

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

Tel: 03 – 5852 1026 Email: Kyabram@cdos.org.au

Parish Administrator – Fr John Paul Pasala

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

Pentecost Sunday

Sunday 23rd May 2021



Readings for this week:

Acts 2:1-11
Galatians 5:16-25
John 15:26-27, 16:12-15



Readings for next week:

Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40
Romans 8:14-17
Matthew 28:16-20



Liturgical Jottings

Fire - part 1

From the old Testament fire had symbolic value: God's presence in the form of fire (Exod 3; 13: 19; Dan 9; Wis 7). It is also a symbol of life, holiness, and joy.

In the New Testament: the Christ will baptise with the Holy Spirit and with fire; conveying the power of the new baptism. Later Jesus said "I came to set fire to the earth!" Luke 12:49. Fire is purifying and creative. The Holy Spirit appeared like tongues of fire at Pentecost.

We use fire at the Easter Vigil to dispel the darkness and light the Paschal Candle. Again on Pentecost in many places, including St Paul's in London, a globe of fire and bits of burning towel are let down from the roof to represent tongues of fire of the Holy Spirit. Some other churches have fire in a brazier.

Focus on the Readings

As with the Ascension last week, the account of Pentecost is given in the first reading, the Acts of the Apostles. Again the event is steeped in mystery and drama. The Second Reading on the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the Gospel on the effects of the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Disciples: truth and glory complement our reading of the Pentecost event. It occurred in time but is timeless for our annual celebration.

By repetition St Paul emphasised the imperative to be guided by the Holy Spirit (verses 16, 18 & 26). Disciples must live accordingly showing the fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. This impressive list is in opposition to the tendencies of the flesh that St Paul also lists.

The Holy Spirit is called the Advocate, the Paraclete, the Witness. The overtones of the legal system is not lost on the reader and the apostles for many a time they faced tribunals, courts and the Sanhedrin to give witness and defence of their Christian faith. "Thanks to the Spirit, the Word is still living in the world, being poured out and raising up new disciples everywhere ... so that the kingdom may come."

Words of Pope Francis *Pentecost Message 2020*

We need the Spirit to give us new eyes, to open our mind and our heart so as to face this moment and the future with the lesson we have learned: we are a single humanity. We cannot save ourselves by ourselves. No one saves him or herself alone. No one. Saint Paul said, in the Letter to the Galatians: "There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (3:28), united by the power of the Holy Spirit. Through this baptism of the Holy Spirit that Jesus announces. We know it, we knew it, but this pandemic we are living through has made us experience it in a much more dramatic way

Solemnity of Our Lady Help of Christians

Patron Saint of Australia is celebrated this Monday 24 May

On the Lighter Side

A class was studying the fruits of the Holy Spirit as listed in Galatians 5:22. A child asked which of the fruits is the greatest? It is like the lawyer's question to Jesus: "What is the greatest commandment?" Jesus replied: "Love God, ... and love your neighbour ..." Love is the first listed and perhaps the greatest of the fruits of the Holy Spirit!



MEETING IN THE SPIRIT

A monthly meeting coming together to reflect and share our experiences on the Word of God will commence this month on **Tuesday 25th May** at 4.15pm (followed by 5pm Mass) in the Parish meeting room.

Theme for this month is Faith.

Gospel reflection is Luke 24: 13-35 Road to Emmaus.

Led by Fr John. Please bring your bible. All welcome.

ST SEBASTIAN'S MERRIGUM REUNION

On **Sunday, 27th June** all Merrigum ex-parishioners are invited to celebrate Mass at St Sebastian's Church at 11.30am.

Following Mass, there will be a luncheon at the Kyabram Club beginning at 1.00pm.

If you require further information or would like to attend the luncheon, please contact Joe Chant on 0428 552 466 by Wednesday 23rd June 2021.

ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 29th May at 7.00pm:

Commentator – S Carroll; Lector – M Radanov;
Special Minister – C Stewart

Sunday 30th May at 8.00am:

Commentator – N Watt; Lector – M Finn;
Special Minister – A Ryan

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.” -

1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-6

All of us are blessed, regardless of our own individual circumstances. God has given each of us many gifts. How we use those gifts is our gift back to God. For God's plan to work, each must do what we are called to do. Guess what? We are not all called to do the same thing! For God's plan to work you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

This weekend we welcome

Isabelle Liliias Lockyer

into our faith community.



Please keep Isabelle and her parents, Nicholas & Olivia, and godparents in your prayers.

PPC

A reminder to members that the next PPC meeting will be held on **Monday, 31st May** commencing at 5.00pm in the Parish meeting room. (Please note that this is prior to the Strategic Planning Workshop.)

STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

We are on to our third workshop in our Strategic Planning for the Parish. The workshop will be held on **Monday 31st May** commencing at 6.00pm in the College Staffroom.

All parishioners are welcome to attend.

CHANGES TO VICTORIAN COVID CHECK IN REQUIREMENTS



The Victorian Government has announced that as from Friday, 28th May 2021 all Victorian venues must use the Victorian Government QR Code Service for check-in. There is a Service Victoria app available to download for free to make QR checking in easy. We encourage all parishioners to use the phone QR system to check into the church (rather than using the manual paper recording).

Also, please note that as from 9am on Tuesday 18th May 2021, **people have to record their surname when they check-in** regardless of whether it is the QR system or a manual paper record.

LOST

A pair of black rimmed glasses has recently been lost in St Augustine's Church.

If you have found or seen a pair of glasses in the church, please contact the Parish Office on 5852 1026.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Nancy Taylor, Angela Finn, Julie Shaw, Joan Childs
Recently Deceased: Bill Leahy, Cristina Damaschino (1mth), Michael Kelly
Anniversaries: Jean (Di Di) Vengta, Maria Gullo, Santo Gullo

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



DIARY DATES

Monday	24 May	-
Tuesday	25 May	St Mary's School Mass, R'worth 10.00am – Fr John Meeting in the Spirit 4.15pm Mass 5.00pm
Wednesday	26 May	-
Thursday	27 May	Mass 9.15am
Friday	28 May	-
Saturday	29 May	Mass 7.00pm
Sunday	30 May	Mass 8.00am
Monday	31 May	PPC meeting 5.00pm Strategic Planning Workshop 6.00pm
Tuesday	1 June	Consultors meeting – Fr John No Mass
Wednesday	2 June	-
Thursday	3 June	Anointing Mass 10.00am Sacramental Program – Reconciliation 7.30pm
Friday	4 June	-
Saturday	5 June	Mass 7.00pm
Sunday	6 June	Mass 8.00am Baptisms (11.00am and 11.45am)

Parish Administrator

Fr John Paul Pasala

Kyabram Presbytery: 5852 1026
Tatura Presbytery: 5824 1049

Pastoral Associate

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

Administration

Leanne, Colleen and Ruth

Parish Office hours –

Mon/Tues/Wed – 8.30am to 12 noon
Thursday – 8.30am to 5.00pm

Parish Office email address

kyabram@cdos.org.au

Parish Office website:

www.kyabramcatholicparish.org.au

Principals

St Augustine's College
Brayden Stone – Phone 5851 3000

St Patrick's Primary
Jackie Stockdale – Phone 5859 0371

Parish Pastoral Council

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

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

200 YEARS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN AUSTRALIA

On Monday 24th May, every Catholic Diocese in Australia will hold a Mass to commemorate 200 years of Catholic Education in Australia. The Sandhurst Diocese will gather at St Kilian's Church in Bendigo, the site of the first Catholic school in our diocese.

The Mass will be live streamed to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to experience this special celebratory Mass. You can join in the celebrations by clicking on the link below.

