

Kyabram Catholic Parish

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

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 22nd May 2022



Readings for
this week:

Acts 15:1-2,22-29
Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23
John 14:23-29



Readings for
next Sunday

Acts 1:1-11
Hebrews 9:24-28,10:19-23
Luke 24:46-53



Liturgical Jottings

6th & 7th Sundays of Easter

A rare and curious rubric in our Lectionary states: "When the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated on the seventh Sunday of Easter, the second readings and the Gospels assigned to the seventh Sunday may be read on the sixth Sunday" Vol 1 pg 527. In many countries, including Australia, the Solemnity of Ascension is moved from the 40th day of Easter to the nearest Sunday, which was previously celebrated here as the seventh Sunday of Easter, with its own set of readings and prayers. By omitting them from our liturgical cycle we miss the opportunity to hear those readings. Therefore we have the opportunity to move them from time to time to the previous Sunday.

Quote of the Week

Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding. *Albert Einstein*

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Looking at the Readings

The Gospel continues with the Farewell Discourse of Christ. There are many strings to the wide bow: Love, Word, Peace, going to the Father, sending the Holy Spirit, the Advocate are all mentioned as instruction for and promises of things to come.

While his farewell discourse covers five chapters, Jesus knew he could not cover everything, nor could the disciples take it all in at this critical and emotional time. To equip the apostles and the new Christian people, Jesus gives them the tools and means: peace, his word, his spirit, now articulated as the Holy Spirit with the added title the advocate or paraclete depending on the English rendering of the Greek: "*parakletos*".

Paraclete has a legal sense of one who stands with the accused to aid the defence, to support and even comfort the accused. He is one of good character and respected standing in the society. More than a legal advocate the Holy Spirit is personally but not physically present to enable the mission of Jesus to flourish in the emerging church.

The development of the theology of the Trinity will come later, but the work of the Spirit will guide this development and teaching. Jesus has given us what we need, we are to cooperate and respond to his word and promptings.

Feast of Our Lady, Help of Christians

Mary Help of Christians has been the patroness of Australia since the Australian Plenary Council (Synod) of 1844. Her feast day is 24 May. Pope Pius VII introduced the feast day to the calendar in 1814. The first church in Australia was dedicated to Mary in 1821. The first elections in Australia were held in 1843. The issues of the day were land, immigration, education and social problems. This year we are encouraged to ask her intercession for Australia for health, economy and security in time of pandemic and to help the suffering Christians and all people in Ukraine.

Prayer for the Day

Almighty God, bring the kingdom of Christ, your anointed one, to its fullness. May the perfect offering of your Son, eternal priest of the new Jerusalem, be offered in every place to your name and make all nations a holy people for you. Amen

On the Lighter Side

Red sky at night: shepherd's delight,
red sky in the morning: shepherd's warning.

Minced lamb, potato, onion and carrot: shepherd's pie.



BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

This weekend we welcome
Finn and Hudson Moran
into our faith community.



Please keep Finn and Hudson,
and their parents,
Lachlan and Ivy, and
godparents in your prayers.

HOLY SPIRIT AND MARY

To acknowledge Mary during the month of May, a short video by Fr Dave Pivonka can be watched via **zoom on Wednesday 25th May** at 7.30pm with the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7652761030?pwd=aUErRURsQVJ4OFBrUDZPUnhUVnZMUT09>

or

Meeting ID: 765 276 1030, Passcode: 4YRfmr

Inquires Mary 0427 190 282.

ST AUG'S COLLEGE NATIONAL SORRY DAY MASS

Parishioners and friends are warmly invited to attend St Augustine's College National Sorry Day Mass and FIRE Carrier Commissioning in the Brigidine Centre on **Thursday 26th May**.

The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Shane Mackinlay and will commence at 9.15am.

HOME COMMUNION

The Parish is commencing Home Communion again. If anyone has a family member or loved one at home requiring communion, please contact the Parish Office (5852 1026).

Also, if anyone would like to be a Home Communion Minister please contact the Parish Office.

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL PRAYER GROUP

Our Lady of Good Counsel Prayer Group meets regularly via zoom and monthly in the church.

Our next meeting will be held on **Monday 23rd May at 7.00pm in the Parish meeting room**. All welcome. Enquiries to Mary on mobile 0427 190282.

