



# Kyabram Catholic Parish

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

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**Parish Administrator – Fr John Paul Pasala**

We come to worship we remember the Yorta Yorta & Bangerang People the original custodians of this land

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2021**



Readings for this week:

2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23  
Ephesians 2:4-10  
John 3:14-21



Readings for next week

Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Hebrews 5:7-9  
John 12:20-33



## Liturgical Jottings

### Chrism Mass

The Bishop and his priests concelebrate this Mass which he consecrates the holy chrism and blesses the other oils and manifests the communion of the presbyters with their Bishop. The chrism is used to anoint the newly baptised, to seal the candidates for confirmation, and anoint the hands of presbyters and the heads of bishops at their ordination. The oil of catechumens is used in the preparation of the catechumen for their baptism. The oil of the sick is used to bring comfort and support to the sick. Priests share the sacred office of the bishop in building up and sanctifying the people of God. Ceremonial of Bishops 274  
The Mass will be celebrated at the Sacred Heart Cathedral on Tuesday 30 March at 11am. All welcome.

## Looking at the Readings

The two books of the Chronicles contain 75 chapters in all. Only once do we hear from them on a Sunday, that is today, and it is the very last verses of the Second Book of the Chronicles. As the name suggests, they are historical books but the unknown author gives spiritual and unique perspectives to the salvific events from creation to the return from Babylonian exile. Because of these perspectives the readings are relevant for us in our time. Sin and punishment must be recognised for what they are. Conversion, mercy and forgiveness should be accepted, praised and celebrated.

The Gospel presents another insight into the death and resurrection of Christ before those events. To Nicodemus Christ prepares him for the mystery of the Cross: He is to be lifted up (on the Cross) for all to be saved and gain eternal life. John's Gospel emphasises the cross as the instrument of glory of God, a sign of God's love and life for the world.

## Quote of the Week

"Fasting cleanses the soul, raises the mind, subjects one's flesh to the spirit, renders the heart contrite and humble, quenches the fire of lust, and kindles the true light of chastity. Enter again into yourself." *St Augustine of Hippo*

## Prayer for Today

O God, rich in mercy, You so loved the world that, when we were dead in our sins, You sent Your only Son for our deliverance. Lifted up from the earth, He is light and life; exalted upon the cross, He is truth and salvation. Raise us up with Christ and make us rich in good works, that we may walk as children of light toward the paschal feast of heaven. Amen.

## On the Lighter Side

As new regulations are introduced, they strain on our memories, especially going shopping. In the 1960's we get to the grocer's door and remember we left the car key in the ignition; in the 1970's we go the supermarket and remember we forgot to feed the parking meter; in the 1980's we get to the front door and return to get the needed shopping list because of failing memory. In the 1990's we return to the car to get our credit card. In the 2000's we go back to get our mobile phone, in the 2010's we return to car get the green bags, and now in the 2020's we return to the car to don our face-masks.



## SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION 2021

An Information Evening about the Sacramental Program for 2021 will be held this Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March in St Augustine's Church Kyabram commencing at 7.00pm. This meeting is for Parents only.

Any further questions relating to this year's Sacramental Program can be directed to Alma Limbrick at the Parish Office on 5852 1026 (Thursdays) or mobile 0417 184 527 or Kylie Morrissey at the College on 5851 3000.

## HELPERS NEEDED

We are looking for people available to assist with the hot cross buns for the Good Friday Ecumenical Service (2<sup>nd</sup> April) being held in the Memorial Gardens. Helpers to meet in the Parish meeting room at 9.00am to assist with buttering and wrapping the buns. Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to help.

## COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION

Communal Reconciliation will be held on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm in St Augustine's church, Kyabram.

## ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm:**  
Commentator – W Mulcahy; Lector – I Paynter;  
Special Minister – L Sorbello

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 8.00am:**  
Commentator – M Finn; Lector – A Snell;  
Special Minister – M Elliott

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (14<sup>th</sup> March)

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.  
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;  
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

## BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

This weekend we welcome  
**Chloe Sherriff**  
into our faith community.



Please keep Chloe and her parents, Jonathan and Kayla, and godparents in your prayers.

## HARVEST MASS – next Saturday

We are looking forward to our Harvest Mass next weekend on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2021** to celebrate, share and give thanks as **Jesus and his people celebrated the 'Feast of Ingathering' or 'the 'Feast of Tabernacles.'** **People shared from their harvest, and goods were collected for the poor.**



Farmers, gardeners and cooks, are all invited to bring some item of produce on that day – vegetables, fruit, grain, dairy products, preserves, meat, herbs, hay, and even plants and flowers to swap and share at the trading table. We want to share local abundance with those in need. Giving locally made non-perishables like a can, jar, or packet of something produced in our area to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, is a way we can do this and give thanks for what we grow and make in our Goulburn-Murray food bowl. We encourage people to join the entry procession next week, and to put their items in the SVDP baskets by the altar.

*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.*

## LITURGY MEETING

The next Liturgy Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> March commencing at 5.45pm.

