



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 12 October 2025



Readings for
this week:

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



Readings for
next Sunday:

Exodus 17:8-13
2 Timothy 3:14-4:2
Luke 18:1-8



Liturgical Jottings

Masses for Public Needs

“Since the liturgy ... has as its effect that for the faithful who are properly disposed almost every event in life is sanctified by the divine grace that flows from the Paschal Mystery, the Roman Missal provides Mass formularies that may be used in the various occasions of Christian life.” GIRM 368

Part 2 has Masses for Civil or Public Needs: For a nation or state, those in public office, governing assembly, head of state or ruler, beginning of the civil year, sanctification of human labour, in time of seedtime, the harvest, progress of peoples, preservation of peace and justice, time of war or civil disturbance, for refugees and exiles, time of famine or for those suffering hunger, in times of earthquake, for rain, fine weather, end to storms. The Australian Missal adds in times of bushfires, droughts, flood, cyclones. The Ambrosian Rite adds, peace, justice, liberty, for beginning of the school year, in praise of the Creator.

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, Kady Mitchell-Treacy.

Recently Deceased: Mason Webster

Anniversaries:

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

ROSTERS

Sunday 19 October 8.30am

Commentator – C Cabaraban

Lector – A Shaw

Special Minister – A Brunt

Saturday 25 October at 6pm

Commentator – S Carroll

Lector – W Mulcahy

Special Minister – A O'Meara

Sunday 12 October 8.30am

Commentator – C Goode

Lector – R Chapman

Special Minister – M Elliot

PLATE AND ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Last weekend Collection: \$ 766.25

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

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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 Jax and Isla Dickens into our faith community. They will be baptised in St Augustine's church. Please keep their parents and godparents in your prayers, as they continue on their faith journey.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

One of our sacramental children Quinn Smith will be receiving her Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist this Sunday 12th October at 8.30am Mass. Please keep her and her families in your prayers.

LECTORS WORKSHOP

A refresher workshop for all lectors will be held on Sunday 26th October following 8.30am Mass. The session will cover proclaiming the word and microphone techniques. Your attendance is highly recommended. For more information please refer to Brendon Lane or Alana Brennan.

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 5852 1026, Mary Zobec 0427 190282 or Annette Ryan 0408 502 858 by 21st October.

WORLD MISSION MONTH

Next weekend we will be having a leaving collection for World Mission month, there are also envelopes available for donations, which can be sent directly or left in the collection plate.

MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

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
Grandparents and specials friends

Sat 25th October - 12 noon Mass Pilgrimage at
Numurkah

Sat 25th October - 6pm Mass

Sun 26th October - 8.30am Mass

SUPPORT OUR ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE

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.

NATIONAL CARERS' WEEK

National Carers' Week runs from October 12 to 18 in 2025. It's a time to recognise, celebrate and raise awareness of the people who provide unpaid care and support to family members and friends who have a disability, mental health issues, drug issues or a chronic condition. About 39% of Victorian carers report living with a disability themselves. Over three quarters of a million Victorians are unpaid carers. They are the social glue that binds family members and service providers. Carers' Victoria can give practical advice and support to any carer when required. Just call 1800 514 845 on weekdays.

ADMINISTRATION CONFERENCE

This week Vicki and Mary attended the annual Administration Conference at the Chancery in Bendigo. This was a great opportunity to meet with the staff at the chancery and a great opportunity to get updates on what's happening in the diocese, along with networking with other secretaries and parishes.

RCIA PROGRAM COMMENCING

Inquiry evenings for the RCIA program began on Monday 6th October and will continue on 13th and 20th of October in the presbytery at 5.30pm. 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 more information please contact Annette Ryan 0408 502 858 or Mary Zobec 0427 190 282

YOUTH PODCAST: CATCH THE FLAME:

Sandhurst Youth Ministry has just launched its new podcast for young people to explore faith, share real stories, and journey together in discovering what it means to follow Jesus today. Come as you are — this is your space! Now streaming on Spotify and Apple Podcast: Catch the Flame: A Sandhurst Catholic Youth Podcast. Like and Follow us on Facebook and Instagram: Sandhurst Youth Ministry.

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For women like Sharon, who must choose between feeding their children or selling their crops to survive, and Grace, who risked her life traveling 160km for safe childbirth, hope comes through Sr Jane and Kayula. Through sustainable farming, Sr Jane helps women provide for their families. At the Chilonga Mission Hospital, Kayula ensures mothers and babies receive the dignity and care they deserve.

