



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 19 October 2025



Readings for
this week:

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



Readings for
next Sunday:

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14



Liturgical Jottings

Mass for Various Intentions

Last week we looked at Masses and prayers for various needs and occasions, section 2 for Civil or Public Needs in the Roman Missal "These provide Mass formularies that may be used in the various times of Christian life." GIRM 368.

Section 3 is titled: "For Various Intentions or for personal needs. The Masses include intentions for: Forgiveness of Sins, Chastity, Charity, Relatives and Friends, Our Oppressors, Those Held in Captivity, Those in Prison, the Sick, the Dying, the Grace of a Happy Death, In Any Need, Giving Thanks to God, The Roman Missal in USA adds: Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life. The Ambrosian Missal (in Italy) adds: for Concord and one for the Family. Since the missals had been printed new Masses and prayers have been approved: In Time of Pandemic (2021) and Mass of Care for Creation (2025).

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Looking at the Readings

The painting *Rephidim* by John Dubrow depicts the scene in the first reading about Moses whose arms were supported by Aaron and Hur while he prayed to God for victory against Amalek. Dubrow notes: "The battle confronts us with difficult questions that defy easy answers." The Amalekites were cut down. Does God condone such hostility? What is the message of this reading? One noted writer, Fr Ronald Rolheiser OMI, explained it this way: "when we read passages in the Old Testament of much slaughter, we need to read the fine print at the foot of the page: 'no person was harmed in the production of this story'." While often the stories are embellished, and numbers exaggerated to convey God's power and protection, we do wonder what really happened. This passage, like many others, have quite a different angle on the events – or rather about the relationship between God and the people. God is the protector of his people; he answers their pleas. While the people may forget his promises and fail to trust, God does not forget his people, his ways are not our ways. The responsorial psalm sums up this relationship well. Today's Gospel adds another light on the necessity for perseverance in prayer.

Prayer for World Mission Day

God of all people, fill our hearts with your Holy Spirit, that we will act justly in our relationships with each other and for our brothers and sisters all over the world. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pope's World Mission Sunday Message 2025

In following Christ the Lord, Christians are called to hand on the Good News by sharing the concrete life situations of those whom they meet, and thus to be bearers and builders of hope. Indeed, "the joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the people of our time, especially of those who are poor or afflicted, are the joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the followers of Christ as well. Nothing that is genuinely human fails to find an echo in their hearts" (*Gaudium et Spes* 1). Given by Pope Francis, 25 February 2025

On the Lighter Side

A carpenter, a gardener and an electrician argue whose trade is the oldest. The carpenter says: "when Noah built his ark before the flood, he made it out of wood, so carpentry is the oldest." The gardener says: "well, when Adam and Eve were in the garden, someone had to plant the trees and flowers there, so gardening is the oldest." The electrician smirks and says: "fellas, when God said 'let there be light,' we already had the cables laid down."



PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

Recently Deceased: Jean Tucknott

Anniversaries:

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

ROSTERS

Saturday 25 October at 6pm

Commentator – S Carroll

Lector – W Mulcahy

Special Minister – A O'Meara

Sunday 26 October 8.30am

Commentator – C Goode

Lector – R Chapman

Special Minister – M Elliot

Sunday 2 November 8.30am

Commentator – M Carver

Lector – N Watt

Special Minister – J Stockdale

PLATE AND ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Last weekend Collection: \$ 1143.60

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

PARISH SECRETARY

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PARISH PASTORAL ASSISTANT

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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.

WORLD MISSION MONTH

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

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 21 October.

GODS WORD AVAILABLE

There are copies of God's word available in the gathering space and the meeting room for \$20 each.

MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

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

Weekly Masses

Tue 28th October - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 30th October - Year 9-12 Community Mass

Sun 2nd November - 8.30am Mass

Sun 2nd November - 11.30am Tongala (Liturgy)

Weekly Masses

Tue 4th November - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 6th November – 10am Anointing Mass

Sat 8th November - 6pm Mass

Sun 9th November - 8.30am Mass

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL PRAYER GROUP

The next meeting of Our Lady of Good Counsel prayer group will be on Wednesday 29th October at 5.00pm in the presbytery. Theme is "Who is the Holy Spirit" For inquiries contact Mary 0427 190282.

