



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 26 October 2025



Readings for
this week:

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



Readings for
next Sunday:

Wisdom 11:23-12:1
2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2
Luke 19:1-10



Liturgical Jottings

Masses for The Church

Last two weeks we looked at the Masses for various needs and occasions in the Missal. "These provide Mass formularies that may be used in the various times of Christian life." GIRM 368.

Today we look at Section One: Masses for the Holy Church. They include Masses for the Church, the Pope, the Bishop, the Election of a Pope or a Bishop, a Council or a Synod, Priests, the Priest Himself, Anniversary of His Ordination, Ministers of the Church, Vocations to Holy Orders, the Laity, Anniversaries of Marriage, the Family, Religious, Anniversary of Religious Profession, Vocations to Religious Life, Promoting Harmony, Reconciliation, Unity of Christians, Evangelization of Peoples, Persecuted Christians, Spiritual or Pastoral Gatherings. They may be celebrated on any feria day.

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Looking at the Readings

The opening line of a very common prayer begins: "O God, who alone can probe the depths of the heart ..." and gives us an insight into the meaning and direction of the readings in the Mass today. Ecclesiasticus speaks of the Lord who is a judge yet hears the cry of the poor, the orphan, the widow, the humble and the virtuous. God understands the heart of the one who prays. The Responsorial Psalm is a prayer of thanks and praise to the God who hears our cries.

Today's Gospel, once seen as problematic, now must be seen in the light of God's promise to his people and the mercy that he bestows on the sinner. Tax collectors may have many actions which to be repentant; they were despised by their own people for being traitors and swindlers. Yet in the parable this man comes in humility and repentance. God alone can probe his heart and can hear the cry of the poor. Interestingly, the parable does not tell of the sins or virtues of the tax collector or the sins of the pharisee. Jesus does not highlight their actions but examines their hearts. Again, it is our relationships, our right relationships that are important in life and faith.

Prayer for the Day

[Almighty God, we pray that] to us, also, your servants, who, though sinners, hope in your abundant mercies, graciously grant some share and fellowship with your holy apostles and martyrs and all your saints. Admit us, we beseech you, into their company, not weighing our merits, but granting us your pardon, through Christ our Lord. Amen. (from Eucharistic Prayer 1)

All Saints and All Souls

On Saturday we celebrate the feast day of all the unsung saints in heaven and on Sunday we commemorate and pray for all the faithful departed who await entry into heaven.

Quote of the Week

I had many friends to help me to fall; but as to rising again, I was so much left to myself, that I wonder now I was not always on the ground. I praise God for His mercy; for it was he only who stretched out his hand to me. May he be blessed for ever Amen!

St Teresa of Avila

On the Lighter Side

The only difference between a taxidermist and a tax man is that the taxidermist leaves the skin. - Mark Twain

Q: Why don't tax collectors play hide and seek?

A: Well! We wish you good luck in hiding from them!"



PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

Recently Deceased: Jean Tucknott, Tracey Lee Gleeson

Anniversaries: Maria Quattrocchi

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

ROSTERS

Sunday 2 November 8.30am

Commentator – M Carver

Lector – N Watt

Special Minister – J Stockdale

Saturday 8 November at 6pm

Commentator – J Harris

Lector – C Anderson

Special Minister – L Cosgriff

Sunday 9 November 8.30am

Commentator – B Elliot

Lector – M Tesoro

Special Minister – K McGlade

PLATE AND ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Last weekend Collection: \$ 837.05

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

PARISH DETAILS

PARISH PRIEST

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PRINCIPALS

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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.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR DIARY

- * Lector workshop for all lectors Sunday 26th October following 8.30am Mass.
- * Our Lady of Good Counsel prayer group Wednesday 29th October at 5pm
- * Monthly working bee 1st November at 9.30am.
- * Joint PPC meeting at St Mary's Hall Tatura on Wednesday 5th November at 6pm
- * Anointing Mass Thursday 6th November at 10am
- * Eucharistic ministers workshop Sunday 9th November after 8.30am mass.
- * Annual memorial service Thursday 13th November 7pm.
- * Annual cemetery mass on Saturday 15th November 9am

NOVEMBER MONTH OF HOLY SOULS.

November is the month of the Holy Souls. This year All Souls Day falls on Sunday 2nd November. Mass offerings envelopes for our deceased are available at both doors.

How do we help the "holy souls"? The Catechism of the Catholic Church recommends prayer for the dead in conjunction with the offering of the Eucharistic Sacrifice and also encourages "almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead" (CCC #1032).

Let us not forget to pray for our dear departed, have Masses offered for them, visit their graves, and make daily sacrifices for them. God can foresee and apply the merits of our prayers, penances and works of charity, done even years after their death, for our departed dear ones, in favour of our deceased dear ones, at the moment of their deaths.

