



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Ascension of the Lord

21 May 2023



Readings for this week:

Acts 1:1-11
Ephesians 1:17-23
Matthew 28:16-20



Readings for next Sunday:

Acts 2:1-11
Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13
John 20:19-23



Liturgical Jottings

Ascension *Communicantes*
Eucharistic Prayer I (the Roman Canon) has special insertions for the major solemnities. Called “Proper Forms of the *Communicantes*” the prayer within the Eucharistic prayer which begins with: “In communion with those whose memory we venerate” has a variation for the Feast of the Ascension.

“Celebrating the most sacred day on which your Only Begotten Son, our Lord, placed at the right hand of your glory our weak human nature, which he had united to himself, and in communion with those whose memory we venerate, especially the glorious ever-Virgin Mary, ...”

The prayer is addressed to the Father, calls to mind the mystery of Christ’s incarnation, unity with humanity, ascension into heaven and his glorious reign within the Godhead.

There is also a proper form of the *Communicantes* for the feast of Pentecost when using the Roman Canon. These insertions are not in the other Eucharistic Prayers.

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Looking at the Readings

The first and second readings and the responsorial psalm of the feast of the Ascension of the Lord are the same each year. The new lectionary provides an alternative second reading. The reading from the Acts of the Apostles gives the historical account of the Ascension, the second reading from the Letter to the Ephesians gives a theological insight into the mystery of Christ’s Ascension. The Matthean account (this year, cycle A) presents the final dialogue with the Apostles. Christ gives them instructions and farewell reassurance. There is no mention of the Ascension. The gospels according to Mark and Luke do and the Gospel of John does not mention the Ascension.

Within Luke’s account (Acts 1:1-11) distinct features are included about the Ascension: the Lord instructs them to stay in Jerusalem and wait for the Holy Spirit and be witnesses to the reign of God. Christ’s ministry began in Jerusalem (Luke 2:41) and ends there (Luke 24:47,53, Acts 1:4) but the Apostles, beginning in Jerusalem are to go out to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8).

St Paul’s words to the Ephesians are full of encouragement for them and enthusiasm for the glory and power of the risen and ascended Lord. What Christ Jesus has achieved we have the hope to share now and at the fullness of time. This hope must impel us be witnesses to his peace and forgiveness. Come, Lord Jesus!

Pope Francis’ words on the Ascension

Dear brothers and sisters, the Ascension does not point to Jesus’ absence, but tells us that he is alive in our midst in a new way. He is no longer in a specific place in the world as he was before the Ascension. ... We are never alone: the Crucified and Risen Lord guides us. We have with us a multitude of brothers and sisters who, in silence and concealment, in their family life and at work, in their problems and hardships, in their joys and hopes, live faith daily and together with us bring the world the lordship of God’s love, in the Risen Jesus Christ, ascended into Heaven, our own Advocate who pleads for us. Many thanks. General Audience 17 April 2013.

On the Lighter Side

A drill instructor yells, “Forward, march!” The entire ranks begin to move, except one recruit. So the drill instructor yells in his ear, “Is this thing working?” “Sir, yes, sir!” “Then why didn’t you march when I gave the order?” “Sir, I didn’t hear you call my name.” The great commission given by Jesus at his Ascension is a blanket order. It has everyone’s name on it. He says, “Go! Make disciples! Teach!” It is your mission and my mission.



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Fr Steve Bowhan, Cheryl Pearce (Baker), Anne Dodd, Philip Bowman, Sam Peyton, Shane McDonnell, Kadyn Mitchell-Treacy, Samantha Kurilic, Trevor Peterson.

Recently Deceased: Teresa Muto, Bill Worm, Margaret Myers.

Anniversaries:

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



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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 12.00 noon

Reconciliation – Second Saturday of month at

5.30pm (before 6pm Mass) in St Augustine's Church

Mass of Anointing are held on the first Thursday of the month at 10am in St Augustine's Church.

FORTNIGHT MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Sun 21st May - 8.30am – cuppa after Mass

Sun 21st May - 12 noon - Merrigum – community meeting following Mass

Tue 23rd May - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Thu 25th May - 9.15am

Fri 26th May - 11.30am - National Sorry Day Mass at Brigidine Centre

Weekend Masses

Sat 27th May - 6pm

Sun 28th May - 8.30am

Tue 30th May - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Thu 1st June - 10am – anointing Mass

Weekly Masses

Sun 4th June - 8.30am

Sun 4th June - 11.30am - Tongala

Tue 6th June - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Thu 8th June - 9.15am – Year 10 & Year 12

ROSTERS

Saturday 27th May at 6pm

Commentator – J Harris

Lector – L Ratcliffe

Special Minister – C Stewart

Sunday 28th May at 8.30am

Commentator – N Watt

Lector – M Carver

Special Minister – M O'Shea

Sunday 4th June at 8.30am

Commentator – V Fox

Lector – T Hehir

Special Minister – J Stockdale

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

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

Last week's Collection is \$930.40

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 58521310.