This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance the vital work of the Church. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope to the people of Zambia.



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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.

The proof of love is in the works. Where love exists, it works great things. But when it ceases to act, it ceases to exist. - Saint Gregory the Great

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Thess 5:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God,
because this is what he expects of you in
Christ Jesus.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 17:11-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Luke.

*It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to
God except this foreigner.*

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along
the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he
entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to
meet him. They stood some way off and called
to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When
he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves
to the priests.' Now as they were going away
they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one
of them turned back praising God at the top of
his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus
and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan.
This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made
clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems
that no one has come back to give praise to
God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the
man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith
has saved you.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

THE CRY OF THE ABANDONED

In this very familiar Gospel story, often titled
'the healing of the ten lepers', Jesus is in an
unholy and impure setting. He is travelling, as
Luke notes, between the borders of Samaria
and Galilee. In technical terms, this is a
'liminal' place. It is 'on the edge' between an
area familiar to Jesus (Galilee) and one that
is unfamiliar and even potentially dangerous
(Samaria).

He enters a village. Jesus' generic placement (it
is 'a' village, not a definitively named location)
allows Luke's audience to see themselves in this
situation. It is us as we move through life not
knowing what awaits us. Jesus is approached
by ten contaminating and impure characters.
They are called 'lepers'; their leprosy is not our
traditional Hansen's disease but a contagious
skin condition. It has the potential to disrupt
and contaminate the community.

As they distance themselves from Jesus they
appeal: "Jesus, Master, have pity on us." The
Greek literally reads, '...have *mercy* on us'.
This is the cry of the abandoned who seek
God's comforting presence. It is also our cry
in desperate times. Jesus tells the ten to go
to the priests, the officials that can declare
their healed cleanliness. Only one returns to
thank God's healing work revealed in Jesus.
It is the unexpected one, the 'foreigner' that
recognises God's action through Jesus, a
theme that echoes throughout Luke. Today's
Gospel invites us to look for God's actions in
the most surprising places among God's most
unexpected people. These become the sources
of eucharistic thanksgiving.

Fr Michael Trainor



THE SAVING WORD

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FIRST READING

2 Kings 5:14-17

A reading from the second book of the Kings
*Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and
acknowledged the Lord.*

Naaman the leper went down and immersed
himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had
told him to do. And his flesh became clean once
more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he
went in and stood before him. 'Now I know'
he said 'that there is no God in all the earth
except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present
from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the
Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.'
Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused.
Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No,"
allow your servant to be given as much earth as
two mules may carry, because your servant will
no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god
except the Lord.'

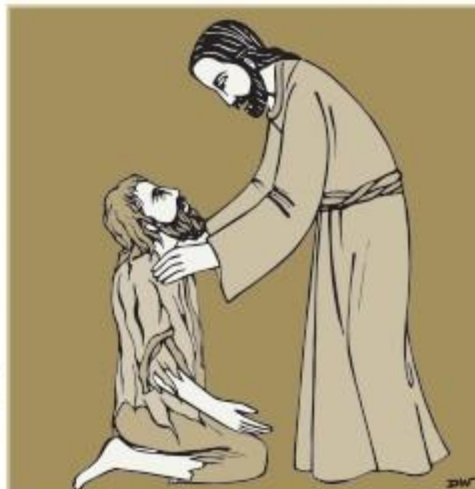
■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 97:1-4. R. cf. v. 2

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations
his saving power.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord / for he has
worked wonders. / His right hand and his holy
arm / have brought salvation. **R.**
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; /
has shown his justice to the nations. / He has
remembered his truth and love / for the house
of Israel. **R.**
3. All the ends of the earth have seen / the
salvation of our God. / Shout to the Lord all
the earth, / ring out your joy. **R.**

**SECOND READING**

2 Tim 2:8-13

A reading from the second letter of St Paul
to Timothy

If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.

Remember the Good News that I carry, 'Jesus
Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the
race of David'; it is on account of this that I
have my own hardships to bear, even to being
chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain
up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of
those who are chosen, so that in the end they
may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus
and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live
with him.
If we hold firm, then we shall reign with
him.
If we disown him, then he will disown us.
We may be unfaithful, but he is always
faithful,
for he cannot disown his own self.

■ The word of the Lord.