

# WELCOME TO THE PARISHES OF

## KYABRAM

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## TATURA

St Patrick's – Tongala St Sebastian's – Merrigum

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### Parish Pastoral Council

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Brendon Lane, Loretta Lilford, Maureen O'Shea,  
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Readings - Year A  
Year of Matthew

### Parish Pastoral Council

Fr Michael, Denice Bourke (Chairperson),  
Damien Finlayson, Sheila Gregg,  
Jenni Hindson, Lou Kerrins, Barry Lowe,  
Mandy McGrath, Luke McNamara,  
Petra McNamara, Debbie Turvey

**As we come to worship we remember the Yorta Yorta & Bangerang People the original custodians of this land**

## 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 13<sup>th</sup> November 2011

### SERVICE TO HONOUR LOST LOVED ONES

St Augustine's Parish Bereavement Support Group together with the Kyabram District Nursing Service, invite all those in our community who are grieving to attend the

#### MEMORIAL SERVICE

**St Augustine's Church, Kyabram**  
**Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2011 at 7.30pm**

### ACCESS TO THE BACK OF CHURCH

Please note that due to the commencement of the building of the school's Trade Centre the driveway to the back of the church will not be available for the next 2-3 weeks.

### CWL

CWL Mass, Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 11am at St Patrick's Tongala, followed by Lunch and Annual General Meeting. Cost for lunch \$18, and Annual Subs \$20 – are now due, also for Horizon Magazine \$20.

Please ring Barb Mitchell (telephone 5853 1344) by Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> November for catering unless name already on list.

### HARVESTFEST Kyabram Christian Music Festival 13<sup>th</sup> November 2011

Sunday afternoon: Combined Church Service – Plaza Theatre, 3.30-6pm. All welcome.

Flyers are available at the back of the church or for more information: [www.harvestfest.org.au](http://www.harvestfest.org.au).

### HEAR MY VOICE ... BELIEVE

Thank you for hearing the voice of our Indigenous brothers and sisters through your prayers and financial gifts during the recent Catholic Mission World Mission Day Appeal. Your faithful gift has helped raise up leaders and brought new hope to Indigenous communities.

Please consider becoming a "Friends in Faith partner" with a regular monthly gift to support local leaders, catechists and missionaries in communities in 1,100 dioceses across the world. Call 1800 257 296 for more information or to sign up today.

### ANNUAL CEMETERY MASS

November is always an important time to remember our deceased family and friends. A very unique and special way to do this is to pray for them where they were finally laid.

The Annual Cemetery Mass will be held on:

**Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> November 2011**  
**at 8.30am at the Kyabram Cemetery**

(and at the Tatura Cemetery on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 8.30am).

Freecall: 1800 257 296

[catholicmission.org](http://catholicmission.org).

We extend a warm welcome to visitors or new parishioners who may be joining us.



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|----------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Recently Deceased -</b> | Toni Geurts                     | Alvin Kilmartin                    |  |
| <b>Anniversaries –</b>     | Gabrielle Palma<br>Rosa Borazio | Luigi Borazio<br>Margaret O'Connor | Michele Borazio<br>Bernard & Rene Guinan |
| <b>Our sick -</b>          | Kyron Head<br>Floss Bau         | Fr Lou Heriot<br>Jean Link         | Owen Gregory                             |

(Our practice is to leave the names on the sick list for a month. To extend the time, please contact the parish office.)

### ROSTERS – 20 November 2011

| MASS                                     | COMMENTATOR | LECTOR                            | SPECIAL MINISTER | SCREENS   | Altar Servers | Church Cleaning          |
|--|-------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|-----------|---------------|--------------------------|
| <b>SUN 10.00am</b>                       | J Purdey    | M Radanov                         | M DiPetta        | R McGowan | M Villani     | J Mulcahy                |
|  |             |                                   | B Lyon           |           |               |                          |
|  |             |                                   | K Guinan         |           |               | <b>Children Liturgy:</b> |
|  |             |                                   | Help needed      |           |               | P Shortis                |
|  |             |                                   | Help needed      |           |               | R Oliver                 |
| <b>TONGALA HOSTEL – 20 November 2011</b> |             | I Ward                            |                  |           |               | E McKay                  |
| <b>MERRIGUM:</b>                         |             | <b>Church cleaning (Nov):</b>     | L Chant          |           |               |                          |
|  |             | <b>Gardens &amp; Lawns (Nov):</b> | J Chant          |           |               |                          |

### MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK: 14- 20 Nov 2011

|           |        | KYABRAM                                      | TATURA  |
|-----------|--------|--|---------|
| Monday    | 14 Nov | No Mass                                      | No Mass |
| Tuesday   | 15 Nov | No Mass                                      | 5.30pm  |
| Wednesday | 16 Nov | No Mass                                      | 9.15am  |
| Thursday  | 17 Nov | 9.15am Intention of<br>Bernard & Rene Guinan | No Mass |
| Friday    | 18 Nov | No Mass                                      | 9.15am  |
| Saturday  | 19 Nov | No Mass                                      | 6.00pm  |
| Sunday    | 20 Nov | 10.00am                                      | 8.00am  |

