

# 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 Lent - C

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2022



Readings for  
this week:

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18  
Philippians 3:17-4:1  
Luke 9:28-36



Readings for  
next Sunday

Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15  
1Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12  
Luke 13:1-9



## Liturgical Jottings

### Season of Lent II

In Lent the “Alleluia” is omitted at Mass and at the Liturgy of the Hours, even in celebrations of solemnities and feasts. A homily is recommended on weekdays, especially during the seasons of Advent, Lent and Easter.

Eucharistic Prayers Reconciliation I-II are appropriate for use during Lent when there is a theme of reconciliation. They may be used with Prefaces, which refer to conversion and penance such as the prefaces of Lent.

In Lent memorials are optional and only the Collect of the memorial is used. All other texts and readings are of the Lenten day.

Australian Catholics are obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday (Ordo 2022)

## Looking at the Readings

Each Lent on the second Sunday we read the account of the Lord's transfiguration, that is, Jesus appears in glory with the two great figures of the Old Testament: Moses and Elijah. This year, the gospel of Luke is proclaimed. It seems that at crucial points in the gospel where Jesus' true identity and mission are revealed, the disciples are falling asleep! The gospel of Luke is unique in suggesting that the disciples were sleepy at the Transfiguration. They managed to fight off sleep in this instance, but were fast asleep at the Mount of Olives as Jesus prayed in agony. The sleepiness of the disciples at these crucial times is indicative of limited grasp of what Jesus is on about. They are wearied by all that he asks of them, rather than energised by it.

The Transfiguration is between two predictions of his passion, death, and resurrection. The apostles find it difficult to understand and to accept this, and again difficult to grasp the meaning of his appearance in glory. But in their doubts and confusion they discussed these things among themselves and continued to follow Jesus on the road to Jerusalem.

In the second reading St Paul explains to the Philippians the implication of the transfiguration and resurrection of Christ. We, too, like Jesus, Moses and Elijah will be transfigured. This possibility excites our imagination and encourages us to “remain faithful”

## Lenten Quotes from the Saints

“Jesus, help me to simplify my life by learning what you want me to be – and becoming that person.” *St Thérèse of Lisieux*

“Renounce yourself in order to follow Christ; discipline your body; do not pamper yourself, but love fasting.” *St Benedict of Nursia*

## Prayer for the Week

Awesome God, You give us a world of experiences in which to encounter your presence. Encountering your magnificence can be frightening. Give us the grace to embrace the encounters and to place our trust in you. Through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen

## On the Lighter Side

In the church narthex, a young boy was looking at a plaque with the names of men and women who had died in various wars. He asked the priest, “Who are these people?” He said, “Those are members of our church who died in service.” The boy asked, “Which service: the 6pm or the 10am Mass?”



## HARVEST MASS (Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March)

**WELCOME** to the celebration, thanksgiving and sharing of the harvest – just as **Jesus and his people celebrated, gave thanks and shared in the “Feast of Ingathering” or the “Feast of Tabernacles.”**



People may like to join Saturday evening’s entry procession and lay their items of non-perishables like a can, jar, or packet, at the altar for the St. Vincent DePaul Society to distribute.

After Saturday Mass, please feel free to swap and share items of produce from the trading table. And, of course, **do stay for our supper following Mass.**

**Thank you to everyone who has helped and given to make our harvest celebration enjoyable.**

God, giver of all life,  
blessed are you in the fruits of the earth;  
blessed are you in the work of human hands  
and in the harvest of human creativity.

God of the poor and hungry,  
blessed are you in the grace of hospitality;  
blessed are you in the striving for justice  
and the fragility of peace-making.

God of the great feast and the simple meal,  
blessed are you in the sowing of seed;  
blessed are you in the breaking of bread  
and in the generosity of sharing. Amen.

## BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

This weekend we welcome  
**Patrick James Hehir**  
into our faith community.



Please keep Patrick and his parents, Brendan and Kate, and godparents in your prayers.

## STATIONS OF CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be prayed the next four weeks of Lent as follows:

- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March following the 5.00pm Mass.
- Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March and 5<sup>th</sup> April at 5.00pm (preceded by the Rosary at 4.45pm).

All welcome.

## HELP WANTED

We are still looking for a few volunteers to form a parish maintenance group for odd jobs around the church (eg some running repairs to the chairs) and presbytery, and to arrange and manage tradies in conjunction with the Parish Office (eg where a tradie attends a job outside of office hours). Please contact the Parish Office (5852 1026) if you can help.

