

# 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

**Fifth Sunday of Lent Year B**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021**



Readings for this week:

Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Hebrews 5:7-9  
John 12:20-33



Readings for next week

Entrance: Mark 11:1-10

Isaiah 50:4-7

Philippians 2:6-11

Passion of Mark 14:1-5:47



## Liturgical Jottings

### The Collect

The Opening Prayer at Masses is now more aptly titled the Collect. It may come after several prayers, eg Palm Sunday, so not really the first or opening prayer of the liturgy. The prayer is introduced by the words "Let us pray" and followed by a few moments of silence to let us quietly add our own prayers that are then "collected" by the priest and offered to God through Jesus Christ.

In today's Collect we ask for help on the journey. Throughout Lent, we have the image of the disciples on the road to Jerusalem, of the pilgrim Church on a journey through the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection.

This Sunday, we pray to walk the journey with eager faith and love. With Jesus as our model, we await on the other side of suffering and pain. Let us ask God's help to become more deeply united with Christ, to become Christ-like in love, and to love the world as Jesus did.

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## Looking at the Readings

The first readings in this Lenten cycle have highlighted "Covenant". It is mentioned 176 in the Old Testament (Hebrew & Greek). This day the Prophet Jeremiah uniquely speaks of the "New Covenant" (31:31) that the Lord will make with new laws and written upon a new heart. The Responsorial psalm also takes up this theme: "A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me." Ps 51:10.

The Gospel passage today is complex. There are four strands: the Greeks, possibly pagan, who wanted to see Jesus; secondly the parable of the wheat grain that dies to give live; thirdly Jesus' troubled soul; and finally the epiphany - God's voice attesting to Jesus and his glory.

What weaves these strands is Jesus' testimony in the last verses. Without mentioning the cross Jesus says he will be lifted up and draw all people to himself. The Parable of the seed united death to the resurrection and ascension and to Christ's life to our lives. The Cross and Resurrection are one act of giving glory. We journey with Christ to his death and to his resurrection.

## A Palm Sunday Message

So, in these holy days, in our homes, let us stand before the Crucified One, the fullest measure of God's love for us, and before the God who serves us to the point of giving his life, and let us ask for the grace to live in order to serve. May we reach out to those who are suffering and those most in need. May we not be concerned about what we lack, but what good we can do for others. *Pope Francis 2020.*

## Prayer for the Week (from the Preface 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Lent, Ambrosian Missal)

Lord God your Son died once for all  
to establish your grace for ever amongst us;  
and by his rising from the dead  
he has fashioned anew our human nature,  
restoring to us the heavenly gifts  
lost through the deceit of the evil one.

## On the Lighter Side

What did one stalk of wheat say to the other? "We wheat again!" What did the German wheat say to the Aussie wheat? "Gluten tag!" Why did the grain grower insult his crop? "Because he was wheat intolerant!" Why did the farmer win so many awards? He was out standing in his field!



## HARVEST MASS (Saturday Vigil Mass)

**WELCOME** to the celebration, thanksgiving and sharing of the harvest – just as **Jesus and his people celebrated, gave thanks and shared in the 'Feast of Ingathering' or 'the Feast of Tabernacles.**



People may like to join tonight's entry procession and lay their items of non-perishables like a can, jar or packet, at the altar for the St Vincent DePaul Society to distribute. After Mass, please feel free to swap and share items of produce from the trading table.

Thank you to everyone who has helped and given to make our harvest celebration enjoyable.

*God, giver of all life,  
blessed are you in the fruits of the earth;  
blessed are you in the work of human hands  
and in the harvest of human creativity.*

*God of the poor and hungry,  
blessed are you in the grace of hospitality;  
blessed are you in the striving for justice  
and the fragility of peace-making.*

*God of the great feast and the simple meal,  
blessed are you in the sowing of seed;  
blessed are you in the breaking of bread  
and in the generosity of sharing. Amen.*

## ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm:**

Commentator – S Carroll; Lector – M Radanov;  
Special Minister – A O'Meara

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 8.00am:**

Commentator – M DiPetta; Lector – M Carver;  
Special Minister – J Stockdale

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (21<sup>st</sup> March)

Give me justice, O God,  
and plead my cause against a nation that is  
faithless.

From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,  
for you, O God, are my strength.

## COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION

Communal Reconciliation will be held on  
**Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.00pm in  
St Augustine's church, Kyabram.

## PPC MARCH MEETING UPDATE

- Developing our Parish Strategic Plan is underway. Parish Priorities have been drafted and are now available for comments and input by parishioners.

These priorities have been put on display at the back of St Augustine's Church and on our parish Website, Facebook and weekly bulletin.

