



# KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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## Passion of the Lord (Palm Sunday)

2 April 2023



Readings for this week:

Matthew 21:1-11  
Isaiah 50:4-7  
Philippians 2:6-11  
Matthew 26:14-27:66



Readings for next Sunday:

Acts 10:34, 37-43  
Col 3:1-4 or 1Cor 5:6-8  
John 20:1-9 or Matt 28:1-10



### Liturgical Jottings

#### Mystery of Christ

The Second Reading this Sunday is noted as a hymn about Christ. Paul, writing to the Philippians, includes this very early Christian hymn. The text both reminds them of the humility and suffering of Christ but also of his victory over death and his glory. It is now a hymn for us to sing of our salvation that reaches out to everyone.

Christ reverses the sin of Adam. Adam sought to be god-like, Christ emptied himself to be a human being. But God raised him high so now Christ may raise up all. There is a strong connection with this hymn and the four servant songs in Isaiah. It is worthwhile to read them as a whole. The suffering servant songs are read at the Masses on Holy Monday (1<sup>st</sup>), Holy Tuesday (2<sup>nd</sup>), Palm Sunday and Holy Wednesday (3<sup>rd</sup>), and Good Friday (4<sup>th</sup>).

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### Looking at the Readings

Palm Sunday's Mass contains four readings and the psalm. The first, a Gospel, relates to Palm Sunday's remembrance of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. This year we proclaim Matthew's account which emphasises the fulfilment of the Hebrew scriptures and the reference to "Son of David". These elements are constantly recalled in this Gospel; remember the Gospel of Matthew is the only one that includes the visit of the Wise Men from the East with their royal and godly gifts. The first reading from the prophet Isaiah and the second reading are read every year (see left column).

The Reading of the Passion is lengthy and designed in the lectionary to be read in parts: Narrator, Jesus, Other dialogues and the Crowd in which the whole congregation may participate. Again Matthew's version is rich with quotes from the psalms and prophets.

"He is writing to believers in a doctrinal and quasi-liturgical style. He offers Christ's disciples some keys to understanding the passion. He wants to introduce his readers to the Christian understanding of the disconcerting events that led their Master and Lord to die on the cross. Thus by sharing the faith of the church they will be able to see the cross in the coherent whole of the divine salvation." (Days of the Lord v2 p225)

### Did you know?

The words of Jesus from the cross: "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani" are in Aramaic, the language Jesus and his people spoke. These words are the first line of Psalm 21 (22): A psalm of "suffering of a virtuous man. It is the response to the Psalm in today's liturgy.

### Pope Francis Message for Lent 2023 (continued)

Here is the second proposal for this Lent: do not take refuge in a religiosity made up of extraordinary events and dramatic experiences, out of fear of facing reality and its daily struggles, its hardships and contradictions. The light that Jesus shows the disciples is an anticipation of Easter glory, and that must be the goal of our own journey, as we follow "him alone". Lent leads to Easter: the "retreat" is not an end in itself, but a means of preparing us to experience the Lord's passion and cross with faith, hope and love, and thus to arrive at the resurrection.

### On the Lighter Side

The question 'When is Maundy Thursday?' reminds me of an old joke: Where is the tiger's head? Three feet from his tail! When is Maundy Thursday? Three days before Easter Sunday!



## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Sick:** Bill Worm, Philip Bowman, Ainsley Lane, Sam Peyton, Kadya Mitchell-Treacy, Shane McDonnell, Samantha Kurilic, Trevor Peters, Fr Steve Bowhan.

**Recently Deceased:** Andres Gonzalez, Lesley Kennedy, Jean McGrath

**Anniversaries:** Frank Kennedy

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



## Parish Priest

Fr John Paul Pasala

Kyabram Presbytery: 5852 1026

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### Parish Office

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### Parish Administrator

Vicki Arnel – 0417 147 695

### Principals

St Augustine's College

Jay Sutton – Phone 5851 3000

St Patrick's Primary

Jackie Stockdale – Phone 5859 0371

### Parish Pastoral Council

Fr John Paul Pasala,,

Alana Brennan (Chairperson)

Maurie Finn, Veronica Fox, Mary D'Augello,

Carl Cabaraban. Brendon Lane, Finola Price,

Natalie Watt, Jackie Stockdale, Jay Sutton

### Parish Finance Committee

Fr John Paul Pasala,

Wayne Mulcahy (Chairperson),

James Harris (Deputy Chair)

John Zobec, Naomi Hehir, 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

First Sunday of month 11.30am

#### Merrigum

Third Sunday of month 12.00 noon

Reconciliation – Second Saturday of the month at

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

Kyabram.

Mass of Anointing are held on the first Thursday of

the month at 10am in St Augustine's Church.

## FORTNIGHT MASS TIME TABLE

### Weekend Masses

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> April - 8:30am Palm Sunday Mass Kyabram,  
11.30am Tongala

Tues 4<sup>th</sup> April - No Mass.

Tues 4<sup>th</sup> April - 11am Mass of the Oils - Bendigo

Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> April - 7pm Holy Thursday

Fri 7<sup>th</sup> April - 10am Ecumenical Combined churches  
service.

