



# KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

St Augustine's – Kyabram, 69 Church Street, PO Box 341, Kyabram Vic, 3620  
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Parish Priest – Fr Uday Marneni ALCP/OSS

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 28 April 2024



Readings for  
this week:

Acts 9:26-31  
1 John 3:18-24  
John 15:1-8



Readings for  
next Sunday:

Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48  
1 John 4:7-10 or 4:11-16  
John 15:9-17 or 17:11-19



## Liturgical Jottings

### Altar Wine

When at the request of his Mother Mary, Jesus turned water into wine at the wedding at Cana, it was the best of all wines. At the Last Supper, Jesus “took a cup ... saying, ‘Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins’” (Matthew 26:27-28). The wine had to be pure and true wine. Our Lord also said, “For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink” (John 6:55).

Altar wines have to meet requirements set by canon law and the General Instructions of the Roman Missal (GIRM). Briefly, Canon 924§3 declares: “The wine must be natural, made from grapes of the vine, and not corrupt.” GIRM 322 continues: “The wine for the celebration of the Eucharist must be made from the fruit of the vine (Luke 22:18), natural and unadulterated, that is, without admixture of extraneous substances.”

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## Focus on the Gospel

At first glance, it appears that there is a certain ruthlessness about the image of the vinedresser pruning the vine: perform or perish! However, the process of cutting away and pruning branches is an incredibly nurturing action; it is removing the unproductive portions of the plant so that the vine has an even better opportunity to produce fruit in the next season. It is an act of love; not an act of economic rationalism. Within our own lives we are called to make decisions about which of our thoughts and actions are life-giving (fruit-bearing) and which are unproductive; negative; crippling; life-diminishing.

If we are able to ‘prune’ our life-diminishing thoughts and actions we allow ourselves the freedom and the ability to really flourish. Feelings of jealousy, greed, resentment, self-doubt and lack of confidence can limit our ability to be fully alive just as addictive and harmful behaviours can physically take away our ability to perform at our best. It is only through a process of cutting away and pruning that we can nurture ourselves to realise the beauty of our potential. © Greg Sunter

## Easter Poem

How might it feel to be part of the vine?  
Not just to see the vineyard from afar  
Or even pluck the clusters, press the wine,  
But to be grafted in, to feel the stir  
Of inward sap that rises from our root,  
Himself deep planted in the ground of Love,  
To feel a leaf unfold a tender shoot,  
As tendrils curled unfurl, as branches give  
A little to the swelling of the grape,  
In gradual perfection, round and full,  
To bear within oneself the joy and hope  
Of God’s good vintage, till it’s ripe and whole.  
What might it mean to bide and to abide  
In such rich love as makes the poor heart glad?  
*A Sonnet by Malcolm Guite*

## Quote of the week

Conscience and reputation are two things. Conscience is due to yourself, reputation to your neighbour. *Saint Augustine*

## On the Lighter Side

I was having wine with my wife when she said 'I love you so much, you know. I don't know how I could ever live without you.' I said, 'Is that you or the wine talking?' She said, 'It's me talking to the wine.' Love the wine you're with!



## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Sick:** Daniel Lingard, Frances Corso, Paul Genio, Tony Barca, John Moran, Jodie Potts, Philip Bowman, Kady Mitchell-Treacy.

**Recently Deceased:** Jim Dowsey, Germaine Stevens

**Anniversaries:** Maria Zobec, Mario Cavallaro, Rino Rosa, Jack Dwyer.

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



## PARISH DETAILS

### PARISH PRIEST

Fr Uday Kumar Marneni ALCP/OSS

Kyabram Presbytery: 5852 1026

Tatura Presbytery: 5824 1049

### PARISH OFFICE

Email: [kyabram@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:kyabram@sandhurst.catholic.org.au)

Website: [www.kyabramcatholicparish.org.au](http://www.kyabramcatholicparish.org.au)

### PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Vicki Arnel – 0417 147 695

### PARISH PASTORAL ASSISTANT

Mary Zobec – 0427 190 282

Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 8.30am-4pm

### PRINCIPALS

*St Augustine's College* - Jay Sutton – Phone 5851 3000

*St Patrick's Primary* - Jackie Stockdale – Phone 5859 0371

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Fr Uday Marneni, 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 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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

**ANOINTING MASS** - held on the first Thursday of the month at 10am in St Augustine's Church.

## FORTNIGHT MASS TIME TABLE

### Weekly Masses

Sun 28<sup>th</sup> April - 8.30am

Tue 30<sup>th</sup> April - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> May - 10am Anointing Mass

### Weekly Masses

Sun 5<sup>th</sup> May - 8.30am

Sun 5<sup>th</sup> May - 11.30am – Tongala

Tue 7<sup>th</sup> May - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Thu 9<sup>th</sup> May - 9.15am - F-4 Mother's Day Mass

Sat 11<sup>th</sup> May - 5.30pm Reconciliation

- 6pm Mass - cuppa after Mass

### Weekly Masses

Sun 12<sup>th</sup> May - 8.30am

Tue 14<sup>th</sup> May - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Thu 16<sup>th</sup> May – 9.15am – 9-12 Community Mass

### Weekly Masses

Sun 19<sup>th</sup> May - 8.30am

## ROSTERS

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 8.30am

Commentator – J Chant

Lector – E Luvara

Special Minister – M Elliot

### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm

Commentator – L Ratcliffe

Lector – C Anderson

Special Minister – L Sorbello

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 8.30am

Commentator – M Carver

Lector – N Watt

Special Minister – J Stockdale

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

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

**Last week's Collection is \$ 875.95**

## 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.

## MONTHLY WORKING BEE

Monthly working bees will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month at 9.30am to do some general cleaning in the church eg dusting, cleaning glass doors, cobwebs, sweeping steps, etc. This is instead of a roster. If you are able to spend some time helping with cleaning duties please put your name on the clip board provided in the gathering space. This will commence on 4<sup>th</sup> May.

