

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 15th May 2022



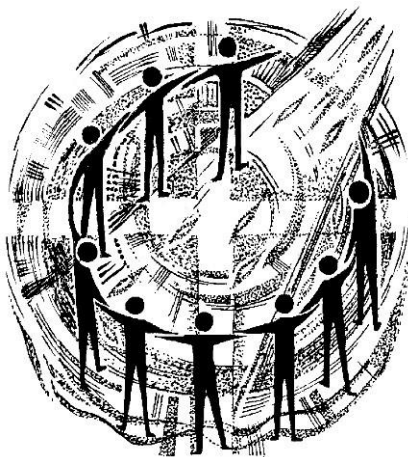
Readings for this week:

Acts 14:21-27
Apocalypse 21:1-5
John 13:31-35



Readings for next Sunday

Acts 15:1-2,22-29
Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23
John 14:23-29



Liturgical Jottings

New Creation

The adjective "**NEW**" is prominent in the prayers and readings of the liturgy today: new song (Entrance antiphon); make new (Collect); new earth, new Heaven, new Jerusalem, new Creation (second reading); new commandment (Acclamation and Gospel) and newness of life (prayer after communion). The Easter Preface IV is appropriate for today, containing "with the old order destroyed, a universe cast down is renewed, and integrity of life is restored to us in Christ."

The Saints on Easter

The reign of life has begun; the tyranny of death is ended. A new birth has taken place, a new life has come, a new order of existence has appeared, and our very nature has been transformed! This birth is not brought about by human means, but by God. St Gregory of Nyssa d. 395

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Looking at the Readings

The Gospel today begins the "Farewell Discourse of Jesus." In sacred scripture we have other examples of farewell discourses: that of Moses in the Book of Deuteronomy prior to his death and of Paul in Acts 20:17-38 on his departure to Rome. Jesus' farewell is on the eve of his death, the forces of darkness are at play with Judas' act of betrayal, but also the beginning of the glorification of Jesus Christ, on the cross and in the Resurrection, is at work. The Farewell Discourse embraces five chapters; in this short passage we hear only four verses concluding with the new commandment. Though it is not a commandment new to God's people, rather its newness is in its effect: by living the commandment of love, you will witness his love and this witness will bring new disciples, new believers and new life.

From the darkness of hatred and slaughter that we see in war and terrorist attacks on mosques and churches in recent years; we also witness solidarity, forgiveness and renewed efforts for peace and unity.

A Prayer for Elections

We give you thanks for Australia, the Great South Land of the Holy Spirit. In this Spirit we pray for our land and all its people as the nation elects a new Federal Parliament. We pray for the women and men who have offered themselves as candidates for public office. May those who are elected set their hearts always on honourable service and the common good. We pray for the citizens of this much-blessed country, that they vote with wisdom and freedom, and choose what is best for the whole community. Bless all who are elected to serve the nation; may the wisdom and courage of the Holy Spirit guide them to govern for the good of all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. *For the full text of the prayer visit www.catholicreligious.org.au/news/2019/5/15/a-prayer-for-the-federal-election*

On the Lighter Side

George W. Bush, in an airport lobby, noticed a man in a long white robe, a long beard and holding a staff and two stone tablets. George W. approached the man and inquired, "Aren't you Moses?" The man ignored George W. and stared at the ceiling. He tugged at the man's sleeve and asked again, "Aren't you Moses?" The man finally responded, "Yes I am." George W. asked him why he was so uppity, Moses replied, "The last time I spoke to a Bush I had to spend forty years in the desert."



WELCOME

This weekend we welcome Fr Shibu Pezhumthottathil, from the Parish of Wangaratta, as he celebrates Mass here in Kyabram.

[Just a reminder, that in case of an emergency, please contact our Pastoral Associate, Alma Limbrick, on mobile 0417 184 527.]

HOLY SPIRIT AND MARY

To acknowledge Mary during the month of May, a short video by Fr Dave Pivonka will be shown in the church on **Wednesday 18th May** at 7.00pm followed by reflection, discussion, and a cuppa. All welcome.

For those who would prefer to see it via zoom it will be repeated on Wednesday 25th May at 7.30pm with the following link:

Topic: Mary and the Holy Spirit

Time: May 25, 2022 07:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7652761030?pwd=aUErRURsQVJ4OFBrUDZPUnhUVnZMUT09>

or

Meeting ID: 765 276 1030, Passcode: 4YRfmr

Inquires Mary 0427 190 282.

SANDPIPER E-NEWS

The latest issue of Sandpiper e-News is now available online. This issue is packed with information about Laudato Si' Week (16th-24th May 2022). Issue 41 can be accessed through the Homepage of the Diocesan website or the following link:

<https://mailchi.mp/c6f2ed105c1a/sandpiper-e-news-from-the-diocese-of-sandhurst-11488871>

MASS TIMES & ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 21st May at 6.00pm:

Commentator – J Harris; Lector – W Mulcahy;
Special Minister – L Busch

Sunday 22nd May at 8.30am:

Commentator – V Fox; Lector – M Carver;
Special Minister – M Cocks

Sunday 22nd May at Merrigum at 11.30am.

SANDHURST 2022 - SCRIPTURE TALKS

In June 2022, the Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst will host a series of Zoom talks on Sacred Scripture.

