



# 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

First Sunday of Lent- C

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022



Readings for this week:

Deuteronomy 26:4-10  
Romans 10:8-13  
Luke 4:1-13



Readings for next Sunday

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18  
Philippians 3:17-4:1  
Luke 9:28-36



## Liturgical Jottings

### Season of Lent I

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence from meat. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their 18<sup>th</sup> year until their 60<sup>th</sup> year. The law of abstinence binds those who have completed their 14<sup>th</sup> year. (CCL 97, 1251). The law of fasting prescribes or allows a single full meal each day according to accepted local custom. (III §2 Paenitemini, Paul VI, 1966)  
Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are to be baptised. Other celebrations must take account of the spirit on penance: musical instruments are only used to sustain singing and floral decorations are very simple. (Ordo 2022)

## Looking at the Readings

Each first Sunday of Lent we hear the temptations of Christ. This year we have Luke's account which is much more detailed than Mark (B) but similar, slightly longer than Matthew (A). Luke has the Devil tempt Jesus the whole 40 days and finally records the last three temptations, bread to satisfy his hunger, power and glory, and third most complicated one of throwing himself down from the top of the temple. Jesus resisted all temptations but warned that the devil will return.

The Temple is where Luke's gospel commenced with Zechariah receiving the message of his son's birth, the presentation and later finding Jesus among the doctors and concluded with the apostles returning from the mount of the Ascension to Jerusalem and the Temple to give praise to God. It is in Jerusalem that Jesus finally returns. Here the devil enters Judas Iscariot, and Jesus is taunted by soldiers in similar words used by Satan: "If are the Son of God ..." to save himself.

Temptations are real, no one is spared, they come at anytime but we able to overcome them. We look to Christ at this time at the beginning of Lent, a season of prayer, fasting and reconciliation at season to prepare for baptism and the Resurrection.

## Lenten Quote from the Saints

"We must fast with our whole heart, that is to say, willing, wholeheartedly, universally and entirely." *St Francis de Sales*

"I have found the paradox, that if you love until it hurts, there can be no more hurt, only more love." *St Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

## Prayer for the Week

God of promise, we are weak, but our hearts are sincere. Strengthen us with your Holy Spirit so that we may continue the journey free of temptation, ever moving toward your Light

## Lighter Side

This time last year, liturgically speaking, the State of Victoria had a snap "circuit-breaker" lockdown. The churches reopened on the Thursday after Ash Wednesday. I distributed the ashes at Masses and in classrooms for the next three days. I asked each time what day is it? The children replied: "Ash Thursday, Ash Friday, or Ash Sunday, accordingly. The adults, however, retorted: "No, it's not!" Again the young showed their adaptability in time of pandemic.



## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2022

An information evening for **parents only** will be held to inform you of dates and process for the 2022 Sacramental Program (Reconciliation, Confirmation & First Eucharist) on **Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm** in St Augustine's Church, Kyabram. This program is for Baptised children over the age of 7.

If your child is not baptised please contact Alma Limbrick as a separate program will take place.

We invite you to contact Alma at the Parish Office Thursdays on 5852 1026 or on 0417 184 527 if you have any queries.

## RITE OF ELECTION

This Sunday we are sending our catechumen **Ainsley Lane**, her sponsor Brendon Lane and our RCIA team, to enroll her name in the book of elect at the Rite of Election to be held on Sunday afternoon at 2.00pm in Sacred Heart Cathedral with Bishop Shane.

We send with Ainsley, and all others from our diocese preparing for Easter, our prayers and support.

## MASS TIMES & ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

### Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 6.00pm:

Commentator – W Mulcahy; Lector – M Radanov;  
Special Minister – L Busch

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 8.30am:

Commentator – M Finn; Lector – N Watt;  
Special Minister – M DiPetta

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March at Tongala at 11.30am

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



**Anatercia 12**, was struggling to cope with adult responsibilities after her father died. Then she participated in Caritas Australia-supported training and gained access to psychosocial supports. Now, her quality of life has improved and she can focus on school. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help young people succeed in the future and bring stability to vulnerable youth like Anatercia.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au), or by calling 1800 024 413.

## HARVEST MASS (Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> March)

In Jesus' day, the Jewish people celebrated the "Feast of Ingathering" or the "Feast of Tabernacles". Everyone shared from their harvest, and goods were collected for the poor.



**St Augustine's Parish will again celebrate the harvest with the same sense of joy and sharing on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March.**

We invite all farmers, crops growers, orchardists, winegrowers, gardeners and cooks, to bring from their produce on that day – vegetables, fruit, grain, dairy products, meat, preserves, herbs, hay, wool, and even plants and flowers – for the produce swapping table.

Let us also share abundance with those in need; we encourage people to bring a non-perishable item in a can, jar or packet, of *something produced in our area* (example brands: SPC-Ardmona, Unilever, Tatura Milk industries, Campbells, Murray Goulburn, Casalare Pastas, Fonterra, Nestle, Heinz, etc). On the day, donors can bring these items to the altar in the entry procession for the St Vincent DePaul Society baskets.

We also ask people to **bring a plate to share for supper to follow Mass.**

## HELP WANTED

We are looking for a few volunteers to form a parish maintenance group for odd jobs around the church (eg some running repairs to the chairs) and presbytery, and to arrange and manage tradies in conjunction with the Parish Office (eg where a tradie attends a job outside of office hours). Please contact the Parish Office (5852 1026) if you can help.