## HOLY WEEK TIMES

Holy Thursday (1 <sup>st</sup> April)	7.00 pm	St Augustine's, Kyabram
Good Friday (2 <sup>nd</sup> April)	10.00 am 3.00 pm	Ecumenical Service at Memorial Gardens, Ky Passion of our Lord, St Augustine's Kyabram
Saturday Easter Vigil (3 <sup>rd</sup> April)	7.00 pm	St Augustine's Kyabram
Easter Sunday (4 <sup>th</sup> April)	9.30 am	St Augustine's Kyabram

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**Sick:** Nancy Taylor, Angela Finn, Tom Herrick, Julie Shaw,  
Joan Childs, Jennifer Saunders

**Recently Deceased:** Josie McSherry

**Anniversaries:** Denis Wood, Fr Joe Walsh, Tony Guinan

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



## DIARY DATES

Monday	15 Mar	-
Tuesday	16 Mar	Mass 5.00pm (Intention of Tony Guinan) Liturgy meeting 5.45pm
Wednesday	17 Mar	<i>St Patrick's Day</i>
Thursday	18 Mar	Mass 9.15am St Pat's School Mass 10.00am Sacramental Program Information Evening 7.00pm
Friday	19 Mar	-
Saturday	20 Mar	Harvest Mass 7.00pm
Sunday	21 Mar	Mass 8.00am
Monday	22 Mar	-
Tuesday	23 Mar	Mass 5.00pm, followed by Stations of the Cross
Wednesday	24 Mar	-
Thursday	25 Mar	Mass 9.15am Communal Reconciliation 7.00pm
Friday	26 Mar	-
Saturday	27 Mar	Mass 7.00pm
Sunday	28 Mar	<i>Palm Sunday</i> Mass 8.00am Mass Merrigum 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 –

Mon/Tues/Wed – 8.30am to 12 noon  
Thursday – 8.30am to 5.00pm

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### Principals

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Brayden Stone – Phone 5851 3000  
St Patrick's Primary  
Jackie Stockdale – Phone 5859 0371

### Parish Pastoral Council

Fr John Paul, Alma Limbrick (Pastoral Associate), Alana Brennan (Chairperson), Joe Chant, Maurie Finn, John Forde, Jackie Stockdale, Brendon Lane, Finola Price, Brayden Stone, Mary Zobec

## Mass Times

### Kyabram

Week Day Masses (Tuesday and Thursday): see Diary Dates  
Saturday: 7.00pm  
Sunday: 8.00am

### Tongala

Second Sunday of month 11.30am

### Merrigum

Fourth Sunday of month 11.00am

## CARITAS NEWS

Free copies of Caritas News are now available. This Summer Edition focusses on our ONE HUMAN FAMILY and how Caritas, with your support, is allowing people to respond to the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, and working with those in Lebanon, the Philippines and helping young Australians stand up to fight poverty.



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 14<sup>th</sup> March 2021



Arsad, an Indonesian farmer, had no toilet at home and was often sick due to the practice of open defecation. Through Caritas Australia's support, Arsad and his community improved hygiene and sanitation, and funded their own toilets.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help improve health and wellbeing of communities in Indonesia so they can work towards eradicating poverty, providing a better future for all.**

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, phoning 1800 024 413 or by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion).

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Jn 3:16

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! /  
 God loved the world so much, he gave us  
 his only Son, / that all who believe in him  
 might have eternal life. / Glory and praise  
 to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**GOSPEL**

Jn 3:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according  
 to John.

*God sent his Son into the world that we might be  
 saved through him.*

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

‘The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses  
 lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that  
 everyone who believes may have eternal life in  
 him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he  
 gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes  
 in him may not be lost but may have eternal  
 life. For God sent his Son into the world not  
 to condemn the world, but so that through him  
 the world might be saved. No one who believes  
 in him will be condemned, but whoever refuses  
 to believe is condemned already, because he has  
 refused to believe in the name of God’s only  
 Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced:  
 that though the light has come into the world  
 men have shown they prefer darkness to the  
 light because their deeds were evil. And indeed,  
 everybody who does wrong hates the light and  
 avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed;  
 but the man who lives by the truth comes out  
 into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that  
 what he does is done in God.’

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word

## LOVING IS GIVING

Some years ago, a young married man asked  
 me to try and put the story of the Scriptures  
 into a sentence or two. My reply was that the  
 story that the Scriptures tell is a love story,  
 a love that always provides us with a new  
 beginning, especially when we least deserve  
 or expect it. He then exclaimed: ‘There you  
 are, why did you have to bring sin into it?’  
 I took his point about the need to be positive,  
 but the Scriptures teach that a reality we  
 can’t seem to avoid is that our choices are not  
 always what they might be.

The point I was trying to make was that God  
 does not avoid us, even if we cannot seem  
 to avoid sin. The first reading is a classic  
 example of a new and unexpected life offered  
 to the people of Israel in the midst of exile.  
 The Chronicler has no doubts that the exile  
 was fully deserved. The wonder is that there  
 is another opportunity at all! The Gospel  
 passage could not state it more beautifully:  
 ‘God so loved the world that he gave his only  
 Son’. God’s will for us is always that we come  
 into the fullness of life. While we may fear  
 God’s judgement, the real judgement to fear  
 is the one that we make ourselves. Paul speaks  
 of each of us as a work of art. The challenge  
 of Lent is: What kind of work of art do we  
 wish to be?

Christopher Monaghan CP



# THE SAVING WORD

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT / B

14 MARCH 2021

**FIRST READING**

2 Chron 36: 14-16, 19-23

A reading from the second book of Chronicles.  
*The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in  
 the exile and liberation of his people.*

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people  
 too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the  
 shameful practices of the nations and defiling  
 the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for  
 himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of  
 their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger  
 after messenger, since he wished to spare his  
 people and his house. But they ridiculed the  
 messengers of God, they despised his words,  
 they laughed at his prophets, until at last the  
 wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people  
 that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of  
 God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set  
 fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything  
 of value in it. The survivors were deported by  
 Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve  
 him