



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

Passion (Palm) Sunday

Sunday 28th March 2021



Readings for this week:

Entrance: Mark 11:1-10
Isaiah 50:4-7
Philippians 2:6-11
Passion of Mark 14:1-5:47



Readings for next week

Acts 10:34,37-43
Colossian 3:1-4
John 20:1-9



Liturgical Jottings

Passion (Palm) Sunday

This Sunday seems to have two titles. Passion Sunday because this is the day the entire Passion of the Lord is proclaimed as the Gospel. Palm Sunday because this day the palms and olives branches are blessed and distributed recalling the event of the people receiving Christ into Jerusalem. This was the very first Palm Sunday Procession or March.

We begin Holy Week. Two Gospels are read; one at the beginning of the Mass and the other in the Liturgy of the Word, They relate the events for the whole week. But no one-day is able to celebrate the entire mystery of the Last Supper, Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord. We take eight days.

Looking at the Readings

As with Mark's Gospel, the account of the Lord's Passion is the shortest of those of the four evangelists. I am somewhat thankful for this. My first day at Catholic University America I had to sit a two hour Latin test which comprised of translating St Jerome's Latin into English of Mark's Passion. It is simple Latin but more fortunately I had read it three times on Palm Sunday earlier in that year. The language is simple but its implications are deep. The secrets within his earlier mission are revealed. He is publicly acclaimed the Son of God. He is seen as the Master giving instructions. The Old is replaced by the New with the tearing of the veil in the temple: we now have a new temple, the body of Christ.

The paucity of words of Jesus from his arrest to his death are significant also in revealing his messianic secret. He speaks only three times: to the high priest's question he answer "I am [the Messiah] the son of Man" to Pilate's question are you King of the Jews, "Yes" and finally "Eloi, Eloi lama sabachthani", the words of the suffering servant, Psalm 22:1 is also an ancient reference to the Messiah.

A Passion Sunday Prayer *(A prayer by Nerses Snorhali)*

With the tearing of the veil
on account of Adam's debts,
tear my ingrained meanness,
destroy the bond of my life's sins.
I believe with all my soul
and adore you, O only Son,
forgive me the faults I committed;
may my past sins not be remembered.

Quotable Quote

God speaks in the silence of the heart, and we listen. And then we speak to God from the fullness of our heart, and God listens. And this listening and this speaking is what prayer is meant to be.

St Teresa of Calcutta

On the Lighter Side

When our son was around five, on Palm Sunday we did the normal parental questioning, "So, what did you learn today at Mass?" He was carrying a small branch home, so we expected to hear about Jesus riding on a donkey and people waving palm branches. Instead, our son said, "I learned not to poke anyone in the eye."



HARVEST MASS THANKS

Thank you to those who attended our Harvest Mass last Saturday evening, and for generously donating food to St Vincent de Paul Society.

Photos are on display at the back of the church, as well as some being on our website and Facebook page.

ALL WELCOME TO CHRISM MASS

Tuesday, 30th March 11.00am - Sacred Heart Cathedral

A principal annual celebration of our Diocese, the Chrism Mass, or Mass of the Oils is a celebration of the priesthood of the faithful, lay and ordained. During the Mass the oils used for sacraments - the oil of the sick, the oil of baptism, and the Chrism oil - are blessed and distributed for the use of parishes throughout the year. It is also the occasion for the priests of the diocese to renew the promises taken at their ordination to serve God's people faithfully, in imitation of Christ.

Please note that due to the Chrism Mass, there will be NO MASS at 5.00pm at St Augustine's Church on Tuesday, 30th March.

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 or in an envelope addressed to PPC via the Sunday Mass collection plate.

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

HELPERS NEEDED FOR EASTER

We are looking for people available to assist with the hot cross buns for the Good Friday Ecumenical Service (2nd April) being held in the Memorial Gardens. Helpers to meet in the Parish meeting room at 9.00am to assist with buttering and wrapping the buns. Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to help.

We are also looking for people to assist with the Easter Ceremonies. Sheets are at the back of the church if you are available to assist. Please fill out and ensure that a phone number is left so you can be contacted.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Sunday devotions will take place following the 7.00pm Mass on Saturday, 10th April.

On Feb 22, 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."

ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND (EASTER)

Rosters as arranged.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (28th March)

Hosanna to the Son of David;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord, the King of Israel.
Hosanna in the highest.