## MASS TIME & ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 8.30am:**

Commentator – M DiPetta; Lector – S Carroll;  
Special Minister – A Ryan



## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 12 & 13 March



As a person with a disability living in remote India, Biru faced the prospect of a life of poverty and discrimination. With your support, he participated in entrepreneurship training and gained the skills to become financially independent.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help people living with disabilities in India gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to build a better future.**



Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow ***For All Future Generations.***

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au), or by calling 1800 024 413.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**Sick:** Kadyne Mitchell-Treacy, Craig Rosendale, Megan De Pasquale, Julie Shaw, Joan Childs

**Recently Deceased:** Fr Owen Doyle

**Anniversaries:** Tony Guinan

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



## DIARY DATES

Mon	14 Mar	-
Tues	15 Mar	Rosary 4.45pm Mass 5.00pm (Intention of Tony Guinan and Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life) Stations of the Cross (following 5.00pm Mass)
Wed	16 Mar	-
Thurs	17 Mar	Mass 9.15am
Fri	18 Mar	-
Sat	19 Mar	<b>No Mass</b>
Sun	20 Mar	Mass 8.30am
Mon	21 Mar	-
Tues	22 Mar	Rosary 4.45pm Mass 5.00pm (followed by Stations of the Cross) Joint PPC & Finance Committee gathering 6.00pm
Wed	23 Mar	-
Thurs	24 Mar	Mass 9.15am
Fri	25 Mar	-
Sat	26 Mar	Baptism 5.00pm Mass 6.00pm
Sun	27 Mar	Mass 8.30am Mass 11.30am Merrigum

## SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

Spirituality in the Pub will be held at the Terminus Hotel, Shepparton on **Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> March 7.30 – 9pm** (meals from 6pm optional).



The Plenary Council's First Assembly was in October. Our Sandhurst Plenary Members, Ruth Lawlor and Fr Joe Taylor along with Assembly Facilitator, David Walker will share **What was a highlight? What was a challenge? What's next?** and we're asking you **What outcomes do you want from the Plenary Council? What will indicate success or progress?** Enquiries: to Alma Limbrick on 0417 184 527.

## THE EUCHARIST - Source & Summit of our Life

The Eucharist Seminar over 3 Wednesdays evenings not only offers **information** about the Sacrament, it equips Catholics with **answers** for the many questions often asked by people who do not fully appreciate this Sacrament of Sacraments. Each Wednesday night 23 & 30 March, 6 April, 7.30-9.39pm via Zoom.

Book at: <https://www.trybooking.com/BXUAJ>. Bookings close Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 11.00am.

## 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  
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### Principals

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St Patrick's Primary

Jackie Stockdale – Phone 5859 0371

### 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.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
From the shining cloud, the Father's voice  
is heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**GOSPEL**

Lk 9:28-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Luke.

*As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed,  
and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.*

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him: they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here: so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him'. And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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# Breaking Open the Word

## OUR TRUE GOAL

As Abraham travels towards the land of promise he seeks a sign from the Lord. While he was told that his descendants will number as the stars, he and Sarah are childless and, not unreasonably, they look for assurance that God's promises will be fulfilled. In the awe-inspiring events that follow, he is encouraged to continue the journey as God confirms the promises already made by means of a covenant.

When Jesus journeys towards his own death the disciples stand in similar need of assurance and revelation. On entering the cloud they, like Abraham before them, are filled with terror. It is in this moment of uncertainty and confusion that they hear the Lord's voice calling them to see Jesus as God's chosen one and to listen to his message. Jesus' death is not the end of his journey and mission, rather, it is to be understood as the means by which he makes his saving exodus to the Father.

Located on one of the great trade routes, Philippi was a city of great strategic importance in the Roman Empire. Large numbers of veteran soldiers were settled there in order to secure it for Rome. The word that Paul uses for homeland/commonwealth is precisely the word used to describe such a colony of relocated veterans. In the midst of the changes, uncertainties, and journeys of life, Paul reminds his converts of a power greater than Rome – the power of Jesus to transform us and subdue all of creation. It is in Jesus that we find our true home and goal.

**Christopher Monaghan CP**

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT / C

# THE SAVING WORD

13 MARCH 2022

## FIRST READING

Gen 15:5-12, 17-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

*God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.*

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

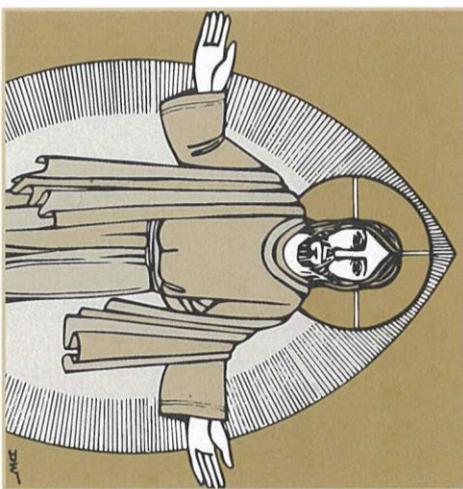
■ **RESP PSALM**

Ps 26:1, 7-9, 13-14. R. v. 1

**R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

1. The Lord is my light and my help; / whom shall I fear? / The Lord is the stronghold of my life; / before whom shall I shrink? **R.**

2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call; / have mercy and answer. / Of you my heart has spoken: / Seek his face. **R.**



3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; / hide not your face. / Dismiss not your servant in anger; / you have been my help. **R.**

4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness / in the land of the living; / Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. / Hope in the Lord! **R.**

■ **SECOND READING**

Phil 3:20-4:1

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the  
Philippians

*Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.*

For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

*Longer form, Phil 3:17-4:1.*