



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

11 June 2023



Readings for
this week:

Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16
1 Corinthians 10:16-17
John 6:51-58



Readings for
next Sunday:

Exodus 19:2-6
Romans 5:6-11
Matthew 9:36-10:8



Liturgical Jottings Corpus Christi

The Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ has always been the object of great veneration. Two feasts express this veneration: Holy Thursday night and the feast of Corpus Christi (The feast of Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ) this latter feast was introduced in the city Liège, Belgium in 1246. When a priest from that city became Pope (Urban IV 1261-64) he extended the feast to the universal church.

St Thomas Aquinas described the feast as a time to express the joy of the Eucharist being the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ.

The Procession of the Blessed Sacrament carried in a monstrance either around the church or in the streets came later. The Rite of Exposition and Benediction of the Eucharist, as a devotional rite came even later. Only in the 18th century was an official rite approved for use in Rome.

Looking at the Readings

This feast harkens back to the celebration of Holy Thursday. By way of the metaphors of food and drink, its readings provide us with a look at the mystery of divine presence. They first provide a picture of a God who feeds us. In the past God set a table in freedom, and then provided food that enabled our ancestors to survive. God fed those who were needy, not those who were worthy. Jesus offered sustenance to the crowds that gathered around him. It was not manna from heaven that he offered but his own flesh and blood as food and drink. This food and drink are the pledge of eternal life.

Those who eat this bread and drink this cup are caught up in a profound unity with God, a unity not envisioned in the wilderness experience. There is a new overlay of significance. Jesus' claim to give his flesh and blood was a bold one, Paul's seems even bolder. He states that partaking of the bread and the cup not only joins us with Christ, but actually makes us participants in the body and blood of Christ. Humanity and divinity are joined as one. The Eucharist is a sign of unity in another way. Joined to the body and blood of Christ, we are joined to each other. We are one body and that body is Christ. The Eucharist is truly a celebration of thanksgiving: thanksgiving for our transformation and thanksgiving for our unity. © Dianne Bergant CSA.

Prayer for the Feast

The Preface was especially written for this feast for the Roman Missal in 1969. It combines both the theological themes of Christ's self-offering for the unity of the human race and some more devotional language about the fruits of receiving the sacrament.

For at the Last Supper with his Apostles, establishing for the ages to come the saving memorial of the Cross, Christ offered himself to you, holy Father, as the unblemished Lamb, the acceptable gift of perfect praise. Nourishing your faithful by this sacred mystery, you make them holy, so that the human race, bounded by one world, may be enlightened by one faith and united by one bond of charity. And so, we approach the table of this wondrous Sacrament, so that, bathed in the sweetness of your grace, we may pass over to the heavenly realities here foreshadowed.

On the Lighter Side

An ASIO agent walks into a bar. "Hey, I've got a great new joke for you!" the barman says to him. The agent smiles back. "I have heard it."



PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Katharina and Ziva Radanov

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



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Mass Times

[Kyabram](#)

Week Day Masses (Tuesday & Thursday): see Diary

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 noon

Reconciliation – Second Saturday of month at

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

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

Sat 10th June – 6pm -cuppa after Mass

Sun 11th June - 8.30am

Tue 13th June - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Thu 15th June - 9.15am – Year 5/6 & Year 11

Thu 15th June – 6.30pm – Sacrament of Reconciliation

Weekly Masses

Sun 18th June - 8.30am – cuppa after Mass

Sun 18th June – 12.00pm - Merrigum

Tue 20th June - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Liturgy

Thu 22nd June - 9.15am – Year 1/2 & Year 8 - Liturgy

Weekend Masses

Sat 24th June - 6pm

Sun 25th June - 8.30am

Tue 27th June - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Thu 29th June – 9.15am

Weekly Masses

Sun 2nd July - 8.30am

ROSTERS

Sunday 18th June at 8.30am

Commentator – T Hehir

Lector – V Fox

Special Minister – M Elliot

Saturday 24th June at 6pm

Commentator – L Ratcliffe

Lector – J Harris

Special Minister – L Sorbello

Sunday 25th June at 8.30am

Commentator – N Watt

Lector – M Carver

Special Minister – A Brunt

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

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

Last week's Collection is \$ 785.25

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.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP

Bookings are now open for pilgrims to participate in the popular Australian National Pilgrimage: *In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop* run by [Mary MacKillop Place](#) and [The Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart](#). The next pilgrimage will be running from **17 - 28 October 2023** and will visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry in Victoria, South Australia and NSW.