Drawing from St Paul, the talks aim to inform and support the faith-life of the people of God in the Diocese of Sandhurst, particularly in the light of our present context: the diocesan **Go Forth** review, the Plenary Council of the Australian Church, the Synod on Synodality and our socio-cultural reality.

Presenters include Dr Rosemary Canavan, Very Rev. Dr Brian Boyle and Dr Chris Cotter.

See the noticeboard at the back of the church for further information and dates, or to register please go to www.trybooking.com/BYWPM.

CELEBRATING SYNODALITY IN SANDHURST

Video 4: "Mission"

Fr Nathan Verallo, Pastoral Team Member at Wangaratta, shares his experience as a priest in the Diocese of Sandhurst and the ways that synodality is manifested in Wangaratta. The Video can be viewed on the Diocese of Sandhurst YouTube Channel.

AUSTRALIAN BISHOPS CALL FOR A BETTER KIND OF POLITICS

The Australian Catholic Bishops have published an election statement to encourage people of good will to reflect on the good they can do for their community by using their vote for the good of all.

It can be read at: www.catholic.org.au.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP

An Australian Pilgrimage

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 18th October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 29th October 2022. During the pilgrimage, we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry.

See the noticeboard at the back of the church for further information.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Kadyne Mitchell-Treacy, Megan De Pasquale, Julie Shaw, Anne Dodd

Recently Deceased: Margaret McCormick, Rosina Sanzo, Joan Childs

Anniversaries: Shirley Donohue

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



DIARY DATES

Mon	16 May	-
Tues	17 May	Rosary 4.45pm Liturgy of the Word with Communion 5.00pm
Wed	18 May	Holy Spirit and Mary (video in church) 7.00pm
Thurs	19 May	Liturgy of the Word (no Communion) 9.15am (St Aug's Years 7 and 11)
Fri	20 May	-
Sat	21 May	Mass 6.00pm
Sun	22 May	Mass 8.30am (Baptisms during Mass) Mass 11.30am Merrigum
Mon	23 May	-
Tues	24 May	Rosary 4.45pm Liturgy of the Word with Communion 5.00pm
Wed	25 May	Holy Spirit and Mary (via Zoom) 7.30pm
Thurs	26 May	St Aug's College National Sorry Day Mass 9.15am
Fri	27 May	-
Sat	28 May	No Mass
Sun	29 May	Mass 8.30am

ST AUG'S COLLEGE NATIONAL SORRY DAY MASS

Parishioners and friends are warmly invited to attend St Augustine's College National Sorry Day Mass and FIRE Carrier Commissioning in the Brigidine Centre on **Thursday 26th May**. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Shane Mackinlay and will commence at 9.15am.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." (JOHN 13:34)

"As I have loved you," this is the hard part – Jesus's love is unconditional; our love usually comes with strings attached. It is easy to love someone when they love you back. But it takes mercy and compassion to love someone when you feel unappreciated, feel used or feel like your opinion doesn't matter. It takes courage and the grace of God to "love my neighbor" when they may be someone you don't like, someone you don't know or someone that doesn't look like you.

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Mass Times

Kyabram

Week Day Masses (Tuesday and Thursday): see Diary Dates

Saturday (2nd and 4th Saturday of the month): 6.00pm

Sunday: 8.30am

Tongala

Second Sunday of month 11.30am

Merrigum

Fourth Sunday of month 11.30am

Reconciliation – Second Saturday of the month at 5.30pm (before 6pm Mass) in St Aug's Church Kyabram.

Mass of Anointing is held the first Thursday of the month at 10.00am in St Augustine's Church.

Breaking Open the Word

THE SAVING WORD

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / C

15 MAY 2022

ENCOURAGED BY LOVE

voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 15:4-5
Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 13:31-35
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I give you a new commandment: love one another.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon. My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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It is the theme of encouragement offered and received which binds together the readings for today. As they make their way back to Antioch, Paul and Barnabas encourage the communities they have established among the Gentiles: On their return, they give an account to the community in Antioch of the fruitful ministry in which they have been engaged.

The reading from the Apocalypse is a vision that functions to encourage, comfort, and bring hope to a group of Christians who wondered whether God's plans for them and the world would ever reach fulfilment. Persecution had sapped their energies. Christians who had lost their initial fervour could not be blamed for wondering whether Jesus' death and resurrection had really changed the shape of the world. John's vision is a powerful answer to the questioning of Christians in every age.

One of the startling statements of Jesus in John's Gospel is that it is at the moment when he is betrayed, and seemingly powerless in the face of the forces of evil, that he is glorified. No one takes Jesus' life from him; it is freely offered out of love (John 10:18). It is precisely this love that serves as the foundation for the life of the Church, and as the means that leads to his glorification. It is our love of one another that gives us the encouragement we need and serves as the most powerful expression of our Easter faith for others.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Acts 14:21-27

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

Acts 14:21-27

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v. 1

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. (or Alleluia!)

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, / slow to anger, abounding in love. / How good is the Lord to all, / compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**
2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, / and your friends shall repeat their blessing. / They shall speak of the glory of your reign / and declare your might, O God, / to make known to men your mighty deeds / and the glorious splendour of your reign. **R.**
3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom; / your rule lasts from age to age. **R.**

SECOND READING

Apoc 21:1-5

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse
He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud

