



# KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

St Augustine's – Kyabram, 69 Church Street, PO Box 341, Kyabram Vic, 3620  
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Parish Priest – Fr Uday Marneni ALCP/OSS

Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday 7 April 2024



Readings for this week:

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



Readings for next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15 17-19  
1 John 2:1-5  
Luke 24: 35-48



## Liturgical Jottings Dismissal at Easter

After the final blessing at Mass on the Easter Vigil, Easter Day and days within the Octave of Easter and again on Pentecost Sunday the Deacon or Celebrant says or sings one of the two formulae:

- Go forth, the Mass is ended, alleluia, alleluia.
- Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia.

And the people respond:

Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

The Hebrew word Hallelujah as an expression of praise to God was preserved, untranslated, by the Early Christians as a superlative expression of thanksgiving, joy, and triumph. Thus it appears in the ancient Greek Liturgy of St. James, in Jerusalem and elsewhere

"Alleluia" would seem to be a prayer sung by the choir. Some have suggested the acclamation arises from an onomatopoeic rendition of the ancient tradition of ululation.

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## Focus on the Readings

Because the focus of this week's gospel passage is usually placed on poor old doubting Thomas, we sometimes overlook the way the passage begins. The disciples are huddled in a room, 'for fear of the Jews'. Just a couple of weeks earlier they had been on top of the world. Jesus was enormously popular with the people, and the disciples, by association, were caught up in that affection. Their man, the one they had chosen to follow, was making waves and stirring the authorities. However, in the space of just a few short days, their world had turned upside down. They were cowering in a closed up room, afraid for their lives in case those who handed Jesus over for death came for them as well. They'd already had an experience of the resurrected Jesus yet they were still hiding and afraid. Into this fear and uncertainty steps Jesus who says, 'Peace be with you'. It is a reminder of Jesus calming the storm out on the lake – in the midst of turmoil and anxiety he brings peace and calm.

Thomas has received a pretty bad rap for the last 2000 years, forever labelled as 'Doubting Thomas' because he wasn't prepared to take someone else's word for the fact that Jesus had risen. However, despite his demand for evidence, once Jesus is before him, he abandons all his thoughts about placing his fingers in the wounds and proclaims, 'My Lord and my God!' This is an absolutely extraordinary statement of faith. For the very first time, someone recognises Jesus, not as Messiah, prophet or Lord, but as God. © Greg Sunter

## Easter Poem

Without having seen we believe.

Christ fulfils the promise. Christ is truly risen. He is our rebirth.

The spirit of the Son witnesses to it, burning desire for the Father.

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ is our rebirth.

Christ is lifted from the dead and draws us into glory.

Christ is exalted in his flesh. He is our hope.

Why seek among the dead the living heart of the earth?

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ is our hope.

We feel this day rise like a shining sun.

Christ strikes fire in our hearts, the burning love of the Passover.

On our paths may we find the torch that dispels the night:

Alleluia, alleluia! The burning day of the Passover!

## On the Lighter Side

The crowds eagerly awaited an outdoor performance of the Hallelujah Chorus. However, it was the middle of January and heat was terrible. All the woodwind and strings were out of tune. The choir was miserable and sweaty. Ultimately, they're forced to cancel the performance. It was simply too hot to Handel.



## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Sick:** Daniel Lingard, Jayne Wintle-Delahenty, Frances Corso, Germaine Stevens, Paul Genio, Tony Barca, John Moran, Jodie Potts, Philip Bowman, Kadyn Mitchell-Treacy, Amy Nicholson.

**Recently Deceased:** Anne Dodd, Len Flint

**Anniversaries:**

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



## PARISH DETAILS

### PARISH PRIEST

Fr Uday Kumar Marneni ALCP/OSS

Kyabram Presbytery: 5852 1026

Tatura Presbytery: 5824 1049

### PARISH OFFICE

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

Website: [www.kyabramcatholicparish.org.au](http://www.kyabramcatholicparish.org.au)

### PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Vicki Arnel – 0417 147 695

### PARISH PASTORAL ASSISTANT

Mary Zobec – 0427 190 282

Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 8.30am-4pm

### PRINCIPALS

*St Augustine's College* - Jay Sutton – Phone 5851 3000

*St Patrick's Primary* - Jackie Stockdale – Phone 5859 0371

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Fr Uday Marneni, Alana Brennan (Chairperson)

Maurie Finn, Veronica Fox, Mary D'Augello,

Carl Cabaraban. Brendon Lane, Jackie Stockdale,

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 (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> April - 8.30am

Sun 7<sup>th</sup> April - 11.30am – Tongala

Tue 9<sup>th</sup> April - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Liturgy

