



# 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

**Solemnity of the Assumption of the BVM**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2021**



Readings for  
this Sunday

Revelation 11:19, 12:1-6,10  
1 Corinthians 15:20-26  
Luke 1:39-56



Readings for  
next week:

Joshua 24:1-2,15-18  
Ephesians 5:21-32  
John 6:60-69



## Liturgical Jottings

### The Magnificat

Luke's Infancy Narratives of John the Baptist and Our Lord, Jesus Christ contain three hymns: Songs of Zechariah (The Benedictus 1:67-79), Mary (The Magnificat 1:46-55) and Simeon (The Nunc Dimittis 2:29-32). They are included in the Liturgy of the Hours in morning prayer, evening prayer and night prayer respectively. The Magnificat is Mary's words of praise of God for his marvellous works. It contains elements of Hannah's Song (1 Sam 2:1-10) but is more personal with God looking upon her and she exulting her Saviour. Themes are God's help to the lowly and his commitment to his people. The text forms the Gospel for this feast and the response on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent and four feasts of BVM.

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## Focus on the Readings

The first reading imagery of the dragon may deter some readers and listeners, yet the passage from Apocalypse presents an image of the new Eve destined to bring the Saviour into the world and for herself, God has prepared a place of safety. Indeed heaven is a place of safety, victory and honour. Mary, the bearer of the incarnate God is honoured for her role.

The second reading proclaims the new Adam, Christ who has done away with death and brings, in order, those who belong and believe in him, to enjoy the same reward and dignity. Mary, the first Christian, is first in order to receive the reward and honour of eternal life.

The Gospel contains the Magnificat (see opposite) in context of Mary meeting with Elizabeth. Her visit is both very human, to help with Elizabeth's time to give birth, and very spiritual in her greeting and song of praise. Mary embraces all with her humility and honour and God's mercy and promise. We, too, "proclaim the greatness of the Lord!"

**Quotable Quote** *Attributed to St. Modestus of Jerusalem (4<sup>th</sup> cent.), n. 14.*

"As the most glorious Mother of Christ, our Saviour and God and the giver of life and immortality, has been endowed with life by him, she has received an eternal incorruptibility of the body together with him who has raised her up from the tomb and has taken her up to himself in a way known only to him."

## Notes on the Feast

The Feast of the Assumption of Mary is the oldest exclusively Marian celebration in the liturgical calendar dating from the 430's. While the belief in Mary's entry into heaven body and soul preceded this feast, the dogma was only defined in the Apostolic Constitution of Pope Pius XII "Munificentissimus Deus" 1<sup>st</sup> November 1950. Mary under this title is the patron saint of France, Paraguay, Jamaica, South Africa, New Zealand and New Caledonia nations and French airman and soldier of Paraguay, plus many churches, schools and cathedrals and the Basilica within the Kremlin in Moscow. The feast is celebrated in the Western and Eastern Catholic churches and Orthodox churches where the feast is called the Dormition of the Theotokos.

## On the Lighter Side

King Louis XIII of France instituted 15 August as a national holiday in honour of Mary. Since 1638 Masses and processions have marked this day. In more secular times the holiday still continues with well attended Masses, parades, family meals, sports events, bonfires and fireworks.



### AN HOUR OF DEVOTION TO MARY

An hour of Devotion to Mary to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption and to pray for all parishioners' needs, will be held on **Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> August** at 4.00pm in St Augustine's Church.

### NO WEEKDAY MASSES

Due to Fr John attending the Diocesan Priests In-Service, there will not be any weekday Masses for the coming week.

### SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

Spirituality in the Pub at the Terminus Hotel, Shepparton will be held on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August from 7.30 – 9pm** (meals from 6pm optional).

The Plenary Council's First Assembly is in October. The Agenda has been announced and the delegates (members) are in the final stages of preparation. What are the priorities for the Plenary from your perspective? Sandhurst delegates, Ruth Lawlor & Cathy Jenkins, are coming to listen. Come & join this opportunity to reflect together in the lead-up to the Plenary Council.

More information is on the noticeboard at the back of church. (Venue capacity during COVID is 60 so plenty of room!)

Enquiries: Kerry 0408 579904, Frank 0407 587527 or Fran 0409 012228.

### THANK YOU

We would like to thank **John Forde** for his dedication and commitment to the Parish Pastoral Council. John has now retired after more than three years from this Ministry.

We will be looking for new members for the Parish Pastoral Council, if you are interested please contact PPC Members.

### NEW PARISH OFFICE PHONE SYSTEM

After a lengthy process and delays due to Covid, the Parish Office/Presbytery now has a new phone system and answering machine, which will enable messages to be left and dealt with in a timely manner.

### CHANGE TO MASS TIMES (commencing September)

At the PPC meeting held during the week, it was agreed that commencing Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September and Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September, there will be a change of Mass times as follows:

#### Kyabram:

- Saturday Mass will be celebrated on alternate weekends – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month at 6.00pm.
- Sunday Mass every weekend at 8.30am.