The Pilgrimage is led by Sr Anne Bond rsj, a Sister from the Sisters of Saint Joseph, and Mr Garry McLean, the inaugural Director of the [Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre](#), East Melbourne.

"This is a unique opportunity for participants to enter more deeply into the life and spirituality of Saint Mary MacKillop and Fr Julian Tenison Woods and to appreciate Mary's role as our first canonised Australian saint," says Sr Anne. "The notion of going on a pilgrimage and being a pilgrim is a very ancient one that belongs to the spiritual tradition of all great faiths. It is a very personal experience, but it is usually a journey with others: seeking, listening, reflecting and seeing the hand of God at work in our own lives."

The Australian National Pilgrimage will begin in East Melbourne on 17 October and conclude at Mary MacKillop Place in North Sydney on 28 October. Along the way pilgrims will visit historic sites and towns including Portland, Penola, Robe and the Mary MacKillop Chapel in North Sydney.

Get in early! The current prices are fixed until 30 June 2023. After this date prices may need to be negotiated dependent on oil and fuel costs.

Website: <https://www.marymackillopplace.org.au/retr eats-spirituality/australian-national-pilgrimage>

Email: national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au

Phone: (02) 8912 4818

MISSIONARY FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday 21st June at 7.30pm at the Uniting Church – Kyabram. * Guest speaker – Marcel Enuica* of Voice of the Martyrs (Victoria). Come and hear the latest about the Persecuted Church. All welcome!

SANDPIPER E-NEWS

The link to the e-News is:

<https://us10.admin.mailchimp.com/campaigns/show?id=13543564>

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Next Thursday our Sacramental children will be receiving their 1st Reconciliation. We keep them and their families in our prayers as they continue their faith journey.

SAVE CALVARY HOSPITAL

The ACT Government intends to forcibly acquire Calvary Catholic Hospital, Canberra. Catholic hospitals have faithfully served the Australian community for 170 years. The actions by the ACT government are an abuse of property rights and religious freedom. For more information and to sign a petition in support of Calvary, visit www.savecalvary.com.au

DO YOU KNOW WHAT SACRAMENTALS ARE?

Sacramentals are powerful & blessed objects that can be a means to express your faith in God and are instruments of grace that God uses to draw us closer to Him and to work through our lives to protect and sanctify us. Sacramentals come in different forms like rosaries, medals, pictures, statues of saints, scapulars, crucifixes, incense, salt, water, oil etc. When a Sacramental is blessed, they have the power to bring down God's graces upon the user, they protect us and have power to bring a soul to conversion and lead them to the sacraments. Sacramentals can bring spiritual healing to a soul, give you grace to fight temptations and deliver you from many dangers. (Scapulars-au website www.scapulars-au.com)

PIETY STORE

Have you checked out the piety store in the gathering space of the church? Do you have a family baptism, sacramental member? Why not grab a lovely gift. Would you like to volunteer to help with the store? There is clipboard for you to put your name down to be included on the roster.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Are you new to the Parish? We would love to get to know more about you. There are forms around the church for you to fill in your details so our Pastoral family can reach out to you. Please fill in a form or reach out to one of our parish volunteer to introduce yourself.



Festival of the Sacred

Wednesday 14 June 2023, 1pm
Kyabram Sports and Entertainment Centre
Featuring Grade 5 and 6 students from
St Mary's PS Mooroopna; St Patrick's PS Tongala; St Mary's PS Rushworth;
St Augustine's College Kyabram & St Brendan's PS Shepparton
Secondary performances from St Augustine's College Kyabram
This is a FREE event for all families and friends of our school communities.
Bookings essential: trybooking.com/CHWPU (or scan QR code).
Please allow time to locate parking.



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