Thu 11<sup>th</sup> April - 10am – Anointing Mass

### Weekly Masses

Sat 13<sup>th</sup> April - 5.30pm Reconciliation

- 6pm Mass - cuppa after Mass

Sun 14<sup>th</sup> April - 8.30am

Tue 16<sup>th</sup> April - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Thu 18<sup>th</sup> April - 9.15am Year 7 & 8

18<sup>th</sup> April – 10.30am Italian Mass

### Weekly Masses

Sun 21<sup>st</sup> April - 8.30am

Sun 21<sup>st</sup> April - 12.00pm – Merrigum

Tue 23<sup>rd</sup> April - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Thu 25<sup>th</sup> April – Anzac Day

## ROSTERS

### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm

Commentator – J Harris

Lector – S Carroll

Special Minister – L Busch

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 8.30am

Commentator – E Luvara

Lector – J Chant

Special Minister – A Ryan

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 8.30am

Commentator – N Watt

Lector – M Carver

Special Minister – M DiPetta

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

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

**Last week's Collection is \$ 1502.35**

## 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.

## TAP AND GO

This weekend we see the installation of our new Tap and go donation tap point. The machine is easy to use, tap on the amount you wish to donate and then tap your card. This is a donation machine only and **can't** be used for planned giving. Please contact the office if you would like any more information.



## THANK YOU FROM FR UDAY

Fr Uday would like to thank all who helped with the Easter Ceremonies last weekend including the sacristans, music group, computer operators, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, collectors, welcomers, PPC and PFC, office staff, Alan Busch for the fire and hospitality hosts, people who helped with Hot Cross buns and all who attended the ceremonies. Your assistance and support is very much appreciated.

## PROJECT COMPASSION

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## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

We are now accepting expression of interest for the St Augustine's 2024 Sacramental Program. The program is for Grade 3 or above and need to be baptised. Please ring the Office on 5821026 or email: [kyabram@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:kyabram@sandhurst.catholic.org.au) if you have not registered through the school.

## PPC

A reminder to members that the next PPC meeting is on **Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> April (date change)** commencing at 5.45pm (following Mass).

## PHOTOS

On special occasions and some Masses parish volunteers may take photo for use on our social media and website for promotion. If you don't wish for your photo to be taken please contact a member of the parish or notify the photographer.

## MEN'S CHOIR

The men's choir is on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month. Please come at 8am, Sunday 5 May to practice.



## CARERS VICTORIA FREE WORKSHOPS

Carers Victoria is the statewide voice for family carers and providing support and advice to carers. Free workshops are available to carers.

- 17 April Wodonga - 9.20 a.m.-12.30 p.m.
  - 18 April Echuca - Last Days workshop
  - 22 April Bendigo - Support Services for Carers
  - 5 May Bendigo - Free Carers' lunch, 12- 2 pm.
- For those living in Bendigo/Shepparton areas.

To book, or for more information, contact Education Services on 1800 514 845 or email [education@carersvictoria.org.au](mailto:education@carersvictoria.org.au)

## LADIES CUPPA AND CHAT



Ladies you are invited to Cuppa and Chat at Park Café on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm. If you need a ride, please call Mary Elliott on 0427 822754

## ITALIAN MASS

Fr Uday will celebrate Italian Mass on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am followed by cuppa. Enjoy a time of fellowship and sharing in the Italian tradition.

## DIVINE MERCY - SUNDAY 7 APRIL

St Brendan's catholic church, 121 Knights Street, Shepparton will have the Feast of the Divine Mercy this Easter. On Sunday 7 April, 2pm Sacrament and Reconciliation, 3pm Chaplet-in song Benediction, 3.30pm Holy Mass, 4.30pm Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image. Enquiries on 5821 2633.

## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Weekend

**"Live Your Best Married Life in Love"**

Every relationship is a journey and the grind of everyday life can easily cause you to lose touch with your spouse. This weekend gives married couples time to nurture your relationship and some tools to keep passion alive in a gentle, supportive environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living.

Every married couple deserves a Marriage Encounter weekend! The weekend is based around Catholic values and couples of all faiths are welcome. Check our website for more details. Date: 12-14 April, in Melbourne. Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or Website: [wwme.org.au](http://wwme.org.au) or email: [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au)

## ANOINTING MASS



The next anointing mass, will be held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 10am, followed by a cuppa.

## SAFEGUARDING

In line with our Safeguarding policy for children and adults at risk, information can be found on the notice board in the gathering space. Please make yourselves familiar with the information provided. If you have any question or concerns, please contact Finola Price 03 5852 1310 or Mary Zobec 0427 190 282.

*"True charity consists in doing good to those who do us evil, and in thus winning them over."  
St. Alphonsus Liguori*



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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.

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