



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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 8th May 2022



Readings for
this week:

Acts 13:14,43-52
Apocalypse 7:9,14-17
John 10:27-30



Readings for
next Sunday

Acts 14:21-27
Apocalypse 21:1-5
John 13:31-35



Liturgical Jottings

Lamb of God

The liturgical hymn "Lamb of God" (Agnus Dei) is sung or recited at every Mass. It is based on the saying of John the Baptist: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29). Pope Sergius (687-701) introduced this chant into the Mass. The words "Have mercy on us." are added from Ps 123, 66, Isaiah 33:2; The third stanza ends in "Grant us peace." The last benediction in the 18 Benedictions" or Amidah 19 Sim Shalom ("Grant Peace") - asks God for peace, goodness, blessings, kindness and compassion.

The second reading concludes: "The Lamb will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water, ..." (Rev. 7:16-17). The Easter Preface V, describes Christ as the "Priest, the Altar and the Lamb of sacrifice" and also in the Preface I for the Apostles: "Eternal Shepherd, who does not desert the flock. Christ is at different times both Lamb and Shepherd.

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Looking at the Readings

This Sunday, Good Shepherd Sunday, received its title from the gospel. Each year verses from Chapter ten of John's Gospel are proclaimed. Year A: 10:1-10, Year B: 10:11-18 and Year C; this year. 10:27-30. The passage on the Good Shepherd is not a parable but one of the "I Am" that helps to explain Christ's role. Year A reading contains: "I am the gate" vv 7&9; Year B: "I am the good shepherd" vv 11&14. Today's Gospel states in a few words its implications. There is a real, permanent and intimate relationship between Jesus and the people for whom he gives his life and unites them with him to the Father.

A primary student explained that if the Father is the Shepherd; the people are the sheep, then the world is a big paddock! Yes. It is a good and practical image but we should be careful not to be too allegorical and to allow some extension: not one big paddock but many paddocks and then there is space beyond the paddocks. We are not penned in all the time but led out to new pastures. We are actively called into new relationship to "Listen", to "Know", to "Follow", and to "Be Given" eternal life.

Sunday Eighth of May

Good Shepherd Sunday is the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations** and many countries, like New Zealand it begins Vocations Awareness Week. In Australia, however, Vocations Awareness Week begins on Sunday 7 August.

Today is **Mother's Day**, a day to celebrate, remember and thank the work, life and love of one's mother.

United Nations adds other causes: **World Migratory Bird Day** and Time of Remembrance & Reconciliation for those who lost lives during WWII.

Prayer for the week

Lord Jesus, you are the light rising in darkness for the just. To show your love for us you offered yourself in our place as a victim, as the Lamb of God. Teach us to love one another as you love us, that our love may bring peace and joy to the world and enable us to find the happiness of your home.

On the Lighter Side

A shepherd tells his dog to go count the sheep. The dog returns and says: "100 sheep". The shepherd inquires: "How's that? I only had 97 to begin with!" The dog replies: "Yeah, but I rounded them up"



A MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

Lord Jesus,
you have known a mother's love
and tender care, and you will hear,
while for our mothers most dear,
we offer this Mother's Day prayer.



Protect the lives, we pray,
of those who have given us the gift of life.
May our mothers know from day to day
the deepening joy that comes from your
presence.

We cannot pay our debts
for all the love that we have received;
but you, Lord, will not forget their due reward.
Bless our mothers both on earth and in
heaven.
Amen.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

A reminder that the evening **'The Shape of Reconciliation'** has been brought forward to **Monday 9th May at 7.00pm** in the church (so there will be no meeting on Thursday 12th May).

Children and parents are to come. Children to bring their books.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

There will be an hour of prayer including rosary to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima held in the church on **Friday 13th May** at 11.00am.

All welcome.

MASS TIME & ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

Sunday 15th April at 8.30am:

Commentator – T Hehir; Lector – M Finn;
Special Minister – P Hehir

MARY ON MOTHERS DAY

May is the month of Our Blessed Mother.

As well as our earthly mother we have our Heavenly Mother given to us by Jesus as he died on the cross (John 19: 26 - 27). Mary loves us more than we can imagine and wants us to draw close for her maternal protection. At Fatima, Portugal, on 13th May 1917 our Blessed Mother appeared to three children (this apparition is approved by the Catholic Church). Her message to the world and to us was to repent, pray - particularly the Rosary, and lead good lives. Mary said if people did this then there would be peace in the world. This message now appears more important than ever.