Fri 7<sup>th</sup> April - 3pm Good Friday.

### Weekend Masses

Sat 8<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Vigil 6pm

Sun 9<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Sunday Kyabram 8:30am

**No weekday masses from 10 April to 14 April.**

### Weekend Masses

Sun 16<sup>th</sup> April - Divine Mercy - 8.30am followed by  
Devotions

## ROSTERS

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 8.30am

Commentator – V Fox

Lector – T Hehir

Special Minister – J Stockdale

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 8.30am

Commentator – T Hehir

Lector – N Watt

Special Minister – F Turner

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 8.30am

Commentator – L Radcliffe

Lector – J Harris

Special Minister – A O'Meara

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Thank you for your generosity and support for our Parish.

May God bless you always.

Last week's Collection is \$ 1140.90

## 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.

## COMBINED CHURCHES – GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

To be held on Good Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2023, at the Memorial Gardens, Allan Street, Kyabram at 10am. Free tea and coffee and Hot Cross Buns. BYO Chair.

## EASTER TIMETABLE

**Palm Sunday** - 2 April at 8.30am Kyabram and 11.30am Tongala.

**Mass of the Oils** – Tuesday 4 April 11am Bendigo

**Holy Thursday** – 6 April 7pm

**Ecumenical Church Service** at Memorial Park - 7<sup>th</sup> April 10.00am

**Good Friday** - 7 April 3pm

**Easter Vigil** - 8 April 6pm

**Easter Sunday** - 9 April 8.30am

**Divine Mercy Sunday** - 16 April 8.30am followed by Devotions

## HOLY THURSDAY- Washing of the Feet.

We are inviting Parishioners to have their feet washed at the Holy Thursday Mass.

If you are interested please see Annette Ryan or Mary Zobec or reply to parish office on 5852 1026.

## APOSTOLATE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA DEVOTIONS

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April** – The first Friday for April is Good Friday, Stations of the Cross and Liturgy of the Lords Passion will take place. 10am Stations of the Cross and 3pm Passion of the Lord at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo.

April the 26<sup>th</sup> is the feast of Our Lady of Good Council, patroness of the Sandhurst Diocese.

## HELPERS NEEDED FOR EASTER

We are looking for people available to assist with the hot cross buns for the Good Friday Ecumenical Service (7th April) being held in the Memorial Gardens. Helpers to meet in the Parish meeting room at 9.00am to assist with buttering the buns. Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to help.

**We are also looking for people to assist with the Easter Ceremonies. Sheets are at the back of the church if you are available to assist. Please fill out and ensure that you leave phone number so we can contact you.**

## SANDHURST DIOCESE CHRISM MASS

The Chrism Mass for 2023 will be at the Sacred Heart Cathedral on Tuesday, 4 April, at 11am. Parish representatives will present oils to be blessed by the Bishop for the Sacraments during the coming year. All parishioners of the Diocese are warmly invited to this significant Mass for our Diocese. Light refreshments and beverages will be provided after the Mass on the Cathedral lawns.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Alana Brennan and Angela Finn for being selected on the Sandhurst Mission and Pastoral Council. We thank them for their commitment and pray for them.

## WELCOME

We welcome John Forde on his return to Parish Pastoral Council.

## EASTER VIGIL

There will be a parish celebration with a cuppa following the Easter Vigil. Please bring a plate to share.

## CLOSURE OF OUTSIDE PARISH TOILETS

Through consultation with the school OH&S team, Liturgy team, PPC and Fr. John-Paul, it has been decided that the outside toilet block be closed due to safety concerns. relating to the impact of the nearby tree and the concern for the proximity of the toilet block to students during school hours. A toilet is available in the front entrance of the church and signage will be updated as soon as practical.

We thank all parishioners for their concern and understanding as we continue to work towards creating a safe environment for our parishioners and children.

## SANDPIPER E-NEWS

Please find below the URL For the latest Sandpiper e-News

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## BE A GOOD EGG THIS EASTER

Did you know that much of the chocolate sold in Australia is made using cocoa beans picked by children, many of whom have been enslaved or forced to work in exploitative conditions? The International Labour Rights Forum estimates that more than 1.5 million children are working in the cocoa sector in West Africa, where about 70% of the world's cocoa is produced.

We can all be **'good eggs'** and commit to using our Easter chocolate dollars to buy slavery-free chocolate. It's also the right time to tell our families, friends and communities about the exploitation of children in chocolate production. **Look** for Fairtrade and Rainforest Alliance logos on your chocolate wrapper. See poster on Noticeboard.

Download the [Be Slavery Free Chocolate Scorecard!](#) to find out what's really going into your chocolate and how your favourite brands rate.

Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water. In recent years, COVID-19 has also devastated vulnerable communities already living in poverty, with the health and economic impacts to reverberate for years to come.

It's through the generous support of people like you that we are able to continue to help lift vulnerable communities out of poverty – support that is needed now more than ever.

**Thank you** for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**



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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

Thanking you in advance for your support. If you would like any further details, please talk to Fr. John or any member of the Finance Committee.



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