



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Parish Priest – Fr Uday Marneni ALCP/OSS

First Sunday of Lent

Sunday 18 February 2024



Readings for
this week:

Genesis 9:8-15
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:12-15



Readings for
next Sunday:

Genesis 22:1-2,9-18
Romans 8:31-34
Mark 9:2-10



Liturgical Jottings

Lent - 2

Prayer over the People

During Lent, the historic *Prayers over the People* have been restored to the Roman Missal after an absence of 40 years. Its roots go as far back as the third century. The 2010 missal restores a distinct one for each day of Lent. On weekdays of Lent there is a rubric that says that the *Prayer over the People* is optional. On Sundays the prayer is there but lacks the rubric "for optional use."

The Prayer is mostly addressed directly to God for the faithful, as "your people," "your servants," and "those who call upon you." A further characteristic is that the spiritual graces implored for the indefinite future with phrases such as always, constantly, perpetual protection, etc. After the prayer, the priest gives the blessing:

"And may almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

Response: Amen."

Looking at the Readings

Mark's account of the "testing in the wilderness" is very brief and does not contain the details found in Matthew and Luke: no three temptations, no dialogue with Satan, no scripture quotations. It sounds like a situation at home when a parent asks: "Where have you been today? The teenage son or daughter replies without guile: "Out."

The second readings during Lent are rich fare for our nourishment during these days. Today, from the first letter of St Peter we are taken on a journey from the time of Noah and the flood, (first reading) to Christ's death and resurrection and then to our own baptism. The journey also entails a movement from physical flood and washing with water to the spiritual aspects of water baptism: dying to sin, rising to new life and going forward in mission and ministry of Christ. Christ's victory in the wilderness and on the cross reaches out to everyone: those imprisoned and the free.

Poem of the Day

In what land of solitude,
forty days and forty nights,
will you go driven by the Spirit?
May it test you and strip you!
See, the times are fulfilled,
and God invites you to forget
your ancient servitudes.

Didier Rimaud. "Les arbres dans la mer"

Prayer over the People

May bountiful blessing, O Lord, we pray,
come down upon your people,
that hope may grow in tribulation,
virtue be strengthened in temptation,
and eternal redemption be assured.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.
(*Roman Missal, First Sunday of Lent*)

On the Lighter Side

Father and son were discussing what to give up for Lent. The Dad decided to give up liquor, then while watching cricket he opened a stubbie. His son objected, "Hey, I thought you were giving up liquor!" His dad answered, "Hard liquor, son. I'm giving up hard liquor. This is just a beer." To which the boy replied, "Well then, I'm giving up hard lollies."

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Paul Genio, Tony Barca, John Moran, Jodie Potts, Philip Bowman, Anne Dodd, Kady Mitchell-Treacy, Trevor Peterson, Amy Nicholson.

Recently Deceased: Kevin Morley

Anniversaries: Susan O'Shea, Lola Day

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



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Fr Uday Marneni, Alana Brennan (Chairperson)

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Parish Finance Committee

Fr Uday Marneni,

Wayne Mulcahy (Chairperson),

James Harris (Deputy Chair)

John Zobec, Chris Moor, Mary Zobec.

Mass Times

Kyabram

Week Day Masses (Tuesday & Thursday): see Diary

Saturday (2nd and 4th Saturday of the month): 6pm

Sunday: 8.30am

Tongala

First Sunday of month 11.30am

Merrigum

Third Sunday of month 12 noon

Reconciliation – Second Saturday of month at

5.30pm (before 6pm Mass) in St Augustine's Church

Mass of Anointing - held on the first Thursday of the month at 10am in St Augustine's Church.

FORTNIGHT MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Sun 18th February - 8.30am

Sun 18th February - 12.00pm - Merrigum

Tue 20th February - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Liturgy

Thu 22nd February - 9.15am – Liturgy

Weekly Masses

Sat 24th February - 6pm Mass

Sun 25th February - 8.30am

Tue 27th February - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Thu 29th February – 9.15am – Year 1/2 and Year 11

Weekly Masses

Sun 3rd March - 8.30am

Sun 3rd March - 11.30am – Tongala

Tue 5th March - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Thu 7th March - 10am – Anointing Mass

Weekly Masses

Sat 9th March - 5.30pm Reconciliation

ROSTERS

Saturday 24th February at 6pm

Commentator – S Carroll

Lector – J Harris

Special Minister – L Moran

Sunday 25th February at 8.30am

Commentator – A Snell

Lector – V Fox

Special Minister – J Stockdale

Sunday 3rd March at 8.30am

Commentator – E Luvara

Lector – J Chant

Special Minister – F Turner

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Thank you for your generosity and support for our Parish. May God bless you, always.

