

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent- C

Sunday 3rd April 2022



Readings for this week:

Isaiah 43:16-21
Philippians 3:8-14
John 8:1-11



Readings for next Sunday

Luke 19:28-40 (Entrance)
Isaiah 50 50:4-7
Philippians 2:6-11
Luke 22:14-23:56



Liturgical Jottings

Act of Contrition II

The eleven "Acts of Contrition" or "Prayers of the Penitent" in the Rite of Penance, Chapter One, do not contain the common ones we use in Australia. What are given are ones based on biblical texts:

- Father, I have sinned against you and am not worthy to called your son. Be merciful to me a sinner. (Luke 15:18, 18:13)
- Wash me from my guilt and cleanse me of my sin. I acknowledge my offence; my sin is before me always. (Ps50:4-5)
- Remember, Lord you compassion and mercy, which you showed long ago. Do not call the sins and failings of my youth. In your mercy, remember me, Lord, because of your goodness. (Ps24)

In the ritual, the rubric states: The penitent expresses sorrow in these or similar words (n.25). There is choice and flexibility.

Looking at the Readings

This year's cycle of Gospel readings are normally from Luke, though this Sunday we hear from the Gospel according to John. Following the last two Sundays on Forgiveness and Reconciliation, this Gospel again takes up Christ's ministry of compassion and mercy. The scribes and pharisees wanted to trap Jesus by asking: "What have you to say?" If he followed the Law of Moses he would harshly condemn a woman to death, a penalty obsolete at that time. If he acquitted the woman he would be guilty of ignoring the Law. His response was silence. He gave them time to consider their options and to examine their own consciences. They left. Jesus shows the woman both mercy and justice: "Go! Sin no more!". The "Prayer of the Penitent" in the Rite of Penance (Reconciliation) contains these two imperatives.

The sequence of Old Testament readings this Lent prepare us for Easter by recalling the past events of God's marvellous deeds from creation to salvation. This reading from the prophet Isaiah, recalls God's goodness but not the peoples wayward past. The text is in the present tense for God but speaks of the future for the people. God is the eternal NOW recreating all things NEW for us.

Prayer for the Week

God of power, God of mercy, you bring forth springs in the wasteland and turn despair into hope. Look not upon the sins of our past but lift from our hearts the failures that weigh us down, that we may find refreshment and life in Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Lenten Quote from the Saints

"Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again: for forgiveness has risen from the grave!" *St John Chrysostom*

"If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one." *St Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

The Story of Susanna

Monday's first reading at Mass has themes of corruption, wisdom and judgement. Daniel (Dan-el means God judges), the young investigator, exposed the wickedness of the guilty and spared the life of the innocent. It is the longest reading in our lectionary.

On the Lighter Side of the Internet

If an anonymous comment goes unread, is it still irritating? • What is the sound of no hands texting? • To see a man's true face, look to the photos he hasn't posted.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be prayed this coming week of Lent on **Tuesday 5th April** at 5.00pm (preceded by the Rosary at 4.45pm). All welcome. Please note that there will be no Mass.

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION

Communal Reconciliation will be held this **Thursday, 7th April** at 7.00pm in St Augustine's Church, Kyabram.

MASS TIMES & ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 9th April at 6.00pm:

Commentator – M Radanov; Lector – W Mulcahy;
Special Minister – L Moran

Sunday 10th April at 8.00am:

Commentator – S Carroll; Lector – M DiPetta;
Special Minister – M Elliott

Please note that there is no Tongala Mass for April.

SANDHURST DIOCESE CHRISM MASS

The Chrism Mass for 2022 will be at the Sacred Heart Cathedral on **Tuesday 12th April at 11.00am**. Parish representatives will present oils to be blessed by the Bishop for use during the coming year. All parishioners of the diocese are warmly invited to this very significant Mass for our Diocese. A light luncheon and beverages will be provided after the Mass. Please RSVP to the Parish Office (5852 1026) by Thursday 7th April for catering purposes.

Parking around the Cathedral can be limited so please allow time to find a suitable park in the nearby streets. All welcome, bookings essential. For those who cannot attend the Chrism Mass in person it will be livestreamed on the diocesan website and YouTube channel.

PALM SUNDAY

Please note that Mass next Sunday will **begin at 8.00am** due to Palm Sunday (10th April).

ANOINTING MASS

The next Anointing Mass will be held on **Thursday 7th April at 10.00am** in St Augustine's Church. All welcome.

Please note that on this day, there will not be a 9.15am Mass.

HELPERS NEEDED FOR EASTER

We are looking for people available to assist with the hot cross buns for the Good Friday Ecumenical Service (15th April) being held in the Memorial Gardens. Helpers to meet in the Parish meeting room at 9.00am to assist with buttering and wrapping the buns. Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to help.