#### St Augustine's School Kyabram

Principal –  
Mr Oronzo Farina  
Phone 5852 1492

#### St Patrick's Primary School Tongala

Principal –  
Mr Anthony Chalkley  
Phone 5859 0371

### November DIARY DATES

|           |    |   |
|-----------|----|---|
| Monday    | 14 | Priests Support Group – Fr Michael  |
| Tuesday   | 15 | 7.30pm Finance Committee meeting  |
| Wednesday | 16 | 1.00pm Diocesan Finance Council, Yarrawonga – Fr Michael<br>5.30pm Liturgy meeting<br>7.00pm St Aug's College Board AGM |
| Thursday  | 17 | 11.45am Year 3/4 Penitential Service (Ashley)<br>7.30pm Bereavement Support Group Memorial Service                      |
| Friday    | 18 |   |
| Saturday  | 19 | 8.30am Cemetery Mass, Tatura  |
| Sunday    | 20 | Baptisms after Mass – Toby Powles, Aleyah Morton, James Goff-Quin   |
| Monday    | 21 |   |
| Tuesday   | 22 |   |
| Wednesday | 23 | 11.00am CWL Mass and AGM, Tongala<br>5.30pm RCIA Meeting  |
| Thursday  | 24 | 12.30pm St Augustine's College End of Year Mass<br>7.00pm Augustinian Friends   |
| Friday    | 25 | 6.00pm Year 12 Mass   |
| Saturday  | 26 | 8.30am Cemetery Mass, Kyabram   |
| Sunday    | 27 |   |

### SANDPIPER & AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS

Please collect your free copy of the November issue of **Sandpiper** and the Christmas 2011 issue of **Australian Catholics**.

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER:

*"Well done, my good and faithful servant...Come, share your master's joy."*  
*Matthew 25:21*

The master's words of praise and welcome for the servant who used his talents well are the same words that each of us hopes to hear when we meet God face to face. *"Well done, my good and faithful servant...Come, share your master's joy."* We use our "talents" well when we live simply, make God a priority in our lives and share our gifts with others.

### ALONG THE TRACK

If you put your name down to receive a copy of Jim Quillinan's 'Along the Track', the latest article ("The Faith of Bartimaeus") is available at the back of the church.

## RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR ADVENT 2011

Advent begins on the 27<sup>th</sup> November, to help you prepare for the way of the Lord, we are offering all parishioners an opportunity to take time out and spend some time in prayer during the hectic build up to Christmas.

We have on offer this year:

- *An Advent Journey*- a series of pamphlets prepared by Adult Faith Sandhurst Bendigo. This resource offers the weekly Gospel with a reflection, thinking and talking points and suggestions for prayer. This is a free resource and can be available weekly or in a pack.
- *Carrying the Christ*- A booklet prepared by Catholic Life for small groups or individual reflection.
- *Lectio Divina-Praying the scriptures in Advent*- This booklet (prepared by Broken Bay Institute for Australian Catholic Bishops Commission) invites you to prayerfully and meditatively reflect on the Sunday readings during Advent and select readings of the Christmas season.
- *The booklets are available for \$5.00 and can be purchased from the Parish Office. (We have limited numbers available so get in quick or write your interest on board at back of church to order more.)*

**REMINDER** – The next Finance Committee meeting will be held this coming Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm.

## CLEAN WATER

*'Whoever gives a drink of cold water to the least of the brethren will receive a reward'. (Mt 10:42)*

Over 1,200 million people have an inadequate supply of good drinking water. Each year over 25 million people in the world die of water related diseases.

People in developed countries spend in excess of \$17billion each year on pet food. It would require only half this money to ensure that everyone had access to clean water.

Unsafe water supply and poor sanitation is responsible for 80% of all diseases in the world.

## REPEAT NOTICES:

**ARTIFICIAL TURF AVAILABLE** - Some artificial turf from St Augustine's College building site is available for the next few weeks. Please contact Trish Norton at the School office for details or to arrange a pick up.

Learn the Church's current position on **Separation, Divorce, Annulment and Remarriage**. On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm – **Judy Brown** from the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal will be at the Parish Centre at St. Brendan's, 121 Knight Street, Shepparton for a frank, open and enlightening discussion on this topic. For further information, please contact St Brendan's Parish house during business hours on 5821 2633.

## Gospel Reflection

### Fear Factor

The Gospel is the last in the series of parables to which we have been listening these past weeks. The audience has been the Pharisees. They have been challenged and insulted by the words and stories Jesus has directed toward them. This parable however is offered to the disciples for their encouragement. Jesus is the Master going on a journey. We are nearing the end of Matthews' account of the life of Jesus. The disciples are the servants with whom Jesus has entrusted the relationship of faith. The master in the story goes on his journey and then returns expecting a fruitful accounting of his investments. There are three servants who received different amounts with which to do something. Two did and one invested, out of fear, in the earth. This is not a teaching about the proper use of personal or physical gifts exactly. The "talents" are a symbol for the gift of faith and the parable is about the proper employment of that gift. Two servants were active, allowing faith to assist them in making choices and being receptive to all of God's other gifts. They responded. The third servant was afraid of the master and doubted. He buried his faith and did not allow the gift to bear fruit, but just let it be nothing in his life's choices and attitude. When it comes to spirituality there is one thing that goes away if it is buried, but which gets greater if you use it. Love. Fear closes the door tightly against love. Let love in!