## CARITAS UKRAINE

Project Compassion, which began this week, is the 'bread and butter' campaign for Caritas Australia enabling it to support its many programs working with the most vulnerable like those portrayed in this year's Project Compassion Stories as well as funds to respond to emergencies. At the same time, it is important for us to acknowledge the shocking crisis unfolding in Ukraine. Caritas has now opened a separate Caritas Ukraine Appeal. If you wish to help Caritas Ukraine directly, you can go to [Ukraine Latest \(caritas.org.au\)](http://UkraineLatest(caritas.org.au)) or call 1800 024 413 or post to PO Box 130 Numurkah 3636.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**Sick:** Kadyne Mitchell-Treacy, Craig Rosendale, Megan De Pasquale, Julie Shaw, Joan Childs

**Recently Deceased:** Domenico De Cicco

**Anniversaries:** Barry Taylor, Denise McCormack

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



## DIARY DATES

Mon	7 Mar	-
Tues	8 Mar	<b>No Mass</b> PPC meeting 5.45pm
Wed	9 Mar	-
Thurs	10 Mar	Mass 9.15am Sacramental Program Information Evening 7.30pm
Fri	11 Mar	-
Sat	12 Mar	Reconciliation 5.30pm Mass 6.00pm
Sun	13 Mar	Mass 8.30am (Baptism during Mass) Mass 11.30am Tongala
Mon	14 Mar	-
Tues	15 Mar	Rosary 4.45pm Mass 5.00pm
Wed	16 Mar	-
Thurs	17 Mar	Mass 9.15am
Fri	18 Mar	-
Sat	19 Mar	<b>No Mass</b>
Sun	20 Mar	Mass 8.30am

## SANDHURST DIOCESE LENT LEAFLETS

'Going Forward Together ... ' is the theme of the Sandhurst Diocese Lent leaflets for 2022.

To view or download these Lent leaflets online please go to the Sandhurst Diocese Website "Items of Interest" towards the bottom of the opening page or use the following link –

<https://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/item/2089-lenten-resources-for-2022-news>.

**Some printed sets are also available at the back of the church.**

## SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

Spirituality in the Pub will be held at the Terminus Hotel, Shepparton on **Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> March 7.30 – 9pm** (meals from 6pm optional). The Plenary Council's First Assembly was in October. Our Sandhurst Plenary Members, Ruth Lawlor and Fr Joe Taylor along with Assembly Facilitator, David Walker will share **What was a highlight? What was a challenge? What's next?** and we're asking you **What outcomes do you want from the Plenary Council? What will indicate success or progress?** Enquiries: to Alma Limbrick on 0417 184 527.

## 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 –

Tues/Wed/Fri – 8.30am to 12 noon  
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### Principals

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### Parish Pastoral Council

Fr John Paul Pasala, Alma Limbrick (Pastoral Associate), Alana Brennan (Chairperson), Maurie Finn, Brendon Lane, Finola Price, Jackie Stockdale, Jay Sutton

### Parish Finance Committee

Fr John Paul Pasala, Wayne Mulcahy (Chairperson), Leanne Beck, Kathy Gill, James Harris, Naomi Hehir, Peter Ryan, Terry O'Sullivan, Angela Shaw, Mary Zobec

## Mass Times

### Kyabram

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

**Saturday** (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again:

They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word



## THE SAVING WORD

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT / C

6 MARCH 2022

CONFESSION OF FAITH

It is said that without the faculty of memory there can be no sense of identity. We don't know who we are or where we are going without knowing where we have been. For the people of Israel it was critical to remember with gratitude the saving acts of God that had brought them to the land of promise, passing from slavery to freedom. Today's text from Deuteronomy was Israel's first creed and it played an important role in forming Israel's identity as a people cherished and chosen to be God's people in a unique way.

In the temptation scene, we see Jesus coming to terms with his identity as God's Son. Where was his life going? How was he to live as Son of God? For 40 days the devil searches and probes, entices, and challenges. Ultimately, Jesus proclaims that God is the source of his life, the devil's offer of power an illusion, and forcing God's hand is not acceptable for the person of faith.

In writing to the Christian community of Rome, Paul had to deal with the question of the identity of Christians and their relationship to the people of Israel and the Jewish law. While the people of Israel continued to have a special place in God's plans, Paul knew that the law that had been given to Moses now played a secondary role for Christians. Paul makes it clear that due to God's graciousness both Jews and Gentiles can be saved by means of faith in Jesus.

Christopher Monaghan CP

Deut 26:4-10

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

*The confession of faith of the elect.*

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

■ The word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 90:1-2, 10-15. R. v. 15

**R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.**

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High / and abides in the shade of the Almighty / says to the Lord: 'My refuge, / my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!'

2. Upon you no evil shall fall, / no plague approach where you dwell. / For you has he commanded his angels, / to keep you in all your ways. **R.**

3. They shall bear you upon their hands / lest you strike your foot against a stone. / On the lion and the viper you will tread / and trample the young lion and the dragon. **R.**



4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; / protect him for he knows my name. / When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' / I will save him in distress and give him glory. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Rom 10:8-13

*The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.*

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

■ The word of the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Mt 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!