

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

Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday 11th April 2021



Readings for this week:

Acts 4:32-35
1 John 5:1-6
John 20:19-31



Readings for next week

Acts 3:13-15 17-19
1 John 2:1-5
Luke 24: 35-48



Liturgical Jottings

Sacrament and Symbol

The Sacraments are a privileged way in which nature is taken up by God to become a means of mediating supernatural life. Through our worship of God, we are invited to embrace the world on a different plane. Water, oil, fire and colours are taken up in all their symbolic power and incorporated in our act of praise. Pope Francis *Laudato Si* (2015) n. 235

From Today's Text

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. Acts 4:32

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Focus on the Readings

Today we consider the presence of the Risen Lord. Where is he found? Each of the readings offers an answer to this question. The Risen Christ is found in the community of believers who follow the example of Jesus. Even non-believers recognised something marvellously different about the Christian community, and they exclaimed: These Christians, see how they love one another.

The Risen Christ is found in those who accept the truth of the resurrection on the word of others. The word of God preached by others has often brought us out of darkness into light, from the stranglehold of death to the birth of new life. The preaching of the disciples has been not only instructive, it has also been transformative.

The Risen Christ is found in the forgiveness of sin. Jesus made the frightened disciples ministers of divine forgiveness. The Spirit reconciles sinners with God and, thereby, with the rest of the believing community. Forgiveness is a tangible sign of Christ's mystical presence.

The Risen Christ is found in the physical manifestation of Christ's own wounds, the wounds that he offered to be touched. Since the community is the body of Christ, we touch the wounds of Christ when we touch the wounds of the community, when we go out to the sick and infirm, the dispossessed and the violated. As shocking as these wounds may appear, they are really glorious, because the Risen Lord has identified with them and has made them his own. © Dianne Bergant CSA

Quotes for the Week

God did not create rich and poor. He no more gave the one wealth in abundance than he denied it to the other. On the contrary, to all he gave the same earth to cultivate. St John Chrysostom (ca 350-407)

God did not create rich and poor, or aristocrats and democrats, but male and female, and it is the duty of the Government, in my opinion, to do its utmost to provide food and clothing for human beings who have been created in God's own image. Hansard, House of Representatives, Australia, by Dr Maloney of Melbourne 15 July 1931

On the Lighter Side

One day the zoo-keeper noticed that the monkey was reading two books: the Bible and Darwin's *The Origin of Species*. In surprise he asked the monkey, "Why are you reading both of those books?" "Well," said the monkey, "I just wanted to know if I was my brother's keeper or my keeper's brother."



EASTER THANK YOU

We have celebrated the Easter Triduum – the three events of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. These liturgies, plus Palm Sunday, the Good Friday Ecumenical Service and Easter Sunday take a lot of preparation.

A special thank you to Fr Michael, the co-ordinators, sacristans, helpers, musicians and those who made themselves available for the many ministries.

Thank you also to Fr Leo Wearden for con-celebrating Mass on Easter Sunday.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

On 22nd February 1931, Jesus appeared to Sister Faustina a Polish nun. Jesus called for a Feast of Divine Mercy to be celebrated in the whole Church. He said to her “I want this image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter; that Sunday is to be the Feast of Mercy. On that day, the depths of My Mercy will be open to all. Whoever will go to confession and Holy Communion on that day will receive complete forgiveness of sin and punishment. Mankind will not enjoy peace until it turns with confidence to My Mercy.”

Following the Saturday 7.00pm Mass this weekend, we will have Devotion to Divine Mercy.

BISHOP’S EASTER MESSAGE

“God’s infinite love for each person overcomes any suffering, challenge or disappointment that we might experience. As people baptised into Jesus’ death and resurrection, our mission is to live with the faithfulness and commitment that we see in Jesus ... I wish each of you and your loved ones all the blessings of the Easter celebrations.”

Bishop Shane’s recently recorded Easter Message video can be found on the website as follows:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IULA5MUvUtk>

ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 17th April at 7.00pm:

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

Sunday 18th April at 8.00am:

Commentator – A Snell; Lector – M DiPetta;
Special Minister – B Lyon

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

This weekend we welcome:

Parker Matthew McCormack

and

Lilly Jane Norah Camin

into our faith community.



Please keep Parker and Lilly and their parents, Scott & Rachel and William & Rachele, and godparents in your prayers.

CARE GROUP INTENTION

All are invited to Mass on **Tuesday, 13th April** at 5.00pm to acknowledge the great work of the Care Group and especially Marie Dillon and Mary Elliott over many years, and for the intentions of all Care Group supporters.

PPC

A reminder to members that the next PPC meeting is on **Tuesday, 13th April** commencing at 5.45pm.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

A reminder that our 2021 Sacramental Program (Reconciliation) will begin on the week commencing 26th April 2021.

Enrolments must be in by this **Tuesday, 13th April 2021.**

DEVELOPING OUR PARISH STRATEGIC PLAN

A reminder that the PPC invites parishioners to pray and reflect on the set of 5 Priorities [on display at the back of the church, as well as on our Parish Website (under ‘Other Information’) and Facebook], and to send them any comments, suggestions or areas that may have been missed.

These responses can be forwarded by email to our parish email Kyabram@cdos.org.au or in an envelope addressed to PPC via the Sunday Mass collection plate.