Let us turn daily to Mary in prayer and ask her to obtain peace in families, peace in communities, and peace in the world.

Mary, Queen of Peace, Pray for us.

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HOLY SPIRIT AND MARY

To acknowledge Mary during the month of May, a short video by Fr Dave Pivonka will be shown in the church on **Wednesday 18th May** at 7.00pm followed by reflection, discussion, and a cuppa. All welcome.

For those who would prefer to see it via zoom it will be repeated on Wednesday 25th May at 7.30pm with the following link:

Topic: Mary and the Holy Spirit

Time: May 25, 2022 07:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting:

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

or

Meeting ID: 765 276 1030, Passcode: 4YRfmr

Inquires Mary 0427 190 282.



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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

Recently Deceased: Rosina Sanzo, Joan Childs, Olivette Kenny

Anniversaries: Jennifer O'Meara, Frances O'Meara, Catherine Shortis, Pat Hehir

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



DIARY DATES

Mon	9 May	Sacramental Program – Parents Formation Night with Children – The Shape of Reconciliation 7.00pm
Tues	10 May	Rosary 4.45pm Liturgy of the Word with Communion 5.00pm PPC meeting 5.45pm
Wed	11 May	-
Thurs	12 May	Liturgy of the Word (no Communion) 9.15am (St Aug's Years 1 and 2)
Fri	13 May	Prayer hour – Feast of Our Lady of Fatima 11.00am
Sat	14 May	No Mass
Sun	15 May	Mass 8.30am (and cuppa after Mass)
Mon	16 May	-
Tues	17 May	Rosary 4.45pm Liturgy of the Word with Communion 5.00pm
Wed	18 May	Holy Spirit and Mary (video) 7.00pm
Thurs	19 May	Liturgy of the Word (no Communion) 9.15am (St Aug's Years 7 and 11)
Fri	20 May	-
Sat	21 May	Mass 6.00pm
Sun	22 May	Mass 8.30am (Baptisms during Mass) Mass 11.30am Merrigum

PPC

A reminder to members that the next PPC meeting is on **Tuesday, 10th May** commencing at 5.45pm (following Liturgy of the Word).

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

“The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.” (ACTS 13:52)

The disciples heard Our Lord's call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, He fills us with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and are attracted to!

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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.

Breaking Open the Word

THE SAVING WORD

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persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water: and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

In 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

In 10:27-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

I give my sheep eternal life.

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;

I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life;

they will never be lost

and no one will ever steal them from me.

The Father who gave them to me is greater

than anyone,

and no one can steal from the Father:

The Father and I are one.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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HOPE IN FACE OF TRIAL

The lives of each of us are touched by the realities of death and suffering in our world. As Christians, we are challenged to dig deep and explain the basis for our Christian hope. Why should Christians be hopeful? Why should we not give in to despair and disillusion? What is the basis for our belief that God's love is more powerful than the forces in our world which oppress and cause suffering?

Like ourselves, the first Christians had to deal with these problems. Opposition and persecution were realities for the earliest Christians and today's readings show something of the early Church's response to such difficulties. Paul and Barnabas faced the opposition of Jewish communities as they preached the good news of Jesus to Jews and Gentiles. They had come to see that the good news was meant for all nations and, by preaching the message of Jesus, the call to be a light for the nations would be fulfilled.

Some years later the Christian communities in Asia Minor were persecuted by Diocletian. It was a brutal and fearful time as Christians saw their brothers and sisters put to death. The book of the Apocalypse was written to encourage these Christians not to lose heart since Jesus had overcome death and he would shepherd them amidst their suffering.

The Johannine community had to deal with the distress and anguish that accompanied the expulsion of Christians from the synagogue. It is in the midst of such turmoil that they are reminded that with Jesus as their shepherd they need only listen to his voice to be assured of eternal life.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Acts 13:14,43-52

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We are now turning to the gentiles.

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said: I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.' It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

■ The word of the Lord.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 99:1-3,5

R. We are his people, the sheep of his flock. (or Alleluia!)

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. / Come before him, singing for joy. **R.**
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God. / He made us, we belong to him, / we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R.**
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord, / eternal his merciful love. / He is faithful from age to age. **R.**

SECOND READING

Apoc 7:9,14-17

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great