

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

Sunday 21st February 2021



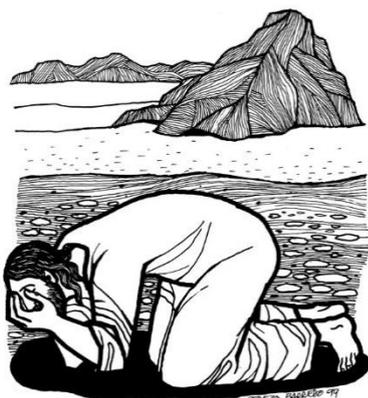
Readings for this week:

Genesis 9:8-15
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:12-15



Readings for next week

Genesis 22:1-2,9-18
Romans 8:31-34
Mark 9:2-10



Liturgical Jottings Lent

“The season of Lent is most appropriate for celebrating the sacrament of penance. Already on Ash Wednesday the people of God heard the solemn invitation ‘Repent and believe in the Gospel.’ It is therefore fitting to have several penitential celebrations during Lent, so that all the faithful may have an opportunity to be reconciled with God and their neighbour and so be able to celebrate the paschal mystery in the Easter Triduum with renewed hearts” (Rite of Penance 13)

During Lent the Eucharistic Prayers of Reconciliation I & II are most appropriate. These Prayers come with their own Prefaces. But a new rubric in the 2011 Roman Missal suggests the use of the Lenten Prefaces that refer to conversion and penance.

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Looking at the Readings

The First Sunday of Lent in the three cycles: A, B & C have the Gospel account of Jesus 40 days in the wilderness and the temptation by the Devil. Mark’s account, which we hear today, is very brief. The number and kind of temptations are not given. So brief is the account the next verses about the beginning of his Galilean ministry are added. These added verses provide the connection between fasting, prayer and the proclamation of the Good News. The exercises of prayer, fasting and almsgiving are our preparation for hearing the Good News and proclaiming the Easter mysteries.

Unlike Ordinary time, the first readings and the gospels, which are connected in themes, are not connected during the Sundays of Lent. Rather the first readings form a sequences over the five Sundays. In Cycle B the first readings recall the events of God’s Covenant (Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jeremiah and Cyrus). The Gospels, third to fifth Sundays of Lent, focus on forthcoming death and resurrection of Christ.

The five “Second Readings” from three New Testament authors recount our salvation achieved by life in Christ. May we take up the opportunity this Lent to meditate on the rich selection of scripture passages.

Weekday Mass Readings

Unlike Ordinary Time, the Lenten First Reading and the Gospel Reading each day are connected to each other. Like Advent, there is one cycle, not two as in Ordinary Time. During the five weeks of Lent the readings give us a way to contemplate on conversion penance, confession, and the mercy and wonderful works of God. Thus enabling us in the active, conscious and fruitful participation in the mystery of faith and the day-to-day living of faith.

Quotes of the Day - “Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth: who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life...” *Pope Benedict XVI*

On the Lighter Side

What animals on Noah’s ark had the highest intellect?

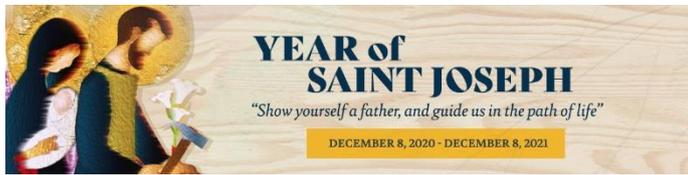
Giraffes

On Noah’s ark cows produced milk. What did the ducks give?

Quakers!

After the flood Noah told the animals to go forth and multiply
But the snakes objected. They said they were adders.





Pope Francis on December 8, 2020 published an Apostolic Letter *Patris corde (With a Father's Heart)*, commemorating the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of St Joseph", running from 8th December 2020 to 8th December 2021.

At this weekend's Masses we will celebrate the Year of St Joseph. The February Reflection is available on the sign in tables at the church entrances. Further resources are available at <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>.

ST JOSEPH PRAYER

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

VOLUNTEER THANKS

Thank you to our parishioners who volunteered to put out the parish bins on a weekly basis.

Your help is greatly appreciated.

WEEK DAY MASS TIMES FOR THE WEEK

- Tuesday, 23rd February: No Mass
- Thursday, 25th February: 9.15am

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

This weekend we welcome **Donovan Ashmore** into our faith community.



Please keep Donovan and his parents, Daniel and Renee, and godparents in your prayers.

DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

Due to the cancellation of Ash Wednesday's distribution of Ashes, Fr John will be offering parishioners to receive a sprinkling of ashes on the head (as per Roman guidelines) at both Masses this weekend.

The process will be the same as for Communion – stand if you wish to receive Ashes.

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

Please note that there will be **no Saturday Vigil Mass NEXT Saturday, 27th February 2021**. (There will be no Mass at Tatura either.)

There will still be Mass on Sunday, 28th February at 8.00am at St Augustine's Kyabram and 11.00am at St Sebastian's Merrigum.

CWL ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Catholic Women's League of Victoria and Wagga Wagga will hold its Annual Conference on Wednesday 3rd March 2021 at St. Joseph's Church and Presbytery, 42 Arundel Street, Benalla.

Please see the noticeboard for further details.