If you would like to attend please click the link below to book your free ticket:

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=755614&>

STRONGER TONIGHT

Sandhurst Youth Ministry's next Stronger Rally is just around the corner. The event will be held at St Bernard's Primary School, Wangaratta, from 6 – 9 pm. Arrive from 5:30 pm.

Register here: <https://www.trybooking.com/BRIGX>. For group bookings contact youth@sandhurst.catholic.org.au for more information.

You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desires. Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

- The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! / Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful / and kindle in them the fire of your love. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

In 15: 26-27; 16: 12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The Spirit of truth will guide you into all the truth.

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘When the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness.

And you too will be witnesses, because you have been with me from the outset. I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now.

But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come.

He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has in mine; that is why I said:

All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.’

- The Gospel of the Lord.

A SERVICE OF THE SOCIETY OF ST PAUL



Reproduction of this bulletin in any form prohibited. Published with ecclesiastical approval by ST PAULS PUBLICATIONS, PO Box 906, Strathfield NSW 2135. Tel 02 9394 3400 Fax 02 9394 3444. Scripture readings from the Jerusalem Bible, published and © 1966, by Darton, Longman and Todd Ltd and Doubleday & Co, Inc. as used by permission of the publishers. Psalm text from The Psalms, A New Translation, © 1963, The Grail (England), HarperCollins, New translation of the Order of Mass from The Roman Missal ©2010, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved. Artwork by St Dorothy Woodward rs; Layout, commentaries and illustrations © St Pauls Publications, 2021. No 1879. Website: www.stpauls.com.au

Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

PENTECOST SUNDAY / B

23 MAY 2021

THE EMPOWERING SPIRIT

If last week spoke of the transition between the time of Jesus' ministry and the time of the Church, then the feast of Pentecost gives us the opportunity to recognise that we have also been empowered for mission. It is a reminder that we are not alone and that the Spirit is with us to help us by giving us the means to confront the challenges before us. While there is a sense of transition there is a sense of continuity as well. The Gospel for today shows Jesus' taking great pains to prepare the disciples for the time of the Spirit that will come after his departure. On one level there is loss, and yet they are assured that what the Spirit will bring will be in harmony with what the Father had already entrusted to Jesus, and what Jesus had given them.

A great deal of Paul's energy was taken up with guiding fledgling communities as they learned to give voice, in their daily lives, to the experience of the Spirit. It is an experience that must lead to the bearing of very concrete and tangible fruits; fruits that ripen when we leave behind self-centredness and turn to our brothers and sisters in love. For Paul the gift of the Spirit is not only God's gift to us, it also contains a dimension of responsibility. In a sense, the invitation and challenge of Pentecost are always whether we can learn to speak in the language of love, a love that goes beyond oneself and reaches out to the other.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Acts 2: 1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire: these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

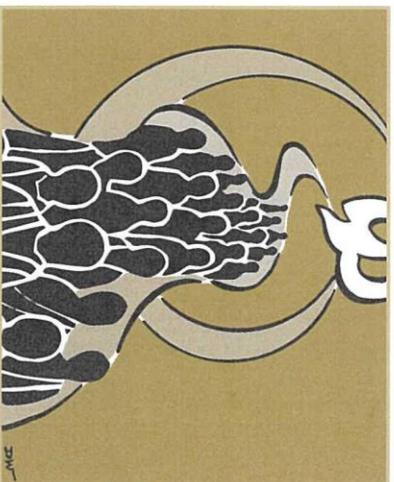
- The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 103: 1, 24, 29-31, 34. R. v. 30

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (or Alleluia!)

1. Bless the Lord, my soul / Lord God, how great you are! / How many are your works, O Lord! / The earth is full of your riches. **R.**
2. You take back your spirit, they die, / returning to the dust from which they came. / You send forth your spirit, they are created; / and you renew the face of the earth. **R.**



3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever! / May the Lord rejoice in his works! / May my thoughts be pleasing to him. / I find my joy in the Lord. **R.**

SECOND READING

Gal 5: 16-25

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

The fruit of the Spirit.

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling; jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now: as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course.