FR NOVELITO LIM AWAY ON LEAVE

Masses in Tongala will be Liturgies each month during Fr Novi's absence.

SUPPORT OUR ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE

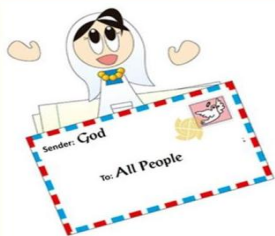
Earlier this year, access to low-cost nonperishable food for our pantry from Food Bank Victoria was lost due to insatiable demand. Demand from families in need within our community is also high and supporting them with pantry food made a difference. Our pantry is empty. To highlight the need and provide an opportunity for parishioners to contribute nonperishable food items for our pantry, a basket is located at the rear of the church.

RCIA PROGRAM

Inquiry evenings for the RCIA program will finish on 20 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

VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING

The Victorian Government is considering amendments to the Act that would remove important safeguards. You are encouraged to contact your local state Member of Parliament to express your opposition to these proposed changes and to affirm your support for the protection of all human life. A pastoral letter from the Bishops addressing this matter has been released to Catholics. Copies are available in the gathering space.



Mary, Letter from Christ

Discover the role of Mary in God's Plan of Salvation and her place in the Church as a role model in evangelisation. Be equipped to respond to objections in relation to Marian doctrines.

Zoom over 4 Wednesdays, 22 & 29 Oct, 5 & 12 Nov,

7-9pm Aus Eastern Daylight-Saving Time

Donation only. Book by 21.10.25 using QR code:

Or: <https://www.trybooking.com/DGNJP>



The course is offered by the Catholic School of Evangelisation. Enquiries: Sandra 0429 167 879



This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Zambia to help women overcome poverty and mothers give birth safely.

The Women's Cooperative, led by Sr Jane will provide women with the training and support required to break the cycle of scarcity, and the Chilonga Mission Hospital is determined to ensure every woman and baby receives a safe and dignified start to life.

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to be 'Missionaries of hope among all peoples', and we invite you to extend Christ's love to those in need in Zambia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/mission, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.



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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.

Charity is the form, mover, mother and root of all the virtues. - Saint Thomas Aquinas

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Heb 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of our
heart.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 18:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Luke.

God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."'

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

HOPEFUL EXPECTATION

'What is the good of praying if wars and evil things continue to exist? Prayer seems to have no effect.' A similar concern existed in Luke's day: why pray if it seems ineffectual? Today's Gospel speaks to the heart of this. It takes the form of a parable, encouraging constant prayer. The parable concerns an unjust judge ignoring a troubling and annoying widow who seeks justice against an *adversary*—even though one translation inaccurately describes her antagonist as an 'enemy'. The widow needs help, and the judge refuses her request. That is, until she continues to badger him; finally, he relinquinishes.

Luke's Jesus uses the story as a classical way of describing God: if the judge finally relents through persistent pleading how much more quickly will God respond to those who cry out for help. Prayer opens the one praying to God's presence, allowing God to act within the one praying for what is needed. This deeply religious perspective affects the pray-er in daily life. This in turn shapes wider social contact, which effects relationships and, eventually, global change. Local personal prayer has, though imperceptibly, universal influence.

The last sentence of the Gospel speaks into this global perspective: 'When the Son of Man comes will he find faith on earth?' In other words, in the eschaton, at the definitive coming of Christ at the end of time, will people have given up conviction that prayer is effective and that God responds to the cry of the needy? Today's Gospel encourages us to pray, constantly and with hopeful expectation.

Fr Michael Trainor

THE SAVING WORD

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FIRST READING

Ex 17:8-13

A reading from the book of Exodus

As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 120. R. cf. v. 2

R. Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains: / from where shall come my help? / My help shall come from the Lord / who made heaven and earth. **R.**

2. May he never allow you to stumble! / Let him sleep not, your guard. / No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, / Israel's guard. **R.**

3. The Lord is your guard and your shade; / at your right side he stands. / By day the sun shall not smite you / nor the moon in the night. **R.**

4. The Lord will guard you from evil, / he will guard your soul. / The Lord will guard your going and coming / both now and for ever. **R.**



SECOND READING

2 Tim 3:14-4:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

■ The word of the Lord.