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

We are now accepting expression of interest for the St Augustine's 2024 Sacramental Program. The program is for Grade 3 or above and need to be baptised. Please ring the Office on 5821026 or email: [kyabram@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:kyabram@sandhurst.catholic.org.au) if you have not registered through the school.

## TAP AND GO

We have installed our new Tap and go donation tap point. The machine is easy to use, tap on the amount you wish to donate and then tap your card. This is a donation machine only and **can't** be used for planned giving. Please contact the office if you would like any more information or assistance in using the machine.

## PROJECT COMPASSION

If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back asap or visit [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) and donate online. **Caritas Australia** would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2024.

## DEFIBRILLATOR

Did you know St Augustine's College installed a defibrillator. It is located on the corner of the south western end of the Church side door entry facing the asphalt to the church and can be accessed in the event of an emergency when CPR is potentially required. We thank the school for their support of the parish and community. **The code for use is C3620.**

## BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Would you be interested in advertising your business in our Parish bulletin and on our website?

The costs are: **Advert (5x6cm)**

3 months (12 weeks)	\$16.67 per week	\$200
6 months (25 weeks)	\$12.00 per week	\$300
12 months (50 weeks)	\$10.00 per week	\$500

If you know someone who may be interest or if you would like further details, please talk to Fr Uday, a member of the Finance Committee or Vicki in the office.

## HOME COMMUNION

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

## CATHOLIC CARE

At CatholicCare Victoria they empower communities and build strength and resilience, to enable everyone to reach their full potential and live life to the full. Our services are offered to everyone in the community, regardless of age, race, gender, ability, religious beliefs or economic status. Strengthening families & communities. They support people at every stage of life, to build strong, positive relationships and reach their full potential. Offering services for Families, Couples, Refugees & Asylum Seekers, Individuals, Children & Youth, and Professionals. Contact: Bendigo Office T (03) 5438 1300, 176 – 178 McCrae Street, Bendigo 3550. Open Monday-Friday 9am-5pm.

E [bendigo.reception@catholiccarevic.org.au](mailto:bendigo.reception@catholiccarevic.org.au)

## A BEQUEST TO THE CHURCH

Have you thought about leaving a bequest to the church? The forms are available in the office if you would like to leave a bequest. These can be filled in and left with your will. Please contact Vicki or email the office for a copy.

## PHOTOS

On special occasions and some Masses parish volunteers may take photo for use on our social media and website. If you don't wish for you photo to be taken please contact a member of the parish or notify the photographer.

## CARERS FREE WORKSHOPS

Carers Victoria is the statewide voice for family carers and providing support and advice to carers. Free workshops are available to carers.

5 May Bendigo - Free Carers' lunch, 12- 2 pm. For those living in Bendigo/Shepparton areas. To book, or for more information, contact Education Services on 1800 514 845 or email [education@carersvictoria.org.au](mailto:education@carersvictoria.org.au)

## SANDPIPER ENEWS

The latest issue of Sandpiper e-News is now available online. Issue 38 can be accessed through the Homepage of the Diocesan website or the following link:

We encourage parishioners to subscribe to the Sandpiper e-News (which can be done at the bottom of the link page).

<https://mailchi.mp/sandhurst/sandpiper-e-news-from-the-diocese-of-sandhurst-13749579>

## SAFEGUARDING

In line with our Safeguarding policy for children and adults at risk, information can be found on the notice board in the gathering space. Please make yourselves familiar with the information provided. If you have any question or concerns, please contact Finola Price 03 5852 1310 or Mary Zobec 0427 190 282.

“Father, I am seeking: I am hesitant and uncertain, but will you, O God, watch over each step of mine and guide me.” *St. Augustine of Hippo*

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### Seasons for Growth – A change, loss and grief program for adults:

A program run by CatholicCare Bendigo designed to help anyone who has experienced significant change such as loss, death, family breakdown, or other change which has had an impact on their wellbeing. Seasons for Growth is led by trained facilitators.

Through this program, you can learn to:

- understand and normalise emotions associated with change, loss and grief
- explore new approaches to dealing with change, loss and grief
- build decision making and problem-solving skills
- grow a supportive network of peers
- integrate your learnings into your relationships with family and friends

Friday 26th April 2024

**CatholicCare Victoria, Bendigo Office.**

TO REGISTER, PLEASE CONTACT:

Family and Relationship Team. (03) 5438 1300 or [bendigo.reception@catholiccarevic.org.au](mailto:bendigo.reception@catholiccarevic.org.au)

