



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

Sunday 2 November 2025



Readings for
this week:

Isaiah 25:6-9
Romans 5:5-11
Luke 7:11-17



Readings for
next Sunday:

2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14
2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5
Luke 20:27-38



Liturgical Jottings

Readings for All Souls Day

The Sunday Lectionary provides a small selection of reading for this Commemoration. The complete readings are given in Volume III in the Masses for the Dead. Parishes may select the most appropriate readings from the full selection. The readings recommended for today are given above (Lectionary vol 1 p 966-969). The Gospel is the account of Jesus raising from the dead the son of the widow of Nain.

Apostolic Exhortation

This is an official document of the Church and ranks below Conciliar documents, apostolic constitutions, and papal encyclicals. An apostolic exhortation calls members of the Church to a specific course of spiritual or pastoral action with encouragement and instruction. For further information go to: <https://catholicecho.org/2024/04/01/understanding-papal-documents/>

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Looking at the Readings

If we are honest we will have to admit that though we have died with Christ to sin and risen with him to new life, we do not fully die to sin. In fact, there are many times in our lives when we live in sin, when we actually cling to sin. What happens to those who die in such a state? They may not have turned completely away from the goodness of God, but they have not been faithful either. The remnants of sin cling to them, making them somewhat unready to stand before the face of God. Are they lost? Or are they saved?

In God there is mercy in abundance. Jesus is not willing to lose anyone. Therefore, the power of Jesus and the strength of his promises give us hope that even after death there is the possibility of purification and pardon. We have no idea of when this might happen or how it will happen. All we know is that the lovingkindness of God far surpasses any infidelity of which we might be guilty.

The feast of All Souls is not a feast of sadness, but one of great hope and confidence. It invites us to entrust our dead to God, because we know that they are really God's dead. We know that if we have loved them, God has loved them more. They are in God's care, and like a good shepherd God will lead them to peace. © Dianne Bergant CSA

Dilexi Te: Pope Leo XIV Apostolic Exhortation

Pope Leo's first apostolic exhortation, published 4 October 2025, is a bold affirmation that love for the poor has always been at the heart of the life of the Church

"For Christians, the problem of the poor leads to the very heart of our faith," Pope Leo says, because "the poor are not a sociological category, but the very 'flesh' of Christ." He adds, "No Christian can regard the poor simply as a societal problem; they are part of our 'family.' They are 'one of us.'" 104

A Weekend Thought: All Saints / All Souls

The feasts of All Saints (Nov 1) and All Souls (Nov 2) can be seen as something of a twin feast that celebrates all those who have died. With the feast of All Saints we celebrate all those who have died and have entered into direct and immediate communion with God in heaven. With the feast of All Souls we celebrate and pray for those who have died but have not yet entered into that direct communion with God. These two different states revolve around the Church teaching on *purgatory* – a state or process of purification before entering into heaven.

On the Lighter Side

Did you hear about the saint who trains animals?
He taught his dog to heal. Laughter is a little piece of heaven!



PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

Recently Deceased: Ellen (Molly) Knox

Anniversaries: Elizabeth Kilmartin, Michael Bowman, Anthony Bowman.

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

ROSTERS

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

Sunday 16 November 8.30am

Commentator – J Chant

Lector – C Cabaraban

Special Minister – B Lyon

PLATE AND ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Last weekend Collection: \$ 1025.50

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

PARISH DETAILS

PARISH PRIEST

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PARISH SECRETARY

Vicki Arnel – 0417 147 695

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Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 8.30am-4pm

PRINCIPALS

St Augustine's College - Tim Campbell – Phone 5851 3000

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.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR DIARY

NOVEMBER

- * Monthly working bee Saturday 1st November 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.
- * Ladies Cuppa and Chat Wed 12th November 2pm
- * Annual memorial service Thursday 13th November 7pm.
- * Annual cemetery mass on Saturday 15th November 9am

EXAM TIME FOR STUDENTS

Best wishes and prayers of support to the students who will be sitting their exams over the next couple of weeks.

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.