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



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 2 & 3 April



Shaniella 23, from the Solomon Islands was determined to forge a path out of poverty, moving away to vocational school. With your support, Shaniella was able to overcome further challenges of natural disasters, and gain the skills she needs to create a brighter future for herself.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.

HOLY WEEK TIMES

Holy Thursday (14th April)	6.00 pm	Mass (followed by Adoration till 8.00pm) at St Augustine's, Kyabram
Good Friday (15th April)	10.00 am 3.00 pm	Ecumenical Service at Memorial Gardens, Kyabram Passion of our Lord, St Augustine's Kyabram
Saturday Easter Vigil (16th April)	6.00 pm	St Augustine's Kyabram
Easter Sunday (17th April)	8.00 am	St Augustine's Kyabram

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

Recently Deceased: Pauline Benham

Anniversaries: Hugh Francis Kennedy

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



DIARY DATES

Mon	4 Apr	-
Tues	5 Apr	Rosary 4.45pm Stations of the Cross 5.00pm No Mass
Wed	6 Apr	-
Thurs	7 Apr	Anointing Mass 10.00am (Intention of Hugh Francis Kennedy) Communal Reconciliation 7.00pm
Fri	8 Apr	-
Sat	9 Apr	Baptism 4.00pm Reconciliation 5.30pm Mass 6.00pm
Sun	10 Apr	<i>Palm Sunday</i> Mass 8.00am (<i>note change of time</i>) No Mass at Tongala
Mon	11 Apr	<i>School holidays commence</i>
Tues	12 Apr	Rosary 4.45pm Mass 5.00pm PPC meeting 5.45pm
Wed	13 Apr	-
Thurs	14 Apr	<i>Holy Thursday</i> Mass 6.00pm and Adoration until 8.00pm
Fri	15 Apr	<i>Good Friday</i> Ecumenical Service 10.00am Passion of our Lord 3.00pm
Sat	16 Apr	Mass 6.00pm
Sun	17 Apr	<i>Easter Sunday</i> Mass 8.00am

PALM SUNDAY WALK / GATHER / PICNIC - LET'S WELCOME REFUGEES

PALM SUNDAY is a day for people of passion and goodwill to come together, to encourage one another in working towards a fairer and more inclusive world. Join the Combined Churches of Bendigo and Rural Australians for Refugees in calling for an end to detention, for permanent visas, and for a safe and secure future for refugees.

People are invited to gather at the following points from 12.00 noon, to converge on the Library Gardens by 12.30 pm - St Kilian's Catholic Church; St Andrew's UCA; St Paul's Anglican Cathedral; outside Dudley House View St. (Or come directly, if you prefer.) There will be activities for children. Bring a picnic lunch.

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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

Joel 2:12-13

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

Jn 8:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**



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Breaking Open the Word

LIVING WATER

To the people of Israel in exile, Isaiah speaks of a new highway that God is making in the wilderness, a highway that would change the face of the wilderness forever. No longer desolate, the people would have what they needed, and their thirst for vindication and homecoming from exile would be satisfied.

On the road to Damascus, Paul's world had been changed forever. He had come to see that, for him, the living water that Jesus the Messiah offers is the only prize worth striving for. As a Pharisee, he had sought perfection through faithfulness to the Jewish law. He had come to appreciate that, as beautiful as the Jewish law was, Jesus' death and resurrection had opened a new pathway to God's grace. He knew he was not perfect. In response to his experience of the Risen One, he set out to travel that road with all his heart and love as a missionary and apostle.

The episode of the woman caught in adultery is another moving example of how the living God can break into our world and provide water in the desert of the human heart. Surrounded by rejection and mistaken self-righteousness, this woman is isolated and faces the threat of a brutal death. As her accusers call for her execution Jesus writes in the sand. Ever so gently a new highway is being laid and we are invited to walk it. By not condemning or judging, Jesus shows how, we too, can walk this path and provide living water for each other.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT / C

THE SAVING WORD

3 APRIL 2022

Isa 43:16-21

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 125. R. v. 3

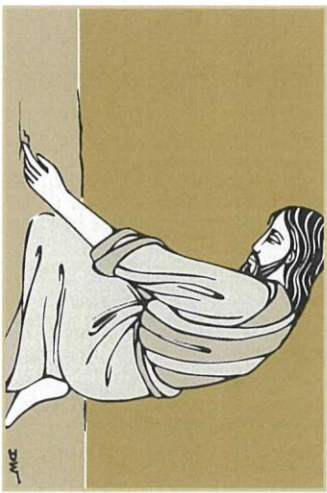
R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, / it seemed like a dream. / Then was our mouth filled with laughter, / on our lips there were songs. **R.**

2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' / What marvels the Lord worked for us! / Indeed we were glad. **R.**

3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage / as streams in dry land. / Those who are sowing in tears / will sing when they reap. **R.**

4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, / carrying seed for the sowing; / they come back, they come back, full of song, / carrying their sheaves. **R.**



SECOND READING

Phil 3:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him.

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

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