

# Kyabram Catholic Parish

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

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**Parish Priest – Fr John Paul Pasala**

We come to worship we remember the Yorta Yorta & Bangerang People the original custodians of this land

**Easter Sunday - Year C**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2022**



Readings for this week:

Acts 10:34,37-43  
Col 3:1-4 or 1Cor 5:6-8  
John 20:1-9 or Luke 24:1-12



Readings for next Sunday

Acts 5:12-16  
Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19  
John 20:19-31



## Liturgical Jottings

### Pastoral Notes on Easter

The sprinkling with water from the Easter Vigil would be an appropriate introductory rite unless this takes place with the renewal of baptismal promises. The introductory rites should not be penitential in tone,

If there are infants to be baptised, it may be particularly apt to do so during an Easter Sunday Mass.

The Sacred Paschal Triduum ends with Evening Prayer - the Easter Season has already begun.

The celebration of the octave of Easter is most important: these days rank more highly than solemnities.

**EASTER TIME:** The fifty days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as one 'great Sunday'. These are the days above all others in which the Alleluia is sung.

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## Looking at the Readings

The Easter Vigil Gospel (Luke) and the one for Easter morning (John) attest to the empty tomb as an affirmation of the resurrection. The two gospel passages do not report on the actual appearance of the Risen Lord. We have fifty days of Easter; the mystery of Easter is gradually revealed. Especially in the Easter Week, considered as an extended Easter Day or the Easter Octave, the appearances of the Risen Christ are proclaimed by all the four evangelists, Matthew (Mon), Mark (Sat) Luke (Wed, Thur), and John (Tues, Fri).

In this Sunday's Gospel we see reference to a disciple as "the one Jesus loved". It is generally agreed that this disciple is John and ascribed as the author of this gospel. He avoided using a personal pronoun – I or me. Just as Jesus described himself as "the Son of God" or "the Son of Man" rather than say "I", John uses the same convention to avoid naming himself. It is not to suggest that Jesus didn't love his other disciples. Moreover, the author may invite his readers to see themselves as the beloved disciple: be close to Christ, to see and believe in the signs Jesus gave and see Mary as our Mother in faith (John 19:26-27).

## Pope Francis Easter Message

May the light of the risen Jesus be a source of rebirth for migrants fleeing from war and extreme poverty. Let us recognize in their faces the marred and suffering face of the Lord as he walked the path to Calvary. May they never lack concrete signs of solidarity and human fraternity, a pledge of the victory of life over death that we celebrate on this day. I thank the nations that generously receive people who are suffering and seeking refuge. *Easter 2021*

## Easter Prayer

God, our Father, may the power of Christ's Resurrection transform our lives. May we live each day as witnesses to the Good News of salvation.

## On the Lighter Side

An online card service offers these Easter Greetings.



The subscriber just needs to click on one and send.

- ☞ May you be blessed with our Lord's love and peace this Easter.
- ☞ We thank the Lord for his blessings and wish you an Easter full of joy and peace. ☞ Let us remember the miracle of Jesus' resurrection and His endless love. ☞ We wish you a season of Christ's peace, joy, and blessings.

May the peace and joy of Easter be with you all!

### WELCOME

A warm welcome to all families and visitors to our Easter celebrations.

### MEMORIAL MASS – PETER WALSH

A Memorial Mass to celebrate Peter Walsh's life will be held on **Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> April 2022** at 1.00pm at St Augustine's Church Kyabram. Helen and Family invite all parishioners to attend the Mass, followed by a cuppa in Peter's garden at Haslem Cottage.

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Sunday devotions will be celebrated next **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** following the 6.00pm Mass. This will also be followed by a cuppa. Please bring a plate.

The message of Divine Mercy is at the heart of the gospel. It presents the truth and call of the gospel and is proclaimed by Pope John Paul 2<sup>nd</sup> in his encyclical *Rich in Mercy*, as the message for our age. Over and over again Jesus expressed His desire to St Faustina that the whole world be told of His mercy, and He promised to defend throughout their lives those who proclaim His mercy.

### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

We wish all the teachers, staff, students and families a safe and enjoyable break over the Easter and school holidays.

### MASS TIMES & ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

#### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 6.00pm:

Commentator – L Ratcliffe; Lector – J Harris;  
Special Minister – L Sorbello

#### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 8.30am:

Commentator – M Finn; Lector – N Watt;  
Special Minister – F Turner

#### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April at Merrigum at 11.30am.

### CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME

It is with great joy that at the Easter Vigil we welcome **Ainsley Lane** into our Catholic Faith and Parish Community. Ainsley will be receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist.



We welcome Ainsley, and our prayers and best wishes are with her. All are invited to stay for supper following the Vigil.

### THANK YOU

Thank you to St Augustine's College for kindly providing Easter Eggs to those attending Mass this weekend to enjoy!

### CELEBRATING SYNODALITY IN SANDHURST VIDEO SERIES

A huge thank you to all of you who made submissions to the Diocesan consultation process for the Synod on Synodality.