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

Sat 25th October - 12 noon Mass Pilgrimage
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 All Souls Day Mass

Sun 2nd November - 11.30am Tongala (Liturgy)

Weekly Masses

Tue 4th November - No Mass (Melbourne Cup)

Thu 6th November – 10am Anointing Mass

Sat 8th November - 6pm Mass

Sun 9th November - 8.30am Mass

Weekly Masses

Tue 11th November - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 13th November - Year 5-8 Community Mass

Thu 13th November – 7pm Annual Memorial Service

Sat 15th November – 9am Annual Cemetery Mass

Sun 16th November - 8.30am Mass

PIETY STORE – THANK YOU

The Parish Finance Committee would like to thank parishioners for their continued support of our Piety Store. Your purchases not only provide valuable financial support to the parish but also help to nurture our faith community. A special thank you to the volunteers who faithfully run the store and offer this service to our parishioners - your commitment is greatly appreciated. Do you have suggestions for items you'd like to see in the Piety Store? We'd love to hear from you!

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES AND STATEMENTS

Planned Giving envelopes are now available in the gathering space of the church, along with annual statements. If we have your email address, your statement has been emailed to you. If you did not receive your envelopes or your statement, please contact the parish office.

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.

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 5pm in the presbytery. Theme is "Who is the Holy Spirit" For inquiries contact Mary 0427 190 282.

EUCHARIST MINISTERS WORKSHOP

A refresher workshop for Eucharistic ministers will be held on Sunday 9th November after 8.30am mass. The workshop will revisit the role of Eucharistic minister and the importance the ministry has in parish life. All ministers are encouraged to attend. RSVP to Mary 0427 190 282 or parish office 03 5852 1026.

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.

TONGALA LITURGIES

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

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Thanks to your kindness, women like Sharon will have the skills to provide for their families, and mothers like Grace can give birth with dignity. Your gift will also support a variety of Church programs around the world.

To learn more about the impact your support is making, please visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work. Here, you can also sign up to our regular newsletter to keep up to date with the latest news.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at catholicmission.org.au/mission. Your action will make a profound change on people's lives.

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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.

God asks little, but He gives much. - Saint John Chrysostom

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;

and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 18:9-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

The publican returned to his home justified; the Pharisee did not.

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else. 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.****A SERVICE OF THE SOCIETY OF ST PAUL**

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Breaking Open the Word

PONDERING OUR ATTITUDES

Today's Gospel presents us with a mirror to help us reflect on the way we regard others. It is especially pertinent when we feel assured that our religious attitude and approach to our Faith and God is correct. It is even possible that out of this attitude we can regard others, especially those from other faith traditions, as uninformed or perhaps targets of divine condemnation.

Jesus offers Luke's audience an opportunity to reflect on similar attitudes. It takes the form of a parable focused on two people: a person of religious scrupulosity and a public sinner. The first is called a 'Pharisee', an identification that requires nuanced historical understanding. For Luke writing in the mid-80s of the first century in the period after the destruction of the Temple in 70 CE, Pharisees enabled Judaism to survive and grow. They represented its leadership. To followers of Jesus at that same period they represented those who were critical of the Jesus-movement and didn't join in. In the time of Jesus, in the 30s, the situation was very different. They were very attuned to Jesus' mission and, like him, concerned about authentic Jewish faith and Torah practice.

In the story in Luke's Gospel, Jesus compares a 'Pharisee' (in this later historical understanding) to a tax-collector judged a sinner, collaborating in Rome's oppressive taxation system. This 'sinner' recognises his need for God's mercy; the Lukan Pharisee, self-assured about his religious credentials, arrogant and without any need for God, is self-focused. These parable characters invite us to ponder our attitude to God and others.

Fr Michael Trainor

THE SAVING WORD

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

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FIRST READING

Sir 35:12-14, 16-19

A reading from the book of Sirach

The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story. The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted,

his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable, nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement. And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

■ **The word of the Lord.****RESP PSALM**

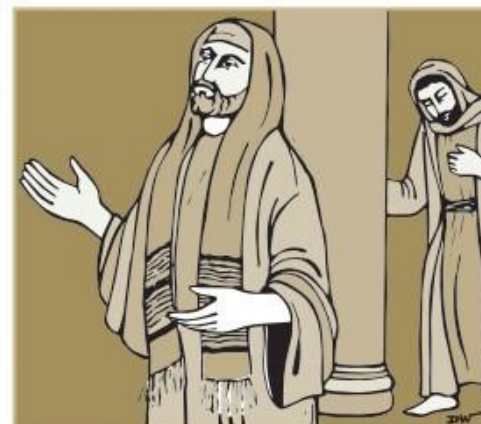
Ps 32:2-3, 17-19, 23. R. v. 7

R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, / his praise always on my lips; / in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. / The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked / to destroy their remembrance from the earth. / The just call and the Lord hears / and rescues them in all their distress. **R.**

3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; / those whose spirit is crushed he will save. / The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. / Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R.**

**SECOND READING**

2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

■ **The word of the Lord.**