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.

PARISH AND COMMUNITY MEETING

Following Mass at Merrigum today Sunday 21st May at 1pm there will be a meeting to discuss, what is the future for the Merrigum Church. We encourage all parishioners and community members to attend both the Mass at 12noon and the meeting at 1pm.

PARISH GENERAL MEETING

On Sunday 4 June following 8.30am Mass a general meeting will be held to present the financial report for last year and discuss the introduction of a new credit card payment system at the church. We also like to update parishioner on the reintroduction of the stations of the cross. We would love to see all parishioners in attendance for your feedback and ideas for the church.

JESUS REVOLUTION

Kyabram Churches with the Kyabram Plaza theatre presents Jesus Revolution, screening for 2 nights only, Tonight Sunday 21 May and Wednesday 24 May at 7pm. Doors open at 6.30pm. Tickets \$12 each.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING 27th May, 2023.

In line with National Day of Prayer and Fasting, as an initiative the ministers fellowship, churches in Kyabram will have their doors open for prayer throughout the day. St Augustine's will have our doors opened from 8am-10am. Come in and pray for our nation. You may come and go as you wish.

The theme for 2023 is Love and Unity: The scriptural theme is found in John 13:34-35: A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples. The purpose of the National Day of Prayer and Fasting is to come together as one, humbling ourselves in prayer and fasting, to see God glorified in our Nation, contending for Revival and Transformation for Australia.

LEAVING A BEQUEST TO THE CHURCH

Have you thought about leaving a bequest to the church? There are forms available in the office if you would like to leave a bequest. These can be filled in and left with your will. Please contact Vicki or email the office for a copy.

PIETY STORE

Have you checked out the piety store in the gathering space of the church? Do you have a family baptism, sacramental member? Why not grab a lovely gift. Would you like to volunteer to help with the store? There is clipboard for you to put your name down to be included on the roster.

SANDPIPER E-NEWS

The link to the e-News is:

<https://us10.admin.mailchimp.com/campaigns/show?id=13543564>

NATIONAL SORRY DAY MASS

There will be a National Sorry Day Mass held on Friday 26 May at 11.30 in the Brigidine Centre. We invite all parishioners to join in on this special occasion.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

All Parish workers (PPC, PFC, Special Ministers, etc) are being asked to provide their **Working with Children (WWC)** cards to the Parish. They are also asked to complete an online learning module related to the Working with Children Standards. For those who are unable to do it online a training session will be held on **Wednesday 31st May in the church at 10am.** An invitation letter will be sent to these parishioners who are required to attend.

For more information, please call Finola Price 5852 1310, Mary Zobec 0427190282 or Parish office on 5852 1026.

Certificates received from the online learning course and copies of WWC cards need to be stored in the secure location at the Parish. They can be given to Vicki on a Tuesdays or Thursdays at the Parish Office.

LAUDATO SI' WEEK

16th – 24th May is a global celebration where we remember Pope Francis urging us in his encyclical Laudato Si' to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor and to humbly place ourselves in communion with our common home. As a Catholic Earthcare Parish we celebrate our part in the great progress the whole Church is making on its journey towards the seven Laudato Si' Goals set before us by Pope Francis to achieve ecological conversion.

PENTECOST WITH SANDHURST YOUTH MINISTRY

Young People ages 15-35 are invited to gather together to celebrate Pentecost! There will be music from Melbourne musician Gen Bryant and her band, talks and other activities, and a BBQ. We will also celebrate the Pentecost Vigil Mass as part of the evening.

Further information, including how to register, will be available on Instagram and Facebook on the Sandhurst Youth Ministry pages to find out more.

Saturday 27 May. Our Lady's Church, Wangaratta Stn. 5:30 – 9:30pm (arrive from 5pm)

NETFLIX RECOMMENDATION FROM FR TONY SHALLUE

Netflix is currently showing a worthwhile doco-series entitled "Stories of a Generation - with Pope Francis". In this series the Pope is encouraging the younger generation to listen to the aged people of our society and world. The series consists of a variety of people from around the world sharing their life experiences and Pope Francis reflecting on their experiences.

KYABRAM CHURCHES WITH THE KYABRAM PLAZA THEATRE PRESENT

JESUS REVOLUTION

SCREENING FOR 2 NIGHTS ONLY!
SUNDAY 21 MAY & WEDNESDAY 24 MAY
 Screening at 7pm | Doors open at 6.30pm

In the 1970s, young Greg Laurie is searching for all the right things in all the wrong places: until he meets Lonnie Frisbee, a charismatic hippie-street-preacher. Together with Pastor Chuck Smith they open the doors of Smith's languishing church to an unexpected revival of radical and newfound love, leading to what TIME Magazine dubbed a JESUS REVOLUTION

M Mature themes and drug references

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The costs are: **Advert (5x6cm)**

3 months (12 weeks)	\$16.67 per week	\$200
6 months (25 weeks)	\$12.00 per week	\$300
12 months (50 weeks)	\$10.00 per week	\$500

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