Next Sunday's Gospel is the story which follows this parable. We will hear quite directly and clearly what faith does, when invested faithfully. Faith gives us our value and our outreaching, our caring, our dying-to-self, our being for others.

*Never turn your back when someone  
needs your love.  
- St Benedict*

## FOR COLLECTION

Please collect your new LECTORS, SPECIAL MINISTERS & ALTAR SERVERS roster at the back the Church.

## CATHOLIC SUPER WINS PENSION FUND OF THE YEAR

Catholic Super was awarded 'pension fund of the year' 2012.

Presented by independent ratings agency SuperRatings, the award recognizes Catholic Super for providing the best pension product in Australia.

Catholic Super beat a strong list of 10 finalists to take home the award, such as AustralianSuper, HOSTPLUS, Vision Super but most notably beating the winner of the last 3 years, Sunsuper!



Readings for this week:

Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31  
1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6  
Matthew 25: 14-15, 19-21



Readings for next week

Ezekiel 34 11-12, 15-17  
1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28  
Matthew 25: 31-46



**WALK THEN,  
AS CHILDREN  
OF LIGHT,  
FOR THE FRUIT  
OF THE  
LIGHT IS IN  
GOODNESS  
AND JUSTICE  
AND TRUTH**

**Saint of the Week**

**Elizabeth of Hungary 1207-1231  
17 November**

This is the story of a young woman who, at 14, married a prince. Theirs was a classic story of mutual devotion. They had three children. Her husband died while on a crusade. Her brother-in-law removed her and the children from their castle. She was eventually reinstated but gave up her security to join the Third Order of St Francis and spent her days caring for the poor in a hospital she founded. She died before her 24<sup>th</sup> birthday in 1231. She faced all the great joys and sorrows in a short life and her popularity saw her canonised four years later. She is a saint!

**Prayer for the week**



May God support us all the day long, till the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy work is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our word is done.

Then in his mercy, may He give us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at last. Amen. (Cardinal Newman)

**Focus on the Readings**

Today's readings echo the common-sense approach of last week's readings – we aren't called to be cautious observers of Jesus' teaching, but effective and practical doers of the Word. The backdrop to the Gospel is set by the wife described in the Proverbs reading today. She is praised because she acts with foresight and with enterprise. Even though this text was written in a male-centred society, there is no hint of subservience or inferiority in this description – it is about the use of individual skills.

The servants in the Gospel parable are praised for the same qualities. But the parable has more to tell us. It refers to the religious leaders of the time and asks them whether they have shared the many gifts they have been given or have amassed them for themselves. The early church saw in the return of the master a description of the imminent coming of Christ's Kingdom, and heard the warning not to be caught unaware. The story tells us that the way to wait for the Kingdom is not to sit back and do nothing. We have to work for that Kingdom to be realised. We understand this about exercising our gifts. We've all got 'em! Put another way: 'use them or lose them!' St Paul, in the Second Reading encourages his Thessalonians to live in such a way that if they are called to account they will never be caught unprepared or unready. And us? Are we self-absorbed? Or are we awake to answer the call of Christ in the events and people of our every day?

**Quote of the Week - simple, but worth a thought.**

One evening an old Cherokee told his grandson about a battle that goes on inside people. He said: "Son, the battle is between the two wolves inside us all. One is Evil: it is anger, envy, jealousy, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, resentment, false pride, superiority. The other is Good: it is serenity, peace, compassion, forgiveness, faith, generosity, hope, benevolence, truth. The grandson thought for a moment and then asked: "Which one wins?" The old man replied: "The one you feed."

~Anon

"Preach the Gospel at all times. If necessary, use words."

~St Francis of Assisi

**On the Lighter Side**

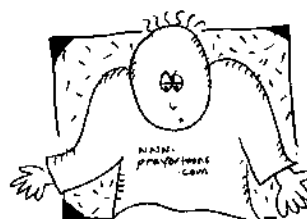
The lawyer was trying to console the distraught widow. Her husband had died without leaving a will. Trying to be helpful, the lawyer asked: "Did he have any last words?" "Do you mean just before he died?" said the widow. "Yes," replied the lawyer, "if it's not too painful for you to recall." "I do remember something," she said, "He said: 'Don't try to scare me. You couldn't hit the side of a barn with that gun.'"



**Quote**

'Whatever is to make us better and happy, God has placed either openly before us or close to us.'

Lucius Annaeus Seneca, Roman philosopher and author, BC 3 - AD 65



DEAR God

Teach me that losing face is sometimes the best way to find my real identity

Amen.