Although this phase of the Synod is now closed, active listening to the Holy Spirit and "planting dreams" has not. To mark the significance of the Synod on Synodality, over the weeks of Easter, the Diocese will release five videos that celebrate our experiences of Synodality.

The first video, 'The Chrism Mass as a Liturgical Expression of Synodality', was released on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April.

In the second video, 'Participation' (to be released on Good Friday, 15 April 2022), Christine Sebire, Pastoral Associate at St Mary's, Echuca, talks about synodality and participation in everyday parish life.

These videos can be viewed on the Diocese of Sandhurst YouTube Channel.



## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - update April 2022

### Proposed Changes to Mass Times:

Fr John Paul appreciates the feedback from Parishioners regarding the proposed change of Sunday Mass time to 8.00am.

In consultation with members of the Parish Pastoral Council, the following changes to Kyabram Mass times are proposed:

During Fr John's absence in May/June the current Mass times will remain the same:

- Saturday (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> of the month) - 6.00pm
- Sunday - 8.30am
- Tongala (second Sunday of the month) - 11.30am
- Merrigum (fourth Sunday of the month) - 11.30am

Commencing from the first weekend in July, we will trial the following Mass times for Kyabram:

- 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month - 10.00am
- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday night - 6.00pm
- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday morning - 8.00am
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month will alternate between St Augustine's and Sacred Heart Tatura

Fr John and the Parish Pastoral Council encourage parishioners to continue the conversation regarding the proposed Mass times and to express any concerns they may have to members of the PPC via email, letter or phone.

Once again thank you to all parishioners who took the time to write or phone their concerns to Fr John and the PPC.

### Meeting with Year 8-12 School Leaders:

Parish Pastoral Council members were invited to meet and have lunch with St Augustine's College Year 8-12 school leaders in the OLOP gardens on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April.

The PPC members who attended the meeting were most impressed with the level of knowledge of the students and their ability and willingness to share their views and ideas on how we can all engage more with the Parish community.

Some of the issues & suggestions raised include:

- Having more access to the church and ceremonies during the week
- Sports is the biggest barrier to weekend engagement
- Listening to Parishioners stories and learning more about the history of the parish
- Assist with some social justice projects the Parish might undertake
- Getting to know Fr John more

We believe this style of engagement with young people and sharing of ideas could result in more community involvement.

We extend our thanks and congratulations to the students who were present, their parents and staff for this initiative.

### A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP SHANE MACKINLAY

Locally, we have much to celebrate this Easter. With the widespread take-up of vaccinations, schools have continued face-to-face classes throughout first term, even though many students and teachers have needed to isolate at various times. And after two missed years, the Bendigo Easter Fair will be held again, including a very welcome return of the Way of the Cross.

Further afield, we know that many are suffering: people in New South Wales and Queensland have lost homes in floods. In many parts of the world, COVID is still causing widespread sickness and death. In Europe, Russia's invasion of Ukraine has inflicted appalling casualties and destruction.

As we seek to respond with generosity and compassion to those who suffer, our Easter proclamation is that God's infinite love for each person overcomes any suffering, challenge or disappointment that we might experience. Jesus remained faithful to his commitment to the poor and suffering, even though it would lead him to the cross; and the new life of his resurrection opened the joy and hope that God longs to share with us. As we commemorate Jesus' death and resurrection, we recall our own mission to live with the faithfulness and commitment that we see in him.

I wish each of you and your loved ones all the blessings of this year's Easter celebrations.

- Most Rev. Shane Mackinlay, Bishop of Sandhurst

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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



**Recently Deceased:** -

**Anniversaries:** Normah Reid, Antonio DiPetta, Domenico Bernard

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

## DIARY DATES

Mon	18 Apr	-
Tues	19 Apr	<b>No Mass (or Rosary)</b> Finance Committee meeting 7.00pm
Wed	20 Apr	-
Thurs	21 Apr	<b>No 9.15am Mass</b> Peter Walsh Memorial Mass 1.00pm
Fri	22 Apr	-
Sat	23 Apr	Baptisms 5.00pm Mass 6.00pm (Divine Mercy Devotions after Mass and cuppa)
Sun	24 Apr	<i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i> Mass 8.30am Mass 11.30am Merrigum
Mon	25 Apr	<i>ANZAC Day</i>
Tues	26 Apr	Rosary 4.45pm Liturgy of the Word with Communion 5.00pm
Wed	27 Apr	-
Thurs	28 Apr	Liturgy of the Word (no Communion) 9.15am (St Aug's Foundation and Year 12 attending)
Fri	29 Apr	-
Sat	30 Apr	<b>No Mass</b>
Sun	1 May	Mass 8.30am

## 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

Thursday – 8.30am to 5.00pm

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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, 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.



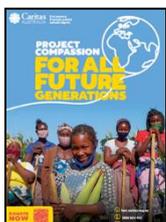
**EASTER SUNDAY**  
17<sup>th</sup> April



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