



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 Lent- C

Sunday 27th March 2022



Readings for this week:

Joshua 5:9-12
2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Luke 15:1-3.11-32



Readings for next Sunday

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



Liturgical Jottings

Act of Contrition I

An explanation of Contrition is given in the Catholic Catechism: "Among the penitent's acts contrition occupies first place. Contrition is "sorrow of the soul and detestation for the sin committed, together with the resolution not to sin again." n 1451

The "Act of Contrition" is called the "Prayer of the Penitent" and is described in the introduction to the Rite of Penance as: "After [Confession of Sins and the Act of Penance] the penitent manifests his contrition and resolution to begin a new life by means of a prayer for God's pardon. It is desirable that this prayer should be based on the words of scripture. n. 19. Chapter 1 n 45 gives eleven options for the penitent to express his sorrow.

Looking at the Readings

The Response: "Taste and see the goodness of the Lord" is a metaphor using two of our physical senses to convey the spiritual experience of seeking and delighting in the goodness and reward of the Lord. The Israelites, having arrived in the promised land after 40 years in the wilderness, have come to taste the produce of the land and celebrate the Passover in praise of God's deliverance and providence (First Reading).

The first Readings of Lent are a series of Old Testament texts to prepare us for the mystery of Christ's passion, death and resurrection. The Gospels of 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays in Year C also form a series focussing on Reconciliation.

The parable of the Prodigal Son, also titled the parable of the Forgiving Father is the iconic story of God's forgiveness. God, having given the gift of free will to his people, desires our happiness. Yet when we stray through sin he seeks our return and repentance. He goes to meet us on the road. He greets us with over generous welcome and transforms our human sorrow with his divine compassion and forgiveness.

Prayer for the Week

God of compassion, you await the sinner's return and spread a feast to welcome home the lost. Save us from the temptations that lead us away from you, and draw us back by the constancy of your love, that we may take our place in your household and gladly share our inheritance with others. Amen.

Lenten Quote from the Saints

"Without the burden of afflictions it is impossible to reach the height of grace. The gift of grace increases as the struggle increases." *St. Rose of Lima*

"Faith is to believe what you do not see. The reward of faith is to see what you believe." *St. Augustine of Hippo*

Lighter Side

Three years ago a priest was proclaiming the Gospel on this parable about the prodigal son. When he got to the place where the father sees his son returning home, he said, "The father ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and said ..." at which point the elder boy of a family of five - mum, dad, two boys and a girl - leaned over to his younger brother and whispered "You're grounded!"



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be prayed the next two weeks of Lent as follows:

- Tuesday 29th March at 5.00pm (preceded by the Rosary at 4.45pm).
 - Tuesday 5th April following the 5.00pm Mass.
- All welcome.

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION

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

MASS TIME & ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

Sunday 3rd April at 8.30am:

Commentator – N Watt; Lector – M Finn;
Special Minister – S Newbegin

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Special birthday wishes and congratulations to **Marg Colman** who is celebrating her 80th birthday this coming week.



Our prayers and blessings are with you!

SANDPIPER E-NEWS

Sandpiper e-News which is published every fortnight is the official newsletter for the Sandhurst Diocese.

You can subscribe to Sandpiper e-News from the homepage of the Diocesan website www.Sandhurst.catholic.org.au and keep up to date with all of the Good News.

The latest issue (No 38) is now available on the Sandhurst Diocese website.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

This weekend we welcome
Dustin Blair Kellow
into our faith community.



Please keep Dustin and his parents, Brett and Maxine, and godparents in your prayers.

YEAR IN REVIEW OUT NOW

The Year in Review is a snapshot of our journey as a diocesan community over the course of 2021.

In the Year In Review you'll read about the challenges we faced, policies implemented, our triumphs, and celebrations throughout the Diocese in the words of Bishop Shane Mackinlay, Dr Chris Cotter, clergy, Chancery staff and parishioners.

Click on the following link to read more:

<https://sandhurst.catholic.org.au/item/2117-sandhurst-year-in-review-2021>

ORDINATION OF JACKSON SAUNDERS

"A note of thanks to you all for your prayers and best wishes for my priestly ordination and thanksgiving Mass this weekend, March 26 and 27. The ordination Mass is at 11am on Saturday at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo, while a Mass of thanksgiving is on Sunday night at 6pm at St Kilian's in Bendigo. All are welcome.

Both occasions will also be live-streamed and available via www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au or the 'Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst' Facebook page or YouTube channel.

God bless, Fr Jackson Saunders."

HOLY WEEK TIMES

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Pauline Benham, Kadyne Mitchell-Treacy, Craig Rosendale, Megan De Pasquale, Julie Shaw, Joan Childs

Recently Deceased: -

Anniversaries: Leo Cocks, Thomas Joseph Lynch, Patrick Thomas Lynch, Bill Nicholson

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



DIARY DATES

Mon	28 Mar	-
Tues	29 Mar	Rosary 4.45pm Stations of the Cross 5.00pm (No Mass)
Wed	30 Mar	-
Thurs	31 Mar	No Mass
Fri	1 Apr	-
Sat	2 Apr	No Mass
Sun	3 Apr	Mass 8.30am
Mon	4 Apr	-
Tues	5 Apr	Rosary 4.45pm Mass 5.00pm (followed by Stations of the Cross)
Wed	6 Apr	-
Thurs	7 Apr	Anointing Mass 10.00am (Intention of Frank 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

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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.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 26 & 27 March



From her life as a child soldier in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Rosalie is now a business owner, a community leader and a role model for other ex-combatants seeking to readjust to civilian life.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help women like Rosalie to succeed in the future, providing hope For All Future Generations.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**



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.

Breaking Open the Word

THE SAVING WORD

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT / C

27 MARCH 2022

I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

"While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

"Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come," replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening."

"The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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GRACIOUSNESS AND MERCY

After many years in the desert journeying towards the land of promise, it must have been difficult for the people of Israel to comprehend that they had finally arrived. A new stage in their lives was beginning and it was fitting to rejoice and remember what God had done by celebrating the Passover. The God who had nourished them in the desert would no longer provide manna; it was no longer necessary since now they had their own land which had been provided by God's graciousness.

For Paul, God's graciousness and mercy were nowhere more apparent than in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. In the second letter to the Corinthians, much of chapters two to six are taken up by Paul sharing his understanding and experience of apostolic life with them. There had been considerable friction between Paul and the community and this, no doubt, had called Paul to reflect on the sort of reconciliation and harmony for which he longed and worked. Misunderstood and hurt, Paul looks to the heart of the gospel message, a message of a new creation through forgiveness. As Jesus had reconciled us to God by his own death, so we are called to be reconciled to one another.

The call to reconciliation and graciousness is continued in today's Gospel. The timeless beauty of the parable of the loving father and his two sons calls us to look to our own hearts. Are we ready to forgive and be forgiven? Will we share in the new creation that Jesus died to bring us?

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING
A reading from the book of Joshua
The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover.

Josh 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you."

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 33:2-7. R. v. 9

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, / his praise always on my lips; / in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. / The humble shall hear and be glad. **R**

2. Glory, the Lord with me. / Together let us praise his name. / I sought the Lord and he answered me; / from all my terrors he set me free. **R**

3. Look towards him and be radiant; / let your faces not be abashed. / This poor man called; the Lord heard him / and rescued him from all his distress. **R**

SECOND READING 2 Cor 5:17-21

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

God reconciled us to himself through Christ.

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made



the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Lk 15:18

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I will rise and go to my father and tell him:
Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Your brother here was dead and has come to life.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. "This man," they said, "welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he spoke this parable to them:

"A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

"When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father,