The Mass of the Dedication of the Altar begins with: "I will come to the altar of God, to God who restores the joy of my youth." Ps 43 (42):4. The Collect of the Mass: 50th Wedding Anniversary we pray for the couple: "That by a wonderful Sacrament, Lord, may so bless their fruitful old age."

There is a Mass with a Preface for Old Age from the Ambrosian Rite: "You give us length of days as a token of your love, and as they pass you teach us to take delight in that life which will endure for all eternity. ... Though bodily vigour may fade, your ceaseless love is always new; for you strengthen in us the gifts of your Spirit that we may make our way, secure in hope, to you, the Lord in whom we put our faith."

Looking at the Readings

The Prophet Habakkuk appears in the Lectionary only twice in the three-year cycle: today and Saturday 18th week in Ordinary Time year 2. These readings, however, are the same: Habakkuk questions and complains to God – the first prophet to do so – and God replies. Habakkuk's questions are perennial "Why, Lord, do you not answer?" and secondly, "Why do injustices befall me?" God's first reply is, "Wait and be faithful!" And his more considered reply goes much deeper: God is ever faithful to his covenant which the people must return to and observe faithfully. The Lectionary places these words of the prophet with today's Gospel. The link is the advice given to be faithful and to grow in faith. Habakkuk then prayed in awe of God's mighty deeds (3:1-19).

Jesus' parable of the mustard seed responds to the apostles' request: "Increase our faith." We, likewise, seek an increase in faith from our faithful God. Then faith moves us onto service, love and fullness of life.

Today we begin a four-week sequence from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy. Paul is an old man now and in prison for being a Christian, a very active Christian. He is curtailed in his missionary journeys but now active in his letter writing or having a follower as scribe to pen the letters. We hear great lines: "fan into a flame the gift of faith (1:6); "If we have died with Christ, then we shall live with him (2:11); "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith (4:7).

Prayer for today

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. (Psalm 94:1-2)

Quote of the Week

Out of suffering comes the serious mind; out of salvation, the grateful heart; out of endurance, fortitude; out of deliverance faith. Patient endurance attends to all things. *St Teresa of Avila.*

On the Lighter Side

Why did the mustard seeds drop out of the race?

Because they couldn't ketchup!

But then the mustard seeds found themselves in a fine pickle because they relish competition. I'm sure word of this will spread quickly.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Milly Perry, Matt Carver, Olive McElroy,
Frances Corso, Philip Bowman,
Kadyn Mitchell-Treacy.

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries:

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

ROSTERS

Saturday 11 October at 6pm

Commentator – C Anderson

Lector – L Ratcliffe

Special Minister – L Sorbello

Sunday 12 October 8.30am

Commentator – B Elliott

Lector – J Chant

Special Minister – M Di Petta

Sunday 19 October 8.30am

Commentator – C Cabaraban

Lector – A Shaw

Special Minister – A Brunt

PLATE AND ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Last weekend Collection: \$ 838.90

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

PARISH DETAILS

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Fr Uday Kumar Marneni ALCP/OSS

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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.

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back all students and staff of St Augustine's and
St Patrick's, We hope had a refreshing holiday and are
ready for a great term ahead, filled with learning, growth
and new opportunities.

SUPPORT OUR ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE GOOD WORKS

Earlier this year, access to low-cost nonperishable food
for our pantry from Food Bank Victoria was lost due to
insatiable demand. Demand from families in need within
our community is also high and supporting them with
pantry food made a difference. Our pantry is empty.

To highlight the need and provide an opportunity for
parishioners to contribute nonperishable food items for
our pantry, a basket is located at the rear of the church.

TAP AND GO MACHINE RELOCATED

After the Bishops visit, we received a recommendation
from that we move the machine closer to the front. As we
carry less cash these days, the machine makes it
convenient to make a loose donation. The machine can be
used before or after Mass or during collection time.

JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE

As part of the Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope, a pilgrimage
is being organised to Numurkah to visit St Mary of the
Cross Indigenous Garden and Historical Trail. Australia's
first saint and co-founder of the Sisters of Saint Joseph, Mary
MacKillop of the Cross founded the first Josephite School in
Victoria at Numurkah in 1890. In December 2024,
Numurkah parishioners celebrated the opening of an
indigenous garden and history trail dedicated to the memory
of Mary MacKillop and the Josephite Sisters who have
served their community so well.

The Pilgrimage will leave St Augustine's Church 9.30am on
Saturday 25th October to arrive at Numurkah by 10.30am.
There will be morning tea on arrival and visit to Historical
Garden. Mass will be celebrated by Fr Uday at 12noon.
Lunch will follow at Shamrock hotel. If you have a spare
seat in your car, please reach out to those in need of a lift.
RSVP to Parish Office 03 5852 1026, Mary Zobec 0427
190282 or Annette Ryan 0408 502 858 by 21st October.

MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Sun 5th October - 8.30am Mass

Sun 5th October - 11.30am Tongala (Liturgy)

Weekly Masses

Tue 7th October - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 9th October - No Mass

Sat 11th October - 6pm Mass

Sun 12th October - 8.30am Mass

Weekly Masses

Tue 14th October - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 16th October - No Mass

Sun 19th October - 8.30am Mass

Weekly Masses

Tue 21st October - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 23rd October – 11.30am Whole College Mass

LADIES CUPPA AND CHAT

Ladies are invited to Cuppa and Chat at Fauna Park Café on Wednesday 8th October at 2pm. If you need a ride, please contact Mary Elliott on 0427 822754.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BRINGS CHANGE

As daylight saving begins this weekend, Sunday 5 October, our Saturday Masses beginning on Saturday 11 October will change to 6pm.

RCIA PROGRAM COMMENCING

Inquiry evenings for the RCIA program will begin on Monday 6th October at 5.30pm in the presbytery. The program will continue on Monday nights, 13th and 20th of October. 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. The RCIA is a process, not a program. It is a process which responds to Christ's invitation to unbaptised (catechumens), and to candidates (those who have received Baptism in other Christian denominations), to come and see how the Catholic community live, pray and worship. For further information please contact Annette Ryan 0408 502 858 or Mary Zobec 0427190282

MONTHLY WORKING BEE

Monthly working bees are being held on the 1st Saturday of the month at 9.30am to do some general cleaning in the If you are able to help, we would love to see you. The next working bee will be on Saturday the 4th October.

DIOCESAN FORMATION GATHERING

Be part of **Building Communities of Belonging** at the Diocesan Formation Gathering on Saturday, 11 October at Notre Dame College, Shepparton; a day to learn, connect, and explore how we can strengthen and grow communities of belonging in our parishes. Keynote presentations will reflect on the place of community and belonging in a Catholic parish:

- Why does belonging matter in today's culture?
- How does it shape the mission of our parish and the wider Church?
- What can we do, together, to strengthen it?

With six practical workshops to choose from, the day offers insights and tools to help parishes grow a deeper sense of welcome and connection among parishioners and beyond.

There'll also be opportunities to share ideas and experiences through:

- Round Robin dialogues between parishes
- Plenary conversations with shared reflections
- Parish group discussions

Registrations close 30 September - secure your place now and be part of shaping the future of our parish communities! Register here: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1394762>

VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING

The Victorian Government is considering amendments to the Act to remove checks. You are invited to contact your local state politician to make your opposition to these proposed amendments and your support for life clear.

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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.

The most powerful weapon to conquer the devil is humility. For, as he does not know at all how to employ it, neither does he know how to defend himself from it. - Saint Vincent de Paul

GOSPEL

Lk 17:5-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

If you had faith!

The Apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'

The Gospel of the Lord.



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Breaking Open the Word

MERELY SERVANTS

There are two parts to today's Gospel. The first concerns faith. The apostles ask Jesus to 'increase their faith'. His response is not about making faith quantifiable but about allowing it to be active—no matter how limited one's faith seems to be. Faith makes what seems impossible (requesting a tree to be uprooted and planted in the ocean) possible. The imagery that Jesus uses accentuates the real nature of faith and assures Gospel listeners that faith helps disciples to act with confidence and see unimaginable possibilities for their lives with God.

This affirmation connects to the second part of today's proclamation. It is about acting with a spirit of humility, rather than from high status and arrogance. The final words of the Gospel – 'We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty'—invites Luke's audience, and ourselves, to see that our conduct in fidelity to God is what is important, not how we are promoted or regarded differentially by others. The saying that exemplifies Luke's portrait of Jesus, as 'one who came to serve and not be served' encourages his disciples, seduced by status, to live similarly, 'rather than be served'.

This reversal of social expectation and status seeking is difficult in a world which promotes a popularity founded on worldliness, status seeking and entitlement.

Fr Michael Trainor



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

5 OCTOBER 2025

FIRST READING

Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk

The just will live by faithfulness.

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen;

to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save?

Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny?

Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes.

Then the Lord answered and said,

'Write the vision down,

inscribe it on tablets

to be easily read,

since this vision is for its own time only:

eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive;

if it comes slowly, wait,

for come it will, without fail.

See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

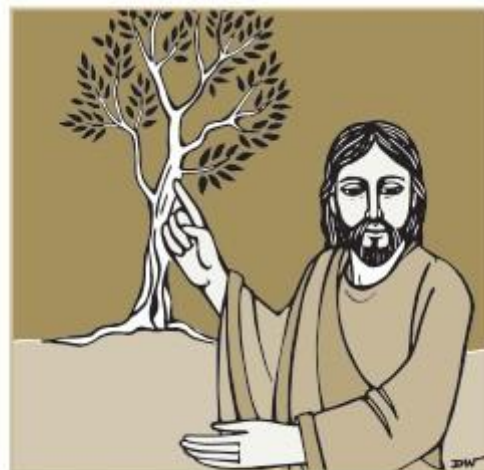
Ps 94:1-2, 6-9. R. v. 8

R. If today you hear 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.**



SECOND READING

2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

Never be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord.

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Pet 1:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever: it is the word given to you, the Good News. Alleluia!