HOLY WEEK TIMES

Holy Thursday (1 st April)	7.00 pm	St Augustine's, Kyabram
Good Friday (2 nd April)	10.00 am 3.00 pm	Ecumenical Service at Memorial Gardens, Kyabram Passion of our Lord, St Augustine's Kyabram
Saturday Easter Vigil (3 rd April)	7.00 pm	St Augustine's Kyabram
Easter Sunday (4 th April)	9.30 am	St Augustine's Kyabram

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

Recently Deceased: Tom Herrick, Dot Bell, Maureen Walsh

Anniversaries: Bill Nicholson

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



DIARY DATES

Monday	29 Mar	-
Tuesday	30 Mar	Mass of the Oils (Sacred Heart Cathedral) 11.00am No Mass
Wednesday	31 Mar	-
Thursday	1 Apr	Holy Thursday Mass 7.00pm
Friday	2 Apr	<i>Good Friday</i> Ecumenical Service, Memorial Gardens 10.00am Passion of Our Lord, 3.00pm
Saturday	3 Apr	Easter Vigil Mass 7.00pm
Sunday	4 Apr	Easter Sunday Mass 9.30am
Monday	5 Apr	-
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 Mass Tongala 11.30am

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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

A FAIRER AND MORE INCLUSIVE WORLD

This Sunday evening, the Combined Churches of Bendigo and Rural Australians for Refugees are having a Palm Sunday Vigil for people to express their commitment to justice, peace and inclusion - to show support for Justice for Refugees - on **Sunday 28th March** between 7.00pm and 9.00pm in St Andrew's UCA forecourt, Myers St. Bendigo.

Please see the noticeboard at the back of the church for further details.



SIXTH SUNDAY OF LENT
28th March 2021



For over half a century, generations of Australians have participated in Project Compassion, supporting vulnerable communities before, during and after natural disasters, conflicts and crises – making it one of the nation's longest running charity campaigns.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, phoning 1800 024 413 or by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion.



THE SAVING WORD

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD / B

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the uprising. When the crowd went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them,

O. Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?

N. For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief

priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priests, however, had incited the crowd to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead.

Then Pilate spoke again,

O. But in that case, what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?

N. They shouted back,

C. Crucify him!

N. Pilate asked them,

O. Why? What harm has he done?

N. But they shouted all the louder,

C. Crucify him!

N. So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him up in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him,

C. Hail, king of the Jews!

N. They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage.

And when they had finished making fun of him, they took

off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes.

They led him out to crucify him. They enlisted a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was

coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull.

They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription giving the charge against him read: 'The King of the Jews.'

And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said,

C. Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days!

Then save yourself: come down from the cross!

N. The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. They said,

C. He saved others, he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel,

come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.

Even those who were crucified with him taunted him.

When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

I. Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?

N. This means 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this they said,

C. Listen, he is calling on Elijah.

Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink saying,

O. Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.

But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

All kneel and pause a moment

And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died, and he said,

O. In truth this man was a son of God.

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FIRST READING

Isa 50: 4-7

A reading from the prophet

Isaiah

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied, he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spitte.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 21: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24. R. v. 2

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me. / They curl their lips, they toss their heads: / 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him: / let him release him if this is his friend.' **R.**

2. Many dogs have surrounded me, / a band of the wicked beset me. / They tear holes in my hands and my feet, / I can count every one of my bones. **R.**

3. They divide my clothing among them. / They cast lots for my robe. / O Lord, do not leave me alone, / my strength, make haste to help me! **R.**

4. I will tell of your name to my brethren / and praise you where they are assembled. / 'You who fear the Lord give him praise: / all sons of Jacob, give him glory. / Revere him, Israel's sons.' **R.**

SECOND READING

Phil 2: 6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Phil 2: 8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! / Christ became obedient for us even to

death, / dying on the cross. / Therefore God raised him on high / and gave him a name above all other names: / Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

Mk 15: 1-39

(N. Narrator **I.** Jesus

O. Other single speaker

C. Crowd, or more than one other speaker)

N. The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

N. First thing in the morning, the chief priests together with the elders and scribes, in short the whole Sanhedrin, had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned him,

O. Are you the king of the Jews?

N. He answered,

I. It is you who say it.

N. And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again,

O. Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!

N. But to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply.

At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had committed murder during