



# 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

**Easter Sunday**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2021**



Readings for this week:

Acts 10:34,37-43  
Colossian 3:1-4  
John 20:1-9 or Mark 16:1-8



Readings for next week

Acts 4:32-35  
1 John 5:1-6  
John 20:19-31



## Liturgical Jottings

### Easter Fire

The Australian/NZ Ordo gives the instruction: "The Lucernarium at the bonfire begins the celebration with a joyful proclamation of the Christ's Resurrection." (page 54). The Roman Missal gives the rubric: "A blazing fire is prepared in a suitable place outside the church." The Liturgy of Light is also called the Solemn Beginning of the Vigil or Lucernarium - the Latin title.

It is not a small fire. Its significant size symbolises its importance in the liturgy: burning away evil, purifying our minds, inflaming our hearts, and showing forth the glory of God. The New Fire provides for the lighting of the Paschal candle from which all candles are lit for the Vigil Procession and renewal of Baptismal promises.

## Focus on the Readings

The First Reading and Gospel both come from oral traditions. Peter is talking to Cornelius, a Roman centurion relating and explaining our Lord's life, ministry, death and resurrection. Cornelius would have passed the message on, St Peter would have repeated this account to others. Luke then records this dialogue in the Acts of the Apostles.

The four Evangelists give their own accounts of the empty tomb and the risen Lord. It would have been handed down to them verbally, hence some variations by different witnesses and also from the constant retelling over the years before it was finally written.

The fact of the empty tomb is attested but more importantly the faith of the witnesses and the joy of the apostles and companions are attested by not in just the written word but in the proclamation of the resurrection and transformation of the witnesses lives. They live the Good News that "Jesus is Lord." We can imagine that the followers wanted to hear the story again and again and at the same time share the exuberance, joy and happiness of the narrators. Despite no celebrations last year we want to hear the story again and celebrate Easter again and again.

The Second Reading, the letter of St Paul to the Colossians, is originally written. Paul encourages the young church at Colossi to seek Christ, his life and his glory.

## Quote from Pope Francis on Easter

Like a new flame this Good News springs up in the night: the night of a world already faced with epochal challenges and oppressed by a pandemic severely testing our whole human family. In this night, the Church's voice rings out: "Christ, my hope, has arisen!" (Easter Sequence). This is a different "contagion", a message transmitted from heart to heart – for every human heart awaits this Good News. It is the contagion of hope: *Easter 2020*

## An Easter Prayer

[We] give you thanks, Lord holy Father because the world of the past has gone and the fullness of life is restored in Christ. So in joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound in gladness; and the angels and the powers of all creation sing the ageless hymn of your glory: Holy, Holy ... *Preface for Easter Sunday*

## On the Lighter Side

Young Isaac was watching his father, a Vicar, write a sermon for the Easter Sunday service. "How do you know what to say?" Isaac asked. "Why, God tells me", the father replied. "Oh! Then why do you keep crossing things out?"



## May the peace and joy of Easter be with you all!

### WELCOME

A warm welcome to all families and visitors to our Easter celebrations.

We especially welcome **Fr Michael Morley** who will be celebrating all our Easter ceremonies.

We thank Fr Michael for helping out during the busy Easter season.

### CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME

It is with great joy that at the Easter Vigil we welcome **Colette Deschamps** into our Catholic Faith and Parish Community. Colette will be receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist.



We welcome Colette, and our prayers and best wishes are with her. All are invited to stay for supper following the Vigil.

### BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

This weekend we welcome **Isabella Emilia Wearden** into our faith community.



Please keep Isabella and her parents, Damien and Daniela, and godparents in your prayers.

### DEVELOPING OUR PARISH STRATEGIC PLAN

A reminder that the PPC invites parishioners to pray and reflect on the set of 5 Priorities *[on display at the back of the church, as well as on our Parish Website (under 'Other Information') and Facebook]*, and to send them any comments, suggestions or areas that may have been missed.

These responses can be forwarded by email to our parish email [Kyabram@cdos.org.au](mailto:Kyabram@cdos.org.au) or in an envelope addressed to PPC via the Sunday Mass collection plate.

Our next workshop will be held on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April** where we will develop the objectives to address these priorities.

