



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Parish Priest – Fr Uday Marneni ALCP/OSS

Easter Sunday

Sunday 31 March 2024



Readings for this week:

Acts 10:34,37-43
Colossian 3:1-4
John 20:1-9 or Mark 16:1-8



Readings for next Sunday: Acts 4:32-35
1 John 5:1-6
John 20:19-31



Liturgical Jottings Easter & Christian Life

The reforms of the Triduum liturgy, prior to the Vatican Council II, reintroduced to the Church a more complete integration of theology and worship. When experienced as a single action of death-resurrection-mission, the paschal mystery promotes a spirituality that is nurtured by resurrection faith, and seeks to make a commitment to the transformation of the world. Resurrection faith speaks a word of hope, connecting human persons with God's future.

Every Christian community is called to discern how God's fidelity to Jesus empowers the baptised to live as the Body of Christ by a fidelity to the poor, the outcast, and those deprived of justice, and human dignity. Resurrection ultimately points the believers to the power of God's Spirit to animate our human potential as co-creators of the reign of God's new life in every contemporary history.

Focus on the Gospel

The discovery of the empty tomb – although so simply told – is an astounding event that completes the Paschal Mystery: the passion, death AND resurrection of Jesus. Whilst Christ's willingness to go to his death on the cross was an extraordinary statement of God's love for humankind, it is his rising again from death that offers all Christian people hope. It is the second disciple – the one whom Jesus loved – who is the first to grasp the meaning of what has happened inside the tomb. The gospel tells us that upon entering the tomb and seeing Jesus' burial cloths lying there, 'he saw and he believed'. Unlike the later encounters with the risen Lord, this disciple recognised the truth and significance of what he saw in the empty tomb.

He didn't need to see the risen Lord to believe. Perhaps it is he that we today can best identify with. Not in a position to physically encounter the risen Christ, we are capable of seeing the signs of his resurrection and continuing presence in the world and choose to believe.

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An Easter Poem by Patrice de la Tour du Pin

Light of the world, O Jesus,
although we have never seen your open tomb,
whence comes this light among us:
this feast among feasts, if not from you, the risen one?

When someone we meet says to us:
where is your Christ today and his miracle?
We respond: whence comes the Spirit
that turns us toward his Passover, if not from him?

Our hearts burn when your love descends
and whispers to us: Love has come;
the day will come in the hearts of all creatures.
And the Lord will appear.

And if someone says to us: Now
show us a worthy sign beyond ourselves!
The sign is that at his return we must do what he loves
in order to testify that he is love.

On the Lighter Side

A scripture scholar had just finished a long article about the different prophecies and accounts of the Lord's death and resurrection. There was a lot of cross referencing."

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Jayne Wintle-Delahenty, Frances Corso, Germaine Stevens, Paul Genio, Tony Barca, John Moran, Jodie Potts, Philip Bowman, Anne Dodd, Kadyn Mitchell-Treacy, Amy Nicholson.

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Peter Leocata, Bill Nicholson

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



PARISH DETAILS

PARISH PRIEST

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PRINCIPALS

St Augustine's College - Jay Sutton – Phone 5851 3000

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Fr Uday Marneni, Alana Brennan (Chairperson)

Maurie Finn, Veronica Fox, Mary D'Augello,

Carl Cabaraban. Brendon Lane, Jackie Stockdale,

Finola Price, Natalie Watt, Jay Sutton, John Forde

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

Fr Uday Marneni,

Wayne Mulcahy (Chairperson),

James Harris (Deputy Chair)

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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

ANOINTING MASS - held on the first Thursday of the month at 10am in St Augustine's Church.

FORTNIGHT MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Sun 31st March - **Easter Sunday** - 8.30am

Weekly Masses

Tue 2nd April - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Liturgy

Thu 4th April – No Mass

Sun 7th April - 8.30am

Sun 7th April - 11.30am – Tongala

Weekly Masses

Tue 9th April - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Thu 11th April - 10am – Anointing Mass

Sat 13th April - 5.30pm Reconciliation

- 6pm Mass - cuppa after Mass

Sun 14th April - 8.30am

Weekly Masses

Tue 16th April - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Thu 18th April - 9.15am Year 7 & 8

Sun 21st April - 8.30am

Sun 21st April - 12.00pm – Merrigum

ROSTERS

Sunday 7th April at 8.30am

Commentator – A Snell

Lector – V Fox

Special Minister – M Cocks

Saturday 13th April at 6pm

Commentator – J Harris

Lector – S Carroll

Special Minister – L Busch

Sunday 14th April at 8.30am

Commentator – E Luvara

Lector – J Chant

Special Minister – A Ryan

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

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

Last week's Collection is \$ 1163.25

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.

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME



It is with great joy that at the Easter Vigil we welcome Belinda Fitzpatrick into our Catholic Faith and Parish Community. Belinda will be receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist. We offer our prayers and best wishes for Belinda and her family. All are invited to stay for supper following the Vigil.

WELCOME

A warm welcome to all families and visitors to our Easter celebrations. We especially welcome and thank you **Fr Paul Sireh** who is celebrating Easter Ceremonies this weekend.

TAP AND GO

This weekend we see the installation of our new Tap and go donation tap point. The machine is easy to use, tap on the amount you wish to donate and then tap your card. This is a donation machine only and **can't** be used for planned giving. Please contact the office if you would like any more information.



THANK YOU

Thank you to all who helped with the Easter Ceremonies this weekend - the sacristans, music group, computer operators, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, money collectors, welcomers and hospitality hosts, people who helped with Hot Cross buns and all who attended the ceremonies. It is very much appreciated.

DIVINE MERCY - SUNDAY 7 APRIL

St Brendan's catholic church, 121 Knights Street, Shepparton will have the Feast of the Divine Mercy this Easter. On Sunday 7 April, 2pm Sacrament and Reconciliation, 3pm Chaplet-in song Benediction, 3.30pm Holy Mass, 4.30pm Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image. Enquiries on 5821 2633

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

We are now accepting expression of interest for the St Augustine's 2024 Sacramental Program. The program is for Grade 3 or above and need to be baptised. Please ring the Office on 5821026 or email: kyabram@sandhurst.catholic.org.au if you have not registered through the school.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Please support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and *for all future generations*. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all. You can also donate by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or 1800 024 413.

EASTER MESSAGE FROM FR UDAY

Our Lord risen is the Fount of Life. He is the conqueror and victor.

Easter, the celebration of the resurrection of Christ is the greatest testimony of Life. God is life, and our God is a "living" God, the Emmanuel, God-with-us. No power of Satan, no fetters of death, no forces of evil, no closure of tomb, can restrain him from rising, or separate him from living with us.

He lives with us forever, because he is Life and ever alive. His rising assures and comforts us that sin and death have no power over him. Evil seems to have a loud and mocking laugh over good, but that is only short-lived. The Final smile is of God and of good.

Thus the Easter Feast is truly a Victory Day. It is not something peripheral or superficial. It is not just God's victory over Satan, not just Saviour's victory over the Evil one, not just the Holy Spirit's over the evil spirit. It is not a "personal score" that is settled between God and Evil. But something fundamental and foundational, crucial and essential.

The victory of Easter involves the whole creation, the whole of humanity. It touches upon the whole life, the whole person, the whole destiny. It is a comprehensive and holistic victory. It is the victory of all of us. It is the victory of our faith.

Let us become "living temples" and not "empty tombs"! Let us constantly die to sin and rise up from our fallen state, rise up from our dissipation, and live to grace. Let our daily life be a daily resurrection giving us a foretaste of that final resurrection.

HAPPY EASTER TO ALL

A MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Weekend is for YOU. "Live Your Best Married Life in Love"

Every relationship is a journey and the grind of everyday life can easily cause you to lose touch with your spouse. This weekend gives married couples time to nurture your relationship and some tools to keep passion alive in a gentle, supportive environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living.

Every married couple deserves a Marriage Encounter weekend! The weekend is based around Catholic values and couples of all faiths are welcome. Check our website for more details. Date: 12-14 April, in Melbourne. Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or Website: wwme.org.au or email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au

ANOINTING MASS

The next anointing mass, will be held on Thursday 11th April at 10am, followed by a cuppa.



"Though an army encamp against me, my heart does not fear; Though war be waged against me, even then do I trust." *Psalm 27:3*

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If you would like further details, please talk to Fr Uday, a member of the Finance Committee or Vicki in the office.



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Caritas Australia

Easter Sunday 31 March

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, **for all future generations.**

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You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