SANDHURST 2022 - SCRIPTURE TALKS

In June 2022, the Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst will host a series of Zoom talks on Sacred Scripture.

Drawing from St Paul, the talks aim to inform and support the faith-life of the people of God in the Diocese of Sandhurst, particularly in the light of our present context: the diocesan **Go Forth** review, the Plenary Council of the Australian Church, the Synod on Synodality and our socio-cultural reality.

Presenters include Dr Rosemary Canavan, Very Rev. Dr Brian Boyle and Dr Chris Cotter.

See the noticeboard at the back of the church for further information and dates, or to register please go to www.trybooking.com/BYWPM.

A YEAR OF PREPARATION AND CONSULTATION FOR A SANDHURST MISSION AND PASTORAL COUNCIL

A key recommendation in the 2020 Go Forth Review of the Diocese was that Bishop Shane establish a Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Council to support him to "operate in a strategic and collaborative way, drawing on the best possible advice of lay people and clergy for delivery of the Church's mission." (*Go Forth Report*)

Please collect a Prayer Card to Our Lady of Good Counsel from the back of the church to prayer for this process.

St Brendan's Church – A PENTECOST RETREAT by Spiritual Renewal Ministry

Saturday, 28th May 2022 from 9.30am to 4.00pm in the Monsignor Peter Jeffrey Centre, St Brendan's Parish, Shepparton.

Praise and Worship Workshops, Anointing/Healing Talks. Cuppa and Refreshments provided. BYO Lunch.

For further information contact Mary Zobec 0427 190 282 or Brigita Hore 0412 042 196.

MASS TIME & ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND (fifth weekend – Sunday Mass only)

Sunday 29th May at 8.30am:

Commentator – N Watt; Lector – S Carroll;
Special Minister – J Chant

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Kadyne Mitchell-Treacy, Megan De Pasquale, Julie Shaw, Anne Dodd

Recently Deceased: Margaret McCormick

Anniversaries: -

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



DIARY DATES

Mon	23 May	Our Lady of Good Counsel Prayer Group 7.00pm
Tues	24 May	Rosary 4.45pm Liturgy of the Word with Communion 5.00pm
Wed	25 May	Holy Spirit and Mary (via Zoom) 7.30pm
Thurs	26 May	St Aug's College National Sorry Day Mass 9.15am
Fri	27 May	-
Sat	28 May	No Mass
Sun	29 May	Mass 8.30am
Mon	30 May	-
Tues	31 May	Rosary 4.45pm Liturgy of the Word with Communion 5.00pm
Wed	1 June	-
Thurs	2 June	Liturgy of the Word (no Communion) 9.15am (St Aug's Years 3 and 4) Sacramental – Baptism/Confirmation Parents Formation Night with children 7.00pm
Fri	3 June	-
Sat	4 June	No Mass
Sun	5 June	Mass 8.30am

MEMORIAL MASS FOR FR OWEN DOYLE

Mass to commemorate the life and service of Fr Owen Doyle will be celebrated at St Mary's Parish Rushworth on 29th May at 10.30am. Fr Owen was loved and respected across the diocese and an invitation is extended to anyone who would like to attend the Mass, followed by a light lunch afterwards in the parish house.

Bishop Shane McKinlay will be the celebrant at the Mass, where he will also commission the four lay coordinators of the parish for the next three years.

CELEBRATING SYNODALITY IN SANDHURST

Video 4: "Mission"

Fr Nathan Verallo, Pastoral Team Member at Wangaratta, shares his experience as a priest in the Diocese of Sandhurst and the ways that synodality is manifested in Wangaratta.

The Video can be viewed on the Diocese of Sandhurst YouTube Channel.

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Mass Times

Kyabram

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

Saturday (2nd and 4th Saturday of the month): 6.00pm

Sunday: 8.30am

Tongala

Second Sunday of month 11.30am

Merrigum

Fourth Sunday of month 11.30am

Reconciliation – Second Saturday of the month at 5.30pm (before 6pm Mass) in St Aug's Church Kyabram.

Mass of Anointing is held the first Thursday of the month at 10.00am in St Augustine's Church.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 14:23
Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will
come to them.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 14:23-29
A reading from the holy Gospel according
to John.