Last week's Collection is \$ 1125.85

CHILD SAFE PARISH

We are a Child Safe Parish, we have a zero tolerance for child abuse and aim to provide a safe, supportive and welcoming environment to all visiting children, young persons and vulnerable adults.

If you are concerned for any form of abuse that is immediate you should call 000; a significant risk or harm, whether or not you have formed this belief on reasonable grounds, you should immediately raise your concerns with the Parish Child safety officer Finola Price on 03 5852 1310.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

As we come to worship, we remember the Yorta Yorta & Bangerang People the original custodians of this land. We acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with deep respect. May the Elders, past and present, be blessed and honoured. May we join and build a future based on compassion, justice, faith and reconciliation.

FAREWELL

Farewell Doug and Noeline Small. Thank you for the many years of service to St Augustine's Parish and St Vinnies. Your contribution has been remarkable and very much appreciated by the parish and school and the larger Kyabram community.

PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY

Please support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and *for all future generations*. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all.

You can also donate by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



FATHER INSERVICE LEAVE

Father Uday will be away for an inservice from Monday 19 February returning for Mass on Saturday 24th February.

LENTEN LEAFLET AVAILABLE

The Lenten leaflets are now available from the gathering space in the church. You are welcome to form discussion groups or use them for personal reflection.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year's annual ecumenical service will be held on Friday 1st March at 10am at Kyabram Baptist Church followed by a cuppa and fellowship. Theme Country for this year is Palestine. Everyone welcome.

LADIES CUPPA AND CHAT

Ladies you are invited to Cuppa and Chat at Fauna Park Café on Wednesday 21st February at 2pm. If you need a ride, please contact Mary Elliott on 0427 822754.



PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Parish Finance Committee will be held on Tuesday, 5th March commencing at 6pm in the Parish meeting room.

MEN'S CHOIR

The men's choir is on the 1st Sunday of the month. Please come at 8am, Sunday 3 March to practice.



ANOINTING MASS

The next anointing mass will be held on Thursday 7th March at 10am, followed by a cuppa.



HOME COMMUNION

The Parish offers home communion. If anyone has a family member or loved one at home requiring communion, please contact the Parish.

Kyabram Catholic Parish Pastoral Council

Extends you a warm invitation to the celebration of

The Installation of Fr Uday Marneni ALCP/OSS

as Parish Priest of
St Augustine's Kyabram
St Patrick's Tongala
St Sebastian's Merrigum
by

Most Rev. Shane Mackinlay Bishop of Sandhurst Diocese

Saturday 9th March 2024
6pm Mass

At St Augustine's Church, Church St Kyabram

Followed by a Parish Meal

Please bring along a plate to share

RSVP: Tuesday 5th March to Parish Office 5852 1026 or email kyabram@sandhurst.catholic.org.au
Please leave message if unattended to assist with catering.

RITE OF ELECTION

The RCIA team has been busy journeying with Belinda Fitzpatrick for many months. Belinda will be sent forth from Kyabram to Bendigo for the Rite of Election this Sunday. We look forward to receiving Belinda into our faith community at Easter Vigil and we ask you to keep Belinda in your prayers.

SOCIAL GATHERING

(Happy Hour) will be held at Parkland Golf Club on Thursday 22th February at 4.30pm. Bring along a small plate of nibbles to share. Drinks at bar prices. Invite a friend or someone who may live alone. All welcome.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Saturday 24 February and 23 March at 5pm before Mass. All are encouraged to come along.

LENT 2024 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY, BRUCE DOWNES

Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed! For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent> Go to BruceDownes.org for more information.

“The Lord is loving unto man, and swift to pardon, but slow to punish. Let no man therefore despair of his own salvation.” *St. Cyril of Jerusalem*

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6 months (25 weeks)	\$12.00 per week	\$300
12 months (50 weeks)	\$10.00 per week	\$500

If you would like further details, please talk to Fr Uday, a member of the Finance Committee or Vicki in the office.



Caritas AUSTRALIA

**First Sunday of Lent
17 & 18 February**



PROJECT COMPASSION
FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS



This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women: Ronita from the Philippines, Leaia from Samoa and Memory from Malawi. While from three different corners of the world and facing vastly different challenges, they are all united by one dream: to create a better world for all future generations.

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