ANointing MASS

The next anointing mass will be held on Thursday 6 November at 10am, followed by a cuppa.

LADIES CUPPA AND CHAT

The next ladies cuppa and chat will be at Fauna Park Café on Wednesday 12 Nov at 2pm.

MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

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

Weekly Masses

Tue 18th November - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

GOD'S WORD AVAILABLE

The copies of God's word have been sold, if you would like a copy please register your name at the piety store.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS AVAILABLE

There are 2026 Columban calendars now available for sale in the piety store for \$10 each.

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.

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.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S GLOBAL GIFTS ARE CHRISTMAS CARDS WITH PURPOSE!

Every card you buy helps build brighter futures for children, women and men experiencing hardship and poverty. By putting your compassion into action and shopping for the Global Gifts of your choice you will bring hope and joy to the world's most vulnerable and communities, while giving your loved ones a meaningful Christmas card. View the range of Global Gifts: www.globalgifts.org.au

CALENDARS

We have wooden scroll Calendars 2026 available in the Piety Store in the gathering space at the church. \$15 each and 4 different. All money raised will go to St Augustine Parish.



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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.

No one heals himself by wounding another. - Saint Ambrose

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 6: 39

Alleluia, alleluia! / This is the will of my Father, says the Lord, / that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me, / and that I should raise it up on the last day. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 7: 11-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Young man, I say to you, get up.

Jesus went to a town called Nain, accompanied by his disciples and a great number of people. When he was near the gate of the town it happened that a dead man was being carried out for burial, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a considerable number of the townspeople were with her. When the Lord saw her he felt sorry for her. 'Do not cry,' he said. Then he went up and put his hand on the bier and the bearers stood still, and he said, 'Young man, I tell you to get up'. And the dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Everyone was filled with awe and praised God saying, 'A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people'. And this opinion of him spread throughout Judaea and all over the countryside.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

OUR BELOVED DEAD

Today we remember our Beloved Dead. We also carry them into today's liturgy, just as the widow's son in today's Gospel is carried into the presence of Jesus. The story begins with Jesus gathering near the gate of Nain with his disciples and others. This happens at the same time as a 'the only son of his mother' is being carried out on a bier for burial. We note two things about the situation: The deceased is an only son and she is widowed. These two facts elevate the story's tragedy. The woman is domestically and economically abandoned; her tears palpable. At the gate of the town, life and death meet.

Jesus, the agent of healing and life, responds to her: 'When the Lord saw her he felt sorry for her.' Jesus' seeing impels him to act. In an earlier Lukan parable (Lk 10), a Samaritan 'sees' a half-dead robbery victim. Unlike the other characters in the parable who pass by and look sideways, the Samaritan is impelled to act. In today's Gospel, Jesus responds similarly.

The title 'Lord' suggests that this is the act of God's emissary. The translation, 'felt sorry', robs the power of the Greek which literally means, 'felt his innards respond'. This visceral response brings Jesus to restore the young man to life, an act acclaimed as God's 'visitation' of the people. Like the woman, we carry our dead before Jesus today. He responds deeply to our sadness. Through him God also 'visits' us.

Fr Michael Trainor

THE SAVING WORD

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FIRST READING

Isa 25: 6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord will destroy Death for ever.

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food.

On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM Ps 26: 1, 4, 7-9, 13-14. R. v. 1 Alt. R. v. 3

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help; / whom
shall I fear? / The Lord is the stronghold of my
life; / before whom shall I shrink? **R.**

2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord, / for
this I long, / to live in the house of the Lord, /
all the days of my life, / to savour the sweetness
of the Lord, / to behold his temple. **R.**

3. O Lord, hear my voice when I call; / have
mercy and answer. / It is your face, O Lord,
that I seek; / hide not your face. **R.**

4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness /
in the land of the living. / Hope in him, hold
firm and take heart. / Hope in the Lord! **R.**



SECOND READING

Rom 5: 5-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

Having been justified by his blood, we will be saved from God's anger through him.

Hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

■ The word of the Lord.