- PPC have been notified of the retirement of Marie Dillon and Mary Elliott from the Parish Care Group. The care group has now gone into recess. To acknowledge the great work of the Care Group and especially Marie and Mary over many years a Mass for the intentions of all Care Group supporters will be held on **Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> April** at 5.00pm. All are welcome to attend.

## HELPERS NEEDED

We are looking for people available to assist with the hot cross buns for the Good Friday Ecumenical Service (2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

With St Joseph's Feast Day celebrated on Friday, and in the Year of St Joseph, we have available on the tables at both church entrances printed St Joseph Prayer Cards for you to take home.

## HOLY WEEK TIMES

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

## DEVELOPING OUR PARISH STRATEGIC PLAN

At the first workshop held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March, parishioners and PPC present drafted a set of 5 Priorities (shown right) from the data of past surveys, plenary council parish meetings.

PPC invite parishioners to pray and reflect on these Priorities 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.

All the data is on display on the noticeboard at the back of St Augustine's Church and copies of the poster are available for you to take home; the poster is also on our Parish Website (under 'Other Information') and Facebook.

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

## REGISTER NOW FOR "STRONGER TONIGHT"

Registrations are now open to attend the first Stronger Event of the year outside St Kilian's Church, Bendigo on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March** from 6:30pm-9pm. Stronger Tonight will include a talk from Josh Angrisano, music from Gen Bryant and her band, plus some other amazing guests. We will also be livestreaming the event from 7pm for those unable to attend via the Stronger Youth YouTube channel.

To attend in person, you will need to register. Due to current Covid guidelines, places are limited, but come along, bring a picnic rug or chair, some food and get ready for an awesome night!!!

This event is open to all Secondary School students and young adults.

Contact Sandhurst Youth Ministry for more information: [youth@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:youth@sandhurst.catholic.org.au)

Register at:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BPTHG>

# DEVELOPING OUR STRATEGIC PLAN: PARISH PRIORITIES

## CONNECTEDNESS BETWEEN GROUPS

Relationships between individuals, parish & schools, sacramental and other groups in the parish.

## STEWARDSHIP OF RESOURCES

Wider community collaboration, transparency, celebrating volunteers.

## LITURGICAL RENEWAL

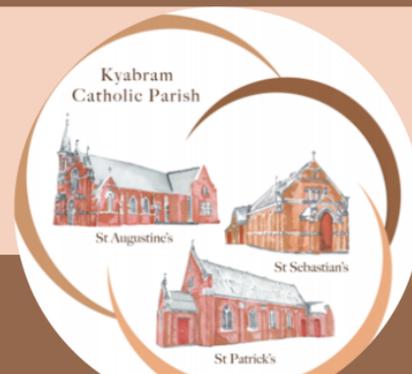
Faith formation, reconnecting and re-energising.

## EVANGALISATION

Renewing & updating, outreach, reflecting on our environment, mass times, use of social media.

## COMMUNICATION

Promote, enhance, modernise.



## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

**Recently Deceased:** Maureen Walsh, Josie McSherry

**Anniversaries:** -

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



## DIARY DATES

Monday	22 Mar	-
Tuesday	23 Mar	Mass 5.00pm, followed by Stations of the Cross
Wednesday	24 Mar	-
Thursday	25 Mar	Mass 9.15am Communal Reconciliation 7.00pm
Friday	26 Mar	-
Saturday	27 Mar	Mass 7.00pm
Sunday	28 Mar	<i>Palm Sunday</i> Mass 8.00am Mass Merrigum 11.00am
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

## HELPERS NEEDED

We are looking for people available 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.



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021



Halima is raising two children in a Bangladeshi refugee camp while caring for her mother, who has a disability. A Caritas Australia-supported program helped her with a shelter, cooking equipment and hygiene training. Halima now earns a small income as a trainer, helping to maintain the health and cleanliness of her community.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to so this transformational program can continue to empower vulnerable women, men and children, and strengthen the communities around them.**

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, phoning 1800 024 413 or by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion).

## Parish Administrator

### Fr John Paul Pasala

Kyabram Presbytery: 5852 1026  
Tatura Presbytery: 5824 1049

### Pastoral Associate

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

### Administration

Leanne, Colleen and Ruth

### Parish Office hours –

Mon/Tues/Wed – 8.30am to 12 noon  
Thursday – 8.30am to 5.00pm

Parish Office email address

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Parish Office website:

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### Principals

St Augustine's College  
Brayden Stone – Phone 5851 3000

St Patrick's Primary  
Jackie Stockdale – Phone 5859 0371

### Parish Pastoral Council

Fr John Paul, Alma Limbrick (Pastoral Associate), Alana Brennan (Chairperson), 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