Our next workshop will be held on **Wednesday 28th April** where we will develop the objectives to address these priorities.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Jennifer Saunders, Nancy Taylor, Angela Finn, Julie Shaw, Joan Childs

Recently Deceased: -

Anniversaries: Hugh Francis Kennedy

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



DIARY DATES

Monday	12 Apr	School holidays continue
Tuesday	13 Apr	Mass 5.00pm (Intention of Care Group) PPC meeting 5.45pm
Wednesday	14 Apr	-
Thursday	15 Apr	Mass 9.15am (Intention of Hugh Francis Kennedy)
Friday	16 Apr	-
Saturday	17 Apr	Mass 7.00pm
Sunday	18 Apr	Mass 8.00am
Monday	19 Apr	-
Tuesday	20 Apr	Mass 5.00pm (Intention of Normah Reid) Finance meeting 6.30pm
Wednesday	21 Apr	-
Thursday	22 Apr	Mass 9.15am
Friday	23 Apr	-
Saturday	24 Apr	Mass 7.00pm
Sunday	25 Apr	Mass 8.00am Mass 11.00am Merrigum

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John Forde, Jackie Stockdale,

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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

PLENARY COUNCIL ZOOM REFLECTION SESSION.

The 5th Diocesan Plenary Zoom Reflection Session will be taking place from 7:30pm, **Wednesday 28th April**. We will be reflecting on the question "How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred church in Australia that is Prayerful & Eucharistic?" All are welcome to participate. Please register for the zoom link:

plenary@sandhurst.catholic.org.au



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Breaking Open the Word

THE SAVING WORD

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER / B (DIVINE MERCY)

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'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'
After saying this he breathed on them and said:
'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the
Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.
When the disciples said, 'We have seen the
Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that
the nails made in his hands, and can put my
finger into the holes they made, and unless I can
put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.'
Eight days later the disciples were in the house
again and Thomas was with them. The doors
were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among
them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he
spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here: look,
here are my hands. Give me your hand: put
it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.'
Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus
said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet
believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus
worked and the disciples saw, but they are not
recorded in this book. These are recorded so
that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of God, and that believing this you
may have life through his name.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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EXPERIENCING THE RISEN LORD

The picture of the early church which Luke
paints for us is a striking one. Everything is
shared in common and it seems that Luke is
at pains to highlight the radical difference the
encounter with Jesus Risen made in their lives.
What must other people have thought about
this new group in Jerusalem? One minute
they were a rabble, a rudderless ship after their
leader Jesus was killed. Now they were found
united sharing their faith and their goods.
They were now respected, and their leaders
were fearlessly giving witness that Jesus was
not dead but alive.

At times people look at the difference
between the early church's experience and
our experience and wonder why things seem
to have gone off the boil. What keeps us from
letting the new life of Easter change our lives?
Part of the answer lies in our own hearts. We
can be afraid of allowing Jesus to enter into
our lives and change us so radically. As John
knows all too well, it's not the world that is
the biggest obstacle for the person of faith,
it's our own heart and the defences we have
established there! There is a journey that
must be made that no one else can make for
us. The witness of the other disciples cannot
substitute for Thomas his own experience of
Jesus as the Risen One. When Jesus stands
before him there is no more need for defences,
no need to test what he knows to be true.
Now, he too, can begin to live.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Acts 4: 32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The whole group was united, heart and soul.

The whole group of believers was united,
heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use
anything that he had, as everything they owned
was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the
resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power,
and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want,
as all those who owned land or houses would
sell them, and bring the money from them, to
present it to the apostles; it was then distributed
to any members who might be in need.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 117: 2-4, 15-18, 22-24. R. v. 1

**R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting. (or Alleluia)**

1. Let the sons of Israel say: / 'His love has
no end.' / Let the sons of Aaron say: / 'His
love has no end.' / Let those who fear the Lord
say: / 'His love has no end.' **R.**

2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; /
his right hand raised me up. / I shall not die.
I shall live / and recount his deeds. / I was
punished, I was punished by the Lord, / but
not doomed to die. **R.**

3. The stone which the builders rejected / has
become the cornerstone. / This is the work
of the Lord, / a marvel in our eyes. / This day
was made by the Lord; / we rejoice and are
glad. **R.**

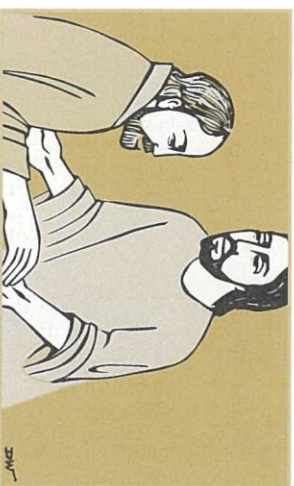
SECOND READING

1 Jn 5: 1-6

A reading from the first letter of St John

*Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the
world.*

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has
been begotten by God; and whoever loves the
Father that begot him loves the child whom
he begets. We can be sure that we love God's
children if we love God himself and do what



he has commanded us; this is what loving
God is – keeping his commandments; and
his commandments are not difficult, because
anyone who has been begotten by God has
already overcome the world; this is the victory
over the world – our faith. Who can overcome
the world? Only the man who believes that
Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came
by water and blood, not with water only, but
with water and blood; with the Spirit as another
witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 20: 29

Alleluia, alleluia / You believe in me,
Thomas, because you have seen me; /
happy those who have not seen me, but
still believe! / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 20: 19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according
to John.

*After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among
them.*

In the evening of that same day, the first day
of the week, the doors were closed in the room
where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews.
Jesus came and stood among them. He said to
them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them
his hands and his side. The disciples were filled
with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said
to them again, 'Peace be with you.'