

KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

7 May 2023



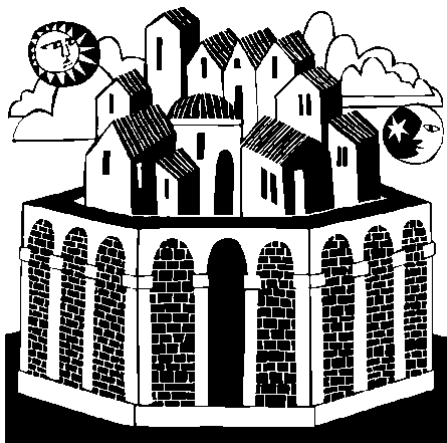
Readings for this week:

Acts 6:1-7
1 Peter 2:4-9
John 14:1-12



Readings for next Sunday:

Acts 8:5-8,14-17
1 Peter 3:15-18
John 17:1-11



Liturgical Jottings

Deacons

The Catholic church has three orders within Holy Orders: Bishop, Presbyter (priest) and Deacon. The role of deacon finds its origins in the New Testament. The verb means to serve at table. The noun is translated as servant or minister. The title is attributed in a way to the Apostles and those appointed to provide a ministry in the Church. St Paul named it as a distinctive office (Philippians 1:1), and lists the deacon's qualities (1 Tim 3:8-13). Though the seven appointed men in the first reading this Sunday are not called deacons their duties of prayer, service to the word and charity imply the service of a deacon. Phoebe of Cenchreae is called a deaconess (Rom 16:1).

"At Mass the deacon proclaims the Gospel, may preach God's word, announce the intentions of the Prayer of the Faithful, prepare the altar and serve the celebration of the sacrifice, distribute communion especially the cup ..." cf GIRM 94

Looking at the Readings

The gospel readings for the Sundays just before the feast of Pentecost are all taken from Jesus' last discourse in the Gospel of John. In them, Jesus prepares his followers for his death and resurrection and his ultimate exaltation.

This Sunday Jesus says that it is through his death that he goes to God. However, it is as he is raised up in crucifixion that he is exalted. The author of the epistle declares him 'chosen and precious in the sight of God' but it is as the stone that was rejected that he is so honoured. If we ever wonder how the exaltation of Jesus will affect us, we have Jesus' own words of explanation. He promises to go ahead of us and make arrangements for us to share in his exaltation in the house of the one he calls Father. All we need do is follow him.

Today's readings suggest that the exaltation of Jesus is most dramatically manifested in the character of the community of those called by his name. It is revealed in the way Christians settle their differences so that all parties are treated fairly. Jesus is the cornerstone upon which this community is built, and the community mirrors his influence in its life. Christians also participate in the exaltation of Jesus by spreading the good news to others. In Acts we see how the witness of life and the preaching of the word of God increased the number of believers.

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Pope Francis Easter Vigil Homily

Yet today, brother, sister, the power of Easter summons you to roll away every stone of disappointment and mistrust. The Lord is an expert in rolling back the stones of sin and fear. He wants to illuminate your sacred memory, your most beautiful memory, and to make you relive that first encounter with him. Remember and keep moving forward. Return to him and rediscover the grace of God's resurrection within you! Return to Galilee. Return to your Galilee. Dear brothers and sisters, let us follow Jesus to Galilee, encounter him and worship him there, where he is waiting for each of us. Let us revive the beauty of that moment when we realized that he is alive and we made him the Lord of our lives. Let us return to Galilee, the Galilee of our first love. Let each of us return to his or her own Galilee, to the place where we first encountered him. Let us rise to new life! (part 4)

On the Lighter Side

A priest, a deacon and a rabbit walk into a blood bank.
"I think I might be a Type O." said the rabbit.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Fr Steve Bowhan, Cheryl Pearce (Baker), Anne Dodd, Bill Worm, Philip Bowman, Ainsley Lane, Sam Peyton, Shane McDonell, Kady Mitchell-Treacy, Samantha Kurilic, Trevor Peterson.

Recently Deceased: Margaret Myers, Jack Dwyer, Thomas Canning.

Anniversaries: Rosina Sanzo, Shirley Donohue, Pat Hehir

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



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Fr John Paul Pasala,

Alana Brennan (Chairperson)

Maurie Finn, Veronica Fox, Mary D'Augello,

Carl Cabaraban. Brendon Lane, Jackie Stockdale,

Finola Price, Natalie Watt, Jay Sutton, John Forde

Parish Finance Committee

Fr John Paul Pasala,

Wayne Mulcahy (Chairperson),

James Harris (Deputy Chair)

John Zobec, Naomi Hehir, Mary Zobec.

Mass Times

Kyabram

Week Day Masses (Tuesday and Thursday): see

Diary Dates

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

Sunday: 8.30am

Tongala

First Sunday of month 11.30am

Merrigum

Third Sunday of month 12.00 noon

Reconciliation – Second Saturday of the month at

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

Kyabram.