First Sunday of Lent - 21st February 2021



Jamila is a Rohingya refugee living in a camp in Bangladesh with her elderly mother and baby daughter. With the support of Caritas Australia, and through Caritas Bangladesh, Jamila has been able to access emergency food, shelter, counselling, and vocational training that will help to support her family.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help mothers like Jamila be more for her family and her community.

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes, or you can donate by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Angela Finn, Tom Herrick, Julie Shaw, Michael Hogan,
Joan Childs

Recently Deceased: -

Anniversaries: -

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



LENTEN LEAFLETS

The Sandhurst Diocese Lent 2021 leaflets invite reflection on excerpts from Pope Francis' 'Let us Dream', with suggestions for action from one of the Australian Plenary Council Thematic Discernment papers: 'How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is humble, healing and merciful?' The leaflets are for individuals or small groups. These leaflets can be obtained online at www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au menu 'News & Events' 'News'.

Some printed sets are also available on the sign in tables at the church entrances.

ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

- **Saturday 27th February** – No Mass
- **Sunday 28th February at 8.00am:**
Commentator – A Snell; Lector – M DiPetta; Special Minister – A Ryan

PROJECT COMPASSION VIRTUAL IMMERSIONS

Each week during Lent, Caritas Australia is holding Virtual Immersion opportunities for parishes via Zoom. These digital engagements will allow participants to focus on prayer and reflection, Catholic Social Teaching and an interview and Q&A with Caritas International Program staff.

Sessions will run Tuesdays and Thursdays for one hour across Australia. Dial in using Zoom from home. Book in today at <https://lent.caritas.org.au/virtualimmersions>. Note: the first one is Jamila's Story on Tuesday 23rd February.

SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

Spirituality in the Pub at the Terminus Hotel, Shepparton on **Monday, 1st March 2021** from 7.30 – 9pm (meals from 6pm optional). Come and join the conversation about WHY GO BACK TO MASS? Speakers are Cathy Jenkins, Assistant to the Director: Leadership with Catholic Education and one of Sandhurst Diocese' Delegates to the Plenary Council; and Alma Limbrick, Pastoral Associate in Kyabram Parish.

See the noticeboard at the back of the church for more. Enquiries: Kerry 0408 579904, Frank 5821 4362, or Fran 5829 0301.

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Mass Times

Kyabram

Week Day Masses this week:

- Tuesday: No Mass
- Thursday: 9.15am

Weekend Masses this week:

- Saturday: No Mass
- Sunday: 8.00am

Tongala

Second Sunday of month 11.30am

Merrigum

Fourth Sunday of month 11.00am

Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

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eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

■ 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!

GOSPEL

Mk 1: 12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come', he said, 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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JOURNEYING WITH THE LORD

It is said that it's better to travel hopefully than to arrive. One element of the truth that underlies this saying is that it is the nature of life that we are continually on the move, that there is always another stage of the journey to be undertaken. As we begin this season of Lent the readings are filled with images of journeys, promises and hope. Noah's journey which began with trusting in the Lord's word and building an ark now comes to its conclusion. Having safely come to dry land another journey begins with a new word and promise of God's blessing and faithfulness towards all creation.

If it is true that we are called to walk towards the light it is also true that we are enabled to do so because God has already taken the first step towards us. Lent is a time when we rightly focus on the task of our on-going conversion but, lest we get discouraged, today's second reading and Gospel are timely reminders that we are not undertaking this journey alone. There is work to be done and Peter calls us to remember the responsibility that goes with our baptism. At the same time we are encouraged by the fact that Jesus has already gone where we hope to go and that not even the Dominations and Powers can really impede us. The testing that Jesus undergoes in the desert at the hands of Satan and his victory is a sign and promise that we too will overcome.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Gen 9: 8-15

A reading from the book of Genesis

I will recall the covenant between myself and you ... the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

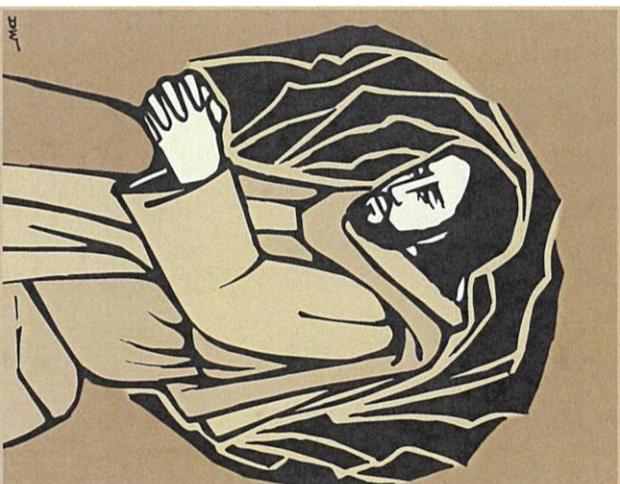
■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 24: 4-9. R. cf. v. 10

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

I. Lord, make me know your ways. / Lord, teach me your paths. / Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: / for you are God my saviour. R.



2. Remember your mercy, Lord, / and the love you have shown from of old. / In your love remember me, / because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**
3. The Lord is good and upright. / He shows the path to those who stray, / he guides the humble in the right path; / he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Pet 3: 18-22

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of