

# Kyabram Catholic Parish

**St Augustine's-Kyabram ~ St Patrick's-Tongala ~ St Sebastian's-Merrigum**

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**Parish Administrator – Fr John Paul Pasala**

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

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021**



Readings for this week:

Acts 4:32-35  
1 John 5:1-6  
John 20:19-31



Readings for next week:

Acts 9:26-31  
1 John 3:18-24  
John 15:1-8



## Liturgical Jottings

**Easter Sunday and Anzac Day**  
Sundays of Easter take precedence over any other Solemnities, Feasts or Days of Commemoration. While the second Sunday of Easter is subtitled Divine Mercy Sunday, and the fourth Sunday subtitled Good Shepherd Sunday, the readings and prayers are those of the Sundays of Easter. The special Mass text “The Mercy of God” cannot be used. (RM p 1393) on the Second Sunday of Easter. Likewise the Anzac Day Mass (RM p 892) with its own prayers and readings cannot be used. However the Easter prayers and readings will provide suitable text for remembering the fallen and Anzac themes can find expression in the music, homily, intercessions and the church decorations. Aust/NZ Ordo 2021 p 62

## Focus on the Gospel

This Sunday is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Two major themes emerge from the readings: an image of the one who saves; and the power of salvation itself. The one who saves is not a mighty warrior who comes in military array. In fact, he is the one who was rejected, who was hunted down, humiliated, tortured and hung naked on a tree, there to die in shame. The one who saves is the cornerstone of the building, holding it together, forming a firm foundation so that the structure will not collapse. The one who saves is a lowly shepherd, entrusted with sheep, not with the affairs of state. The one who saves is an unlikely saviour. This characterisation should give us pause. Is it possible that we have been looking for a saviour in the wrong places?

God’s saving power flows from steadfast covenant love. It broke open the world in the death and resurrection of Jesus and it overflows as healing grace. The saving power in the name of Jesus, a name that itself means ‘saviour’ (cf. Matt 1:21), is for all people, even for those sheep who do not yet belong to this fold. Furthermore, it is for all time; God’s mercy endures forever. Through our baptism we can bring the saving grace of God to a world in desperate need of healing. We can do this in our families, in our local communities, in the workplace, in so many situations of our lives. © Dianne Bergant CSA

## Feast Day Wednesday 28 April, St Peter Chanel

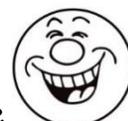
Born in France, he joined the Marist Fathers and travelled to Western Oceania. Despite little success and severe want, he maintained a serene and gentle spirit. When the chieftain’s son asked to be baptised, persecution reached a climax. Fr Chanel was clubbed to death. Within two years, the whole island became Catholic and has remained so. He was canonised in 1954, first martyr of Oceania and its patron saint.

## Quote of the Day [Homily St Gregory the Great, (pope 590-604) PL 76, 1129- 113]

Brothers and sisters, let us set out for these pastures where we shall keep joyful festival with so many of our fellow citizens. May the thought of their happiness urge us on! Let us stir up our hearts, rekindle our faith, and long eagerly for what heaven has in store for us. To love thus is to be already on our way.

## On the Lighter Side

In 2011 Anzac Day was on Easter Monday. Someone asked me at that time does Anzac Day ever fall on Easter Sunday. I said rarely first time in 1943 and next in 2038. Easter Sunday was on 25 April in 1886 but, of course, it was not Anzac Day then.



## GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY 2021

As we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday on the 4th Sunday of Easter, we pray in particular for the vocation to the priesthood and consecrated life.

Today is the World Day of Vocations. Pope Francis tells us:

*There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him.*

Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.

## DEVELOPING OUR PARISH STRATEGIC PLAN

The Parish Strategic Plan will offer vision and guidance for where we want to go, and a plan for accomplishing that vision.

The next Parish Strategic Plan workshop will be held this **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm** in the College Staff Room. At the workshop, we will develop the objectives to address the set of five priorities drafted at the first workshop.