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Sunday devotions will take place following the 7.00pm Mass on **Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> April.**

On 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1931, Jesus appeared to Sister Faustina a Polish nun. Jesus called for a Feast of Divine Mercy to be celebrated in the whole Church. He said to her "I want this image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter; that Sunday is to be the Feast of Mercy. On that day, the depths of My Mercy will be open to all. Whoever will go to confession and Holy Communion on that day will receive complete forgiveness of sin and punishment. Mankind will not enjoy peace until it turns with confidence to My Mercy."

### NO WEEKDAY MASSES

Please note that there will be no week days Masses this coming week.

### ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm:**

Commentator - L Ratcliffe; Lector – W Mulcahy; Special Minister – L Busch

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 8.00am:**

Commentator – N Watt; Lector – M Finn; Special Minister – B Stone

### PLENARY COUNCIL ZOOM REFLECTION SESSION

The 5th Diocesan Plenary Zoom Reflection Session will be taking place from 7:30pm, Wednesday 28th April. Please register for the zoom link: [plenary@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:plenary@sandhurst.catholic.org.au)



## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

**Recently Deceased:** Tom Herrick, Dot Bell

**Anniversaries:** Bernie Wearden

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



## DIARY DATES

Monday	5 Apr	<i>Easter Monday (and School Holidays begin)</i>
Tuesday	6 Apr	No Mass
Wednesday	7 Apr	-
Thursday	8 Apr	No Mass
Friday	9 Apr	-
Saturday	10 Apr	Mass 7.00pm
Sunday	11 Apr	Mass 8.00am Baptisms (outside of Mass) Mass Tongala 11.30am
Monday	12 Apr	-
Tuesday	13 Apr	Mass 5.00pm PPC meeting 5.45pm
Wednesday	14 Apr	-
Thursday	15 Apr	Mass 9.15am
Friday	16 Apr	-
Saturday	17 Apr	Mass 7.00pm
Sunday	18 Apr	Mass 8.00am

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

We wish all the teachers, staff, students and families a safe and enjoyable break over the Easter and school holidays.



**EASTER SUNDAY**  
4<sup>th</sup> April 2021



**Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!**

Thank you for supporting us this year as we demonstrate how love and compassion for our global community can transform lives. You have responded to St. Oscar Romero's invitation to "Be More," putting your compassion into action to support some of the world's most vulnerable communities. By aspiring to be more, you have helped change lives.

**Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2021 Lenten appeal.**

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## 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)

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Leanne, Colleen and Ruth

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### Parish Pastoral Council

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Joe Chant, 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

# THE SAVING WORD

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early in the morning on the first day of the week they went to the tomb, just as the sun was rising.

They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' But when they looked they could see that the stone – which was very big – had already been rolled back. On entering the tomb they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right-hand side, and they were struck with amazement. But he said to them, 'There is no need for alarm. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: he has risen, he is not here. See, here is the place where they laid him. But you must go and tell his disciples and Peter, "He is going before you to Galilee: it is there you will see him, just as he told you."'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

**MASS DURING THE DAY**  
 Acts 10:34, 37-43

**FIRST READING**  
 A reading from the Acts of the Apostles  
*We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea: about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism.



## MASS OF EASTER NIGHT

Rom 6:3-11

**EPISTLE**  
 A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

*Christ, having been raised from the dead, will never die again.*

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

If in union with Christ we have imitated his death, we shall also imitate him in his resurrection. We must realise that our former selves have been crucified with him to destroy this sinful body and to free us from the slavery of sin. When a man dies, of course, he has finished with sin.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

## GOSPEL

Jn 20:1-9

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.**  
*The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.*

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb,' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first: he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head: this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in: he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

## SEQUENCE

*The sequence may be said or sung.*

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. / The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb: / and Christ, the undefiled, / hath sinners to his Father reconciled. / Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! / Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. / Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. / The tomb the Living did enclose: / I saw Christ's glory as he rose! / The angels there atesting, / shroud with grave-clothes resting. / Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. / That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. / Victorious king, thy mercy show!

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**  
 1 Cor 5:7-8

**Alleluia, alleluia! / Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; / Let us feast with joy in the Lord. / Alleluia.**

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God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself; and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**  
*(see opposite page)*

**SECOND READING** Col 3:1-4  
 A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians  
*Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is