**Tongala:** Second Sunday of the month at 11.30am.

**Merrigum:** Fourth Sunday of the month at 11.30am.

### ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

#### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August at 7.00pm:

Commentator – S Carroll; Lector – M Radanov; Special Minister – C Stewart

#### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August at 8.00am:

Commentator – M DiPetta; Lector – T Hehir; Special Minister – M Cocks

### THANK YOU

Following positive test results, I would like to thank everyone for their support and their prayers which have been very much appreciated. It is great to belong to such a caring community.

- Angela Finn

### FESTIVAL MASS – ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

2021 Goulburn Valley Regional Council Festival Mass and Gathering will be held on **Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> September** at 10.30am in St Augustine's church, Kyabram.

Please RSVP by Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August to [rohans@svdp-vic.org.au](mailto:rohans@svdp-vic.org.au). Please note that RSVP is essential as numbers may be limited depending on COVID restrictions.

This inspiring event – which celebrates our year in service – will include Morning tea, Mass at midday, Lunch from 1.30pm with guest speaker. Everyone is encouraged to invite family, friends and parishioners to come along.



## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**Sick:** Peter Walsh, Julie Shaw, Joan Childs

**Recently Deceased:** -

**Anniversaries:** Constantina Palma

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

## DIARY DATES

Monday	16 Aug	-
Tuesday	17 Aug	No Mass An Hour of Devotion to Mary 4.00pm
Wednesday	18 Aug	-
Thursday	19 Aug	No Mass
Friday	20 Aug	-
Saturday	21 Aug	Baptism 11.00am Mass 7.00pm
Sunday	22 Aug	Mass 8.00am Mass 11.00am Merrigum
Monday	23 Aug	-
Tuesday	24 Aug	Mass 5.00pm Finance Committee meeting 7.00pm
Wednesday	25 Aug	-
Thursday	26 Aug	Mass 9.15am
Friday	27 Aug	-
Saturday	28 Aug	Mass 7.00pm
Sunday	29 Aug	Mass 8.00am

## PROJECT COMPASSION

Project Compassion 2021 concluded at the end of the financial year. Last year, Project Compassion 2020 was cut short and, as expected, donations were well down. This year has seen the campaign almost restored to 2019 (pre-COVID) levels and more so in Sandhurst.

Nationally, Project Compassion raised \$10.1 million which is a little over 5% less than the \$10.7 million in 2019.

Sandhurst Diocese can be very proud of its contribution OF \$526,000 which is an increase of over 6% compared to \$496,000 in 2019. **THANK YOU** for your particular part in this.

The theme of Project Compassion this year was BE MORE – thank you all for BEing MORE and producing this great result.

To keep up with **Sandhurst Caritas/Justice News**, like our page at [www.facebook.com.au/caritasjusticesandhurst](http://www.facebook.com.au/caritasjusticesandhurst)

## Parish Administrator

**Fr John Paul Pasala**

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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

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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), Maurie Finn, 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

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

**QUOTE** - Life is better when you're laughing. – *Unknown*

[www.dailyinspirationalquotes.in](http://www.dailyinspirationalquotes.in)

She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made to her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

And Mary said:

'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid.

Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed,

for the Almighty has done great things for me.

Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him.

He has shown the power of his arm, he has routed the proud of heart.

He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly.

The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away.

He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy

– according to the promise he made to our ancestors –

of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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# Breaking Open the Word



## ANTICIPATING OUR RESURRECTION

What do we Catholics mean when we express our conviction that, at the end of her earthly life, Mary was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory? Are we simply heaping praises upon Mary for her 'specialness'? Or is there something deeper at stake?

In fact, like all Marian teachings, the Assumption speaks of the saving love of Christ that envelops our human lives. 'For the Son of God became human, so that we might become God' is a saying of the Church Fathers (cf. *Catechism*, 460). Mary, the 'first disciple' of Jesus Christ, walks with and before us in our own path of Christian discipleship. Her singular participation in her Son's Resurrection is an anticipation of our resurrection. *Who Mary is, we are becoming*. One day we, too, will live forever with God in heavenly glory.

The Assumption is a compelling celebration of Christian hope, an affirmation of the human body, and deep-down encouragement in our earthly struggles.

Teresa Pirola



# THE SAVING WORD

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY / B

15 August 2021

Apoc 11: 19; 12: 1-6, 10

**FIRST READING**  
A reading from the book of the Apocalypse.

*I saw a woman clothed with the sun and with the moon at her feet.*

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened, and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it.

Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready. Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.'

### ■ The word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 44: 10-12, 16. R. v. 10  
**R.** The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

1. The daughters of kings are among your loved ones. / On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir. / Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words: / forget your own people and your father's house. **R.**

2. So will the king desire your beauty: / he is your lord, pay homage to him. / They are escorted amid gladness and joy: / they pass within the palace of the king. **R.**



## SECOND READING

1 Cor 15: 20-26

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

*As members of Christ all people will be raised,*

*Christ first and after him all who belong to him.*

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all die in Adam, so all will be brought to life in Christ, but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

### ■ The word of the Lord.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Mary is taken up to heaven, and the angels of God shout for joy.

Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL

Lk 1: 39-56

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*The Almighty has done great things for me; he has lifted up the lowly.*

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah.