



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday 17 March 2024



Readings for this week: Jeremiah 31:31-34
Hebrews 5:7-9
John 12:20-33



Readings for next Sunday: Entrance: Mark 11:1-10 / John 12:12-16
Isaiah 50:4-7
Philippians 2:6-11
Passion of Mark 14:1-5:47



Liturgical Jottings Lent - 5 Lectionary

The Gospel of the first Sunday of Lent gives the account of Jesus in the wilderness from Matthew (in cycle A), Mark (B) and Luke (C). The Gospel for the second Sunday of Lent gives the account of the transfiguration, again from the three Gospels. For the other Sundays of Lent they differ. The Gospels in cycle A are baptismal in character. The Gospels in cycle C are penitential in character. Thereby relating to the double focus of Lent: preparing for Baptism for RCIA candidates and Penance for the initiated. Year B has two themes: the first reading recalls God's covenant established and re-established and the Gospel focuses on the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Thereby preparing all for the Paschal mystery.

On Passion (Palm) Sunday we read Jesus entry into Jerusalem with Matthew (in cycle A), Mark or John (B) and Luke (C) and proclaim the Passion Narrative, again from Matthew (A), Mark (B) and Luke (C).

Looking at the Readings

We hear a lot today about Treaties. A treaty is made between two nations or two parties that mutually design it and have respect and commitment to abide by its terms. A covenant is also a mutual agreement normally made by one and an individual or a group. The covenant expressed in the Sacred Scriptures is made by God to his people. The first readings on the Sundays of Lent continue with accounts of God's Covenant. This Sunday there is a significant shift. Jeremiah speaks of God establishing a **new covenant** with his people. This is the only time "new covenant" is mentioned in the Old Testament. And this covenant looks forward to the one established by Christ's death and resurrection. "New Covenant" is found in Luke's Gospel, St Paul's letters, and the letter to the Hebrews which quotes the entire first reading from Jeremiah (Hebr 8:8-12). New Covenant is expressed at every Mass in the Eucharistic Prayers.

The passage from the Letter to the Hebrews today, however, is not just about covenant but about suffering, death and salvation. Just in two sentences we have a great insight into the mind and heart of Jesus. He prayed, he cried, he was fearful but resolute, humble and obedient. Prayer leads to acceptance, acceptance gives him strength. May our prayers for healing, solutions to hardships, for peace bring us acceptance and salvation.

Palm Sunday

Next Sunday, 24 March is Passion Sunday, the day we read the Passion of the Lord. It is also known as Palm Sunday with the commemoration of The Lord's Entry into Jerusalem. Monday of Holy Week, 25 March, displaces the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord until the next liturgically free day, Monday 8 April.

Prayer over the People

Bless, O Lord, your people,
who long for the gift of your mercy,
and grant that what, at your prompting, they desire
they may receive by your generous gift.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Roman Missal, 5th Sunday of Lent)

On the Lighter Side

I grew up a Catholic in Victoria. Giving up alcohol was a common Lenten sacrifice. When I visited Chicago I was amused to hear that the Archbishop would give a dispensation from this Lenten sacrifice for St. Patrick's Day. Was that Lenten sacrifice simply too great to bear?



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Jayne Wintle-Delahenty, Frances Corso, Germaine Stevens, Paul Genio, Tony Barca, John Moran, Jodie Potts, Philip Bowman, Anne Dodd, Kadyn Mitchell-Treacy, Trevor Peterson, Amy Nicholson.

Recently Deceased: Joe Sciacca

Anniversaries: Mano Scapin, Adele Scapin

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



PARISH DETAILS

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Fr Uday Marneni, Alana Brennan (Chairperson)

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Finola Price, Natalie Watt, Jay Sutton, John Forde

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

Fr Uday Marneni,

Wayne Mulcahy (Chairperson),

James Harris (Deputy Chair)

John Zobec, Chris Moor, Mary Zobec.

MASS TIMES

KYABRAM

Week Day Masses (Tuesday & Thursday): see Diary

Saturday (2nd and 4th Saturday of the month): 6pm

Sunday: 8.30am

TONGALA

First Sunday of month 11.30am

MERRIGUM

Third Sunday of month 12 noon

RECONCILIATION – Second Saturday of month at

5.30pm (before 6pm Mass) in St Augustine's Church

ANointing MASS - held on the first Thursday of the month at 10am in St Augustine's Church.

FORTNIGHT MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Sun 17th March - 8.30am

Sun 17th March - 12.00pm - Merrigum

Tue 19th March - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Liturgy

Thu 21st March - 9.15am – Year 5/6 & 9

Thu 21st March - Lenten Communal Reconciliation
6pm

Weekly Masses

Sat 23rd March - 6pm Mass – Reconciliation 5pm-5.30pm

Sun 24th March - 8.30am

Sun 24th March - 11.30am – Tongala

Tue 26th March - No Mass

Thu 28th March - 10am – School Liturgy Brigidine Centre

Thu 28th March - **Holy Thursday** 7pm.

Fri 29th March - **Ecumenical Service** 10am at
Memorial Gardens

Fri 29th March – **Good Friday** - Stations of the Cross
2.30pm - Passion of Christ 3pm.

ROSTERS

Sunday 17th March at 8.30am

Commentator – V Fox

Lector – A Snell

Special Minister – N Livsey

Saturday 23rd March at 6pm

Commentator – L Ratcliffe

Lector – C Anderson

Special Minister – A O'Meara

Sunday 24th March at 8.30am

Commentator – M Carver

Lector – E Luvara

Special Minister – J Chant

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

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

Last week's Collection is \$ 1025.00

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 the Parish Child safety officer Finola Price on 03 5852 1310.

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 honoured. May we join and build a future based on compassion, justice, faith and reconciliation.

FEAST OF ST PATRICK 17th March.

St Patrick's prayer.

*May the strength of God pilot us,
may the wisdom of God instruct us.*

*May the hand of God protect us,
may the word of God direct us.*

*May thy Salvation, O Lord, be always
ours this day and for evermore. Amen.*

COMMISSIONING

Last weekend Bishop Shane commissioned Mary Zobec as Parish Pastoral Assistant. May the Holy Spirit guide her as she carries out her parish mission and beyond.

BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome two children Jaxon and Sophie Dunham into our faith community. Please keep Luke Dunham and Alexandra Franze their parents and Samantha Duham, Zavier Franze Hayley Penny and Nicholas Dunham their godparents in your prayers, as they continue on their faith journey.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Congratulations to Fr Uday as he celebrates his Birthday on 24th March. We wish Fr Uday many blessings on this special day. There will be a celebration next Saturday night after mass. Please bring a plate to share.

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION

The Lenten communal reconciliation will be held on Thursday 21 March at 6pm at St Augustines.

SANDHURST DIOCESE CHRISM MASS

The Chrism Mass for 2024 will be at the Sacred Heart Cathedral on Tuesday 26 March at 11am. Parish representatives will present oils to be blessed by the Bishop for the Sacraments during the coming year. All parishioners of the Diocese are warmly invited to this significant Mass for our Diocese. Light refreshments and beverages will be provided after the Mass on the Cathedral lawns. Please RSVP to your Parish Office by Thursday 21 March for catering purposes. Parking around the Cathedral will be limited so please allow time to find a suitable park in the nearby street.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Please support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and *for all future generations*. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all. You can also donate by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or 1800 024 413.

THANK YOU PARISHIONERS

Father Uday would like to express his thanks all those who attended and assisted with his Installation Mass. He is truly thankful and your involvement was greatly appreciated.

RECONCILIATION

Father will be available for individual reconciliation at 5pm until 5.30pm before Palm Sunday Mass.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed Saturday 23 March at 5pm before Mass. All are encouraged to come along. Stations of the cross will also be held at 2.30pm on Good Friday 29 March.

HELPERS NEEDED FOR EASTER

We are looking for people available to assist with the hot cross buns for the Good Friday Ecumenical Service (29 March) being held in the Memorial Gardens. Helpers to meet in the Parish meeting room at 8.45am to assist with buttering of buns. Please note all who help with serving buns at Memorial Gardens will need to provide a copy of Working with Children card. Please see Mary Zobec.

We are also looking for people to assist with the **Palm Sunday and Easter Ceremonies**. Clipboards and sheets are at the back of the church if you are available to assist. Please ensure that a phone number is left so you can be contacted.

EASTER TIMETABLE

Communal Reconciliation Thursday 21 March 6pm
Holy Thursday (28 March) 7pm Mass.

Ecumenical Service 10am at Memorial Gardens

Good Friday (29 March) – Stations of the Cross 2.30pm - Passion of Christ 3pm.

Easter Vigil (30 March) – 7pm Mass

Easter Sunday (31 March) – 8.30am Mass

WALK FOR REFUGEES

Combined Churches of Bendigo (with RAR - Rural Australians for Refugees) invite you to join Bendigo 'Big Walk 4 Refugees'. Join us at Lake Weeroona (Rowing Club) from 12 noon on Palm Sunday 24 March. Palm Sunday is the day when we remember how Jesus rode determinedly into Jerusalem to challenge authority with the demands of love. For the Church it is an opportunity to demonstrate our discipleship in doing the same.

BE A GOOD EGG THIS EASTER

Be a good egg this easter and make sure your Easter chocolate is slavery-free. More than two million children under 15 work in the cocoa industry in west Africa. As Pope Francis says: "Every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral – and not simply an economic – act". www.chocolatescorecard.com Check out how your favourite brand rates? And which retailers are best!

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12 months (50 weeks)	\$10.00 per week	\$500

If you would like further details, please talk to Fr Uday, a member of the Finance Committee or Vicki in the office.



Fifth Sunday of Lent
16 & 17 March





The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with generous supporters and the dedication, passion and tenacity of our local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground working tirelessly behind-the-scenes every day to create a better future for their communities.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2024.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, **for all future generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.