All parishioners are invited to join in the planning and development phases of the strategic plan.

## INTENTION MASS

There will be a Mass offered for the celebration of the life of Terence Bowman (son of Mary) on **Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> April** at 5.00pm in St Augustine's Church. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

## SANDPIPER E-NEWS

With COVID bringing to a halt the printing and distribution of Sandpiper (our Diocesan newspaper), there is currently a Sandpiper e-News available.

The latest issue can be accessed through the following link:

<https://mailchi.mp/5a9cac3da629/sandpiper-e-news-from-the-diocese-of-sandhurst-7505745>

We encourage parishioners to subscribe to the Sandpiper e-News (which can be done at the bottom of the link page.)

## ANZAC DAY PRAYER

God of love and liberty, we bring our thanks this day for the peace and security we enjoy, which was won for us through the courage and devotion of those who gave their lives in time of war.



We pray that their labour and sacrifice may not be in vain, but that their spirit may live on in us and in generations to come. That the liberty, truth and justice which they sought to preserve may be seen and known in all the nations upon earth.

This we pray in the name of the one who gave his life for the sake of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

[<https://anzacday.org.au/prayers-for-anzac-day-services>]

## FR JOHN'S ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

Fr John's Tenth Anniversary of Priestly Ordination is on 28<sup>th</sup> April.

Thanksgiving for Fr John's anniversary will be celebrated during the weekend Masses of Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May and Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

A cuppa will be held after the Saturday evening Mass.



## AN EVENING FOR MUSICIANS

An evening for musicians is being held at St Brendan's Church, 121 Knight Street, Shepparton on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May**, 7.30pm - 8.45pm for all musicians/singers and potential musicians/singers.

For further information, please see the noticeboard at the back of the church.

Please RSVP by 1st May to St Brendan's Parish email [Shepparton@cdos.org.au](mailto:Shepparton@cdos.org.au) or phone Fr Joe Taylor on 0412 422 410.

## ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 7.00pm:**

Commentator – W Mulcahy; Lector – L Ratcliffe; Special Minister – L Sorbello

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 8.00am:**

Commentator – M Carver; Lector – N Watt; Special Minister – J Chant

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**Sick:** Jennifer Saunders, Nancy Taylor, Angela Finn, Julie Shaw, Joan Childs

**Recently Deceased:** David Perry, Terence Bowman

**Anniversaries:** Maria Zobec, Maria Cavallaro

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



## DIARY DATES

Monday	26 Apr	<i>Sacramental Cluster groups start this week</i>
Tuesday	27 Apr	Mass 5.00pm (Intention of Terence Bowman)
Wednesday	28 Apr	PPC Strategy workshop 7.00pm
Thursday	29 Apr	Mass 9.15am
Friday	30 Apr	-
Saturday	1 May	Mass 7.00pm (Thanksgiving - Fr John's anniversary), cuppa after Mass
Sunday	2 May	Mass 8.00am (Thanksgiving - Fr John's anniversary)
Monday	3 May	-
Tuesday	4 May	Mass 5.00pm
Wednesday	5 May	-
Thursday	6 May	Anointing Mass 10.00am
Friday	7 May	-
Saturday	8 May	Mass 7.00pm
Sunday	9 May	Mass 8.00am Mass 11.30am Tongala

## ANOINTING MASS

Commencing from May, an Anointing Mass will be held monthly in St Augustine's church, commencing at 10.00am. On this day, there will not be a 9.15am Mass.

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE ONE-DAY RETREATS

Catholic Women's League one-day retreats are being held on Wednesday 21st April at Our Lady Help of Christians Heathcote and on Wednesday 28th April at St. Mary's Myrtleford. All are most welcome, men and women. Please see the noticeboard for further details.

## PLENARY COUNCIL ZOOM REFLECTION SESSION.

The 5th Diocesan Plenary Zoom Reflection Session will be taking place from 7:30pm, **Wednesday 28th April**.

