



# Kyabram Catholic Parish

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

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**Parish Administrator – Fr John Paul Pasala**

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

## Solemnity of the Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2021



Readings for this week:

Exodus 24:3-8  
Hebrews 9:11-15  
Mark 14:12-16, 22-26



Readings for next week

Genesis 3:9-15  
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1  
Mark 3:20-35



### Liturgical Jottings

#### Sacrifice

All the readings and psalm today contain the word sacrifice; albeit with different qualifiers. Exodus: communion sacrifice; Psalm 115: thanksgiving sacrifice; Hebrews: Christ as the perfect sacrifice; and Mark: the Passover lamb sacrificed. In our history, traditions and liturgy we are very familiar with the term "Sacrifice of the Mass" yet an unambiguous definition alludes us. The Old Testament has sacrifices of Abel to Moses, but the prophetic warnings of empty sacrifices. The New Testament attests to the cup of sacrifice and spiritual sacrifices. The history of religion gives five primary elements of sacrifice: homage, expiation, communion, gift and life. In Christ who is the sacrificer (priest) and sacrificed (victim), we enter the mystery of sacrifice in praise and thanksgiving.

### Focus on the Readings

For the feast last year we were experiencing the Great Lockdown with church doors closed and public Masses suspended. Many were able to view live-streamed Masses on the internet or recorded Masses on TV. But we could not receive the Eucharist. This deprivation was felt more keenly on Easter and on this Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. Catechumens and young children had their first Communion on a prolonged hold. Now we are back in Church (as I write this) or not if more outbreaks cause other lockdowns. In any case we still cannot receive communion from the chalice: the Blood of Christ.

The Cycle B Readings for this Sunday focus on the second of word in the title: "The Blood of Christ". Reminiscent of the Passover Ritual in Egypt Moses sprinkled the people with blood as a sign and seal of the covenant and means of recognition and identification as God's people. Thus the qualifier that it is a communion sacrifice. The Letter to the Hebrews stresses Christ's sacrifice establishes the new covenant with forgiveness of sins and universal salvation,

The Responsorial Psalm (115) gives a new dimension which is timely today as we offer a thanksgiving sacrifice: a sacrifice of the heart and service, of prayer and works of generosity,

#### Words of Pope Francis (*Homily on the Feast of Corpus Christi 2020*)

"Jesus approaches us gently, in the disarming simplicity of the host. He comes as bread broken in order to break open the shells of our selfishness. He gives of himself in order to teach us that only by opening our hearts can we be set free from our interior barriers."

#### Quote for today

"Jesus is My Great Friend and the Eucharist is My Highway to Heaven." *Blessed Carlo Acutis (died aged 15, beatified 2020)*

#### Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, Friday 11 June

Devotion to the Sacred Heart and love of Christ promoted by many mystics preceded the feast by 500 years. Today the feast, capturing the imaginations of artists and charity workers, is also the occasion for the "Mass of the Poor".

#### On the Lighter Side

Harry, Sam and Gabby were going through the pantry getting cans of food to take to the Mass for the Poor. Their mother said in exasperation don't take them, we need them. Harry replied: "Don't worry Mum we'll get them back." Indeed, the very next day they received a box of groceries from St Vincent de Paul Society local conference.



## WELCOME

A special welcome to all at our weekend Masses, after a week in lockdown.

We pray for all those in Melbourne who are still in full lockdown, with the hope that Victoria can get on top of the current Covid outbreak.

## ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

### Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00pm:

Commentator – W Mulcahy; Lector – I Paynter;  
Special Minister – L Sorbello

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 8.00am:

Commentator – T Hehir; Lector – Help needed;  
Special Minister – M DiPetta

## BAPTISM PREPARATION

Baptism Preparation has resumed with 4 couples attending for the month of May.

During the Rite of Baptism it states: *'It will be your duty to bring him/her up to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us by loving God and our neighbour.'*

Once again this month we have been struck by the genuine desire of parents to bring their child up 'to love God and love neighbour'.

During the gathering we ask parents to come up with an image that reflects God's presence in the world. Their responses are always uplifting and thoughtful. They are also asked to reflect upon their image of God as they have grown up and how that may have changed over time.

The ideals they want for their children are also instructive. So often parents articulate key Christian values of love, forgiveness, happiness for others' success, peace, treating everyone with dignity and respect, etc.

A Baptism Preparation gathering is always an opportunity to be filled with hope as parents articulate something of their own faith journey and their hopes for their children.

- Maurie and Angela Finn

## PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Parish Finance Committee will be held on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> June commencing at 6.00pm in the Parish meeting room.

## STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

The Parish's third Strategic Planning workshop which was to be held last Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> May, has been postponed until a new date can be set.

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Unfortunately, due to the Covid lockdown, the Sacramental children were unable to make their First Reconciliation last Thursday.

Parents and families will be notified accordingly, once a new date has been set.

## ST SEBASTIAN'S MERRIGUM REUNION

On **Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> 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 Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021.

## SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

Spirituality in the Pub will be held at the Terminus Hotel, Shepparton on **Tuesday (not Monday) 15<sup>th</sup> June from 7.30 – 9pm** (meals from 6pm optional).

**Sr Joan Chittister's virtual event, *The Future of Catholicism in Australia***, held early May, will be screened, followed by a facilitated conversation. For 50 years, Joan (a Benedictine Sister), has passionately advocated on behalf of peace, human rights, women's issues & church renewal.

Come & join the conversation – an opportunity to reflect together in the lead-up to the Plenary Council. More information on fliers at back of church. Enq: Kerry 0408 579904, Frank 5821 4362 or Fran 0409 012228.

## STRONGER RALLY

Sandhurst Youth Ministry's next Stronger Rally will be held on **Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> June** at St Bernard's Primary School, Wangaratta, from 6 – 9 pm. Arrive from 5:30 pm. Register here: <https://www.trybooking.com/BRIGX>.

For more information on group bookings, contact [youth@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:youth@sandhurst.catholic.org.au).

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**Sick:** Nancy Taylor, Angela Finn, Julie Shaw, Joan Childs

**Recently Deceased:** Leo Cavicchiolo, Bill Guy, Antonia (Toni) DiPetta

**Anniversaries:** Katharina Radanov, Ziva Radanov, Frances Stockdale

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



## DIARY DATES

Monday	7 June	-
Tuesday	8 June	Mass 5.00pm (Intention of Katharina and Ziva Radanov) Finance Committee meeting 6.00pm
Wednesday	9 June	-
Thursday	10 June	Mass 9.15am
Friday	11 June	-
Saturday	12 June	Mass 7.00pm
Sunday	13 June	Mass 8.00am Mass 11.30am Tongala
Monday	14 June	-
Tuesday	15 June	No Mass
Wednesday	16 June	-
Thursday	17 June	No Mass
Friday	18 June	-
Saturday	19 June	Mass 7.00pm
Sunday	20 June	Mass 8.00am

## Parish Administrator

**Fr John Paul Pasala**

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### Pastoral Associate

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

### Administration

Leanne, Colleen and Ruth

### Parish Office hours –

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### 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.

## GATHERING OF CATHOLIC MEN 2021

In 2020 almost 1000 men across Australia, including over 200 in Victoria across every Diocese, registered to participate in this ground breaking "Gathering of Catholic Men" by grouping in host sites and hubs as COVID allowed, or by watching the material privately.

In 2021 this event is being staged again on the **31<sup>st</sup> July** in a shorter format. It would be wonderful to increase the reach to Catholic men and to have more men gathering with likeminded men in clusters. The aim of the event has always been to inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world. It is hoped that the event will reinforce the importance of gathering in the faith environment of the Church, ensuring that the Gospel is alive in our homes, parishes/dioceses and our communities.

See the church noticeboard for further information. To register go to the following link: [www.catholicmensgathering.com.au](http://www.catholicmensgathering.com.au).



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 6: 51-52

Alleluia, alleluia! / I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord: / whoever eats this bread will live for ever. / Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Mk 14: 12-16, 22-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*This is my body. This is my blood.*

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.' After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) / B

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## BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

The idea of killing animals and then sprinkling their blood on an altar is foreign and abhorrent to many people of the 21st century. It would be fair enough to say that the last things we would expect to see on a Sunday morning would be the carcass and blood of an animal on the altar and our pastor holding a butcher's knife! The ancient people saw such sacrifices with different eyes than ours. Sacrifices were symbolic of their desire to express the precious nature of the bonds that united them to the living God. Sacrifices were a sign of the sealing of the relationship between a people and their God, such as the sacrifice of Moses in the desert. Sacrifices were an important means of healing the rupture of this relationship that came about through human failure and sin. They were a sign of promises made, broken and renewed, of new beginnings and the return of peace.

The letter to the Hebrews expresses beautifully how the early Church came to appreciate that in Jesus' death all that the old sacrificial system had striven for was now finally achieved. Jesus' gift of his life is not an event that is limited to one time and place. Rather, his gift is one that continues to have the power to restore, renew, and bring us into the fullness of life. This is ultimately the gift we celebrate in the Eucharist where, faithful to Jesus' command, we gather to be nourished, healed, and renewed.

**Christopher Monaghan CP**

## FIRST READING

Ex 24: 3-8

A reading from the book of Exodus

*This is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you.*

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bulllocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

### RESP PSALM

Ps 115: 12-13, 15-18. R. v. 13

**R. I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord. (or Alleluia!)**

1. How can I repay the Lord / for his goodness to me? / The cup of salvation I will raise: / I will call on the Lord's name. **R.**

2. O precious in the eyes of the Lord / is the death of his faithful / Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; / you have loosened my bonds. **R.**

3. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: / I will call on the Lord's name: / My vows to the Lord I will fulfil / before all his people. **R.**



## SECOND READING

Heb 9: 11-15

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*The blood of Christ will purify our inner selves.*

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order, and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God.

He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

■ **The word of the Lord.**