*The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and
remind you of all I have said to you.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him
and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my
words. And my word is not my own;
it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you
while still with you;

but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything

and remind you of all I have said to you.

Peace I bequeath to you,
my own peace I give you,
a peace the world cannot give; this is my gift
to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.
You heard me say:

I am going away, and shall return.

If you loved me you would have been glad
to know that I am going to the Father;

for the Father is greater than I.
I have told you this now before it happens,
so that when it does happen you may believe.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word

CHRIST OUR LIGHT

'If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and
the Father will love him.' Put like that it sounds
so simple and yet in the life of the early Church
one of the burning issues was what it meant to
keep Jesus' word. For Jewish Christians being
faithful to Jesus entailed keeping the Law of
Moses and requiring Gentile Christians to do
the same. The Acts of the Apostles describes
how Jewish Christians who came from Judea
to Antioch were firmly convinced that keeping
the law was the principal way that a person
could love Jesus.

The response of the apostles and elders in
Jerusalem, after heated debate and lengthy
consideration, was to propose a compromise
that was hoped would enable both Jewish and
Gentile Christians to live in peace with one
another and to partake in table companionship.

The life of the early Church was by no
means without conflict, misunderstanding,
or difficulties. Like us, they had to work hard
to see the signs of the times and to discern
what it was that the Lord was asking of them.

In the midst of all this Jesus' promise of the
Spirit and of his peace is no small comfort.
Jesus is with us, there is no reason to let our
hearts be troubled or afraid. John's vision of
the heavenly Jerusalem is meant to give us
heart knowing that the goal of our journey is
in sight. With Christ as our light there is no
need to fear.

Christopher Monaghan CP

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / C

THE SAVING WORD

22 MAY 2022

FIRST READING

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves
not to burden you beyond what is essential.*

Some men came down from Judaea and taught
the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves
circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot
be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after
Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument
with these men it was arranged that Paul and
Barnabas and others of the church should go up
to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the
apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose
delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and
Barnabas; the whole church concurred with
this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and
Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood,
and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send
greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in
Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that
some of our members have disturbed you
with their demands and have unsettled your
minds. They acted without any authority from
us, and so we have decided unanimously to
elect delegates and to send them to you with
Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who
have dedicated their lives to the name of our
Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending
you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word
of mouth what we have written in this letter.
It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by
ourselves not to saddle you with any burden
beyond these essentials: you are to abstain
from food sacrificed to idols, from blood,
from the meat of strangled animals and from
fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what
is right. Farewell.'

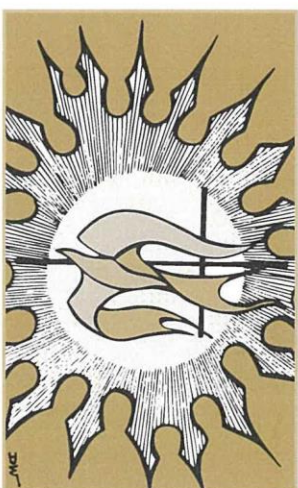
■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8. R. v. 4

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

(*or Alleluia!*)

1. O God, be gracious and bless us / and let
your face shed its light upon us. / So will your
ways be known upon earth / and all nations
learn your saving help. **R.**



2. Let the nations be glad and exult / for you
rule the world with justice. / With fairness you
rule the peoples, / you guide the nations on
earth. **R.**

3. Let the peoples praise you, O God: / let all
the peoples praise you. / May God still give us
his blessing / till the ends of the earth revere
him. **R.**

SECOND READING

Apoc 21:10-14, 22-23

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of
an enormous high mountain and showed me
Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from
God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory
of God and glittered like some precious jewel of
crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a
great height, and had twelve gates; at each of
the twelve gates there was an angel, and over
the gates were written the names of the twelve
tribes of Israel; on the east there were three
gates, on the north three gates, on the south
three gates, and on the west three gates. The
city walls stood on twelve foundation stones,
each one of which bore the name of one of the
twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since
the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were
themselves the temple, and the city did not
need the sun or the moon for light, since it was
lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb
was a lighted torch for it.

■ **The word of the Lord.**