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

FORTNIGHT MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Sun 7th May - 8.30am

Sun 7th May – 11.30am - Tongala

Tue 9th May - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Thu 11th May - 9.15am

Weekly Masses

Sat 13th May – 5.30pm Reconciliation

Sat 13th May - 6pm (Cuppa after Mass)

Sun 14th May - 8.30am

Tue 16th May - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Thu 18th May – 9.15am – Year 7 & Year 11

Weekly Masses

Sun 21st May – 8.30am – cuppa after Mass

Sun 21st May – 8.30 and 12 noon - Merrigum

Tue 23rd May - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Thu 25th May - 9.15am

Fri 26th May - 11.30am - National Sorry Day Mass
at Brigidine Centre

ROSTERS

Saturday 13th May at 6pm

Commentator – M Radanov

Lector – W Mulchay

Special Minister – L Busch

Sunday 14th May at 8.30am

Commentator – M Carver

Lector – N Watt

Special Minister – J Chant

Sunday 21st May at 8.30am

Commentator – T Hehir

Lector – V Fox

Special Minister – M Cocks

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

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

Last week's Collection is \$1142.05

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 58521310.

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.

SCHOOL CONCERT

Our Foundation - Year 6 students will be performing a range of songs accompanied by a musician named Andrew Chinn on Thursday 18th May in our Brigidine Centre. It will commence at 2pm and go for approx 60 minutes. And we're sure our students would LOVE an audience! If any Parishioners would like to join us they would be most welcome!

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

A reminder the next Parish Finance Council meeting will be held Tuesday 9th May at 7pm in the Parish Meeting room.

NATIONAL SORRY DAY MASS

There will be a National Sorry Day Mass held on Friday 26 May at 11.30 in the Brigidine Centre. We would love to see lots of parishioners to join in on the special occasion.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Next weekend at mass our Sacramental children will be receiving their workbooks for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We keep the children and their parents/caregivers in our prayers as they start the sacramental journey.

SANDHURST SCRIPTURE TALKS 2023

Acts of the Apostles: Making Decisions with the Holy Spirit. Join Dr Rosemary Canavan and Rev. Dr Brian Boyle on a journey through Luke's "Acts of the Apostles" focusing on the elucidation of the Holy Spirit in the birth of the Church and the activity of the Holy Spirit in the process of discernment in the Council of Jerusalem.

"Its emphasis on discernment, prayerful reflection and indeed synodality makes Acts a topical and enjoyable work for study and reflection." (Fr Brian Boyle)
Online via Zoom 7p.m. Tuesday 9, 16 and 23 May. These Talks are free, but you must register to attend. These talks are eligible for maintaining accreditation for teachers in Catholic Schools.



PARISH SUPPORT

Thank you to our generous givers for your ongoing support of our Parish! Our Planned Giving and collections are for – parish operating expenses, churches maintenance, clergy support and presbytery support. If you are a new parishioner or now in a position to give there are many ways to give to our church needs. Giving is by way of church envelopes, direct debit or periodic credit card payments and is flexible to suit your preference of weekly, fortnightly, monthly, quarterly, and half yearly or yearly. You can also give without a set pledge amount or timeframe to give by. We encourage anyone who is not on the Planned Giving Program to contact the parish office. Thank you for considering this option to support our Parish.

PPC MAY REPORT

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

All Parish workers (PPC, PFC, Special Ministers, etc) are being asked to provide their **Working With Children (WWC)** cards to the Parish. They are also asked to complete an online learning module related to the Working with Children Standards. For those who are unable to do it online a training session will be held on Wednesday 31st May in the church at 10am. An invitation letter will be sent to these parishioners who are required to attend.

For more information, please call Finola Price 5852 1310, Mary Zobec 0427190282 or Parish office on 5852 1026.

Certificates received from the online learning course and copies of WWC cards need to be stored in the secure location at the Parish. They can be given to Vicki on a Tuesdays or Thursdays at the Parish Office.

‘FUNCTION, ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PPC’ BOOKLET

Brendan Lane has updated a booklet outlining the function, role and responsibility of the PPC. The PPC is in the process of reviewing this booklet and then it will be distributed to Parish members

PARISH FORMATION DAY

We are in the process of developing a ‘Parish Formation Day’ for PPC and PFC members. The aim of the day is for prayerful discernment to drive our strategic plan while

PENTECOST WITH SANDHURST YOUTH MINISTRY

Young People ages 15-35 are invited to gather together to celebrate Pentecost! There will be music from Melbourne musician Gen Bryant and her band, talks and other activities, and a BBQ. We will also celebrate the Pentecost Vigil Mass as part of the evening.

Further information, including how to register, will be available on Instagram and Facebook on the Sandhurst Youth Ministry pages to find out more. Saturday 27 May. Our Lady's Church, Wangaratta Sth. 5:30 – 9:30pm (arrive from 5pm)

NETFLIX RECOMMENDATION FROM FR TONY SHALLUE

Netflix is currently showing a worthwhile doco-series entitled “Stories of a Generation - with Pope Francis”. In this series the Pope is encouraging the younger generation to listen to the aged people of our society and world. The series consists of a variety of people from around the world sharing their life experiences and Pope Francis reflecting on their experiences.



BAPTISM

We congratulate Matilda Ann Bartlett on her baptism this weekend.

Please keep her parents Stephanie and Carl Bartlett and godparents James Peatling and Scott Webber in your prayers as we welcome her into our parish community.

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