We will be reflecting on the question "How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred church in Australia that is Prayerful & Eucharistic?"

All are welcome to participate. Please register for the zoom link:

[plenary@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:plenary@sandhurst.catholic.org.au)

## Parish Administrator

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Tatura Presbytery: 5824 1049

### Pastoral Associate

Alma Limbrick (available in Parish Office on Thursdays, 8.30 to 5.00pm)

### Administration

Leanne, Colleen and Ruth

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Thursday – 8.30am to 5.00pm

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Fr John Paul, Alma Limbrick (Pastoral Associate), Alana Brennan (Chairperson),

Maurie Finn, John Forde,

Jackie Stockdale, Brendon Lane,

Finola Price, Brayden Stone,

Mary Zobec

## Mass Times

### Kyabram

Week Day Masses (Tuesday and Thursday): see Diary Dates

Saturday: 7.00pm

Sunday: 8.00am

### Tongala

Second Sunday of month 11.30am

### Merrigum

Fourth Sunday of month 11.00am

and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep;

this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd:

I know my own

and my own know me,

just as the Father knows me

and I know the Father;

and I lay down my life for my sheep.

And there are other sheep I have

that are not of this fold,

and these I have to lead as well.

They too will listen to my voice,

and there will be only one flock

and one shepherd.

The Father loves me,

because I lay down my life

in order to take it up again.

No one takes it from me;

I lay it down of my own free will,

and as it is in my power to lay it down,

so it is in my power to take it up again;

and this is the command I have been given

by my Father.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

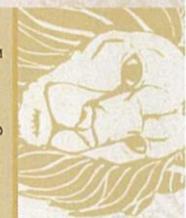


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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / B (ANZAC DAY)

25 APRIL 2021

## GOD'S MYSTERIOUS WAYS

Acts 4: 8-12

There are always different ways of seeing the same thing. For some of the Jews in Jerusalem, Jesus' death was the necessary outcome for someone who was leading the people astray. Peter on the other hand has come to see it as the foundation and cornerstone of a new building. He does not deny that Jesus was rejected by some of his own, but he has come to appreciate it from a new point of view. As John expresses it, it is the means by which God lavishes us with love ushering in a new dawn for those with eyes to see.

In a similar fashion Jesus speaks to his disciples in the Gospel today about how he understands his own death. The disciples could only see their hopes of being part of a new kingdom being dashed to pieces, and as a failure. Jesus did not see his death in this way. Rather, it is the gift of the loving shepherd, given freely for his flock that they might live. On this Anzac Day we remember with profound thanks the sacrifice of so many who have served and died so that we might live.

Despite how things might appear there is always a deeper reality that the person of faith is called to see and appreciate. There is an invitation to hope and trust in the hidden and unexpected ways that God works in our midst. Even failures and suffering can have a part to play in God's plan for us. Having the openness to look once again with the eyes of faith is part of the challenge of Easter.

Christopher Monaghan CP

## FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

*This is the only name by which we can be saved.*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

■ The word of the Lord.

**RESP PS** Ps 117: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29. R. v. 22

**R.** The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone. (*or* Alleluia!)

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, / for his love has no end. / It is better to take refuge in the Lord / than to trust in men: / it is better to take refuge in the Lord / than to trust in princes. **R.**

2. I will thank you for you have given answer / and you are my saviour. / The stone which the builders rejected / has become the cornerstone. / This is the work of the Lord, / a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

3. Blessed in the name of the Lord / is he who comes. / We bless you from the house of the Lord; / I will thank you for you have given answer / and you are my saviour. / Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; / for his love has no end. **R.**



## SECOND READING

1 Jn 3: 1-2

A reading from the first letter of St John.

*We shall see God as he is.*

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

■ The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 10: 14

Alleluia, alleluia! / I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; / I know my sheep, and mine know me. / Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Jn 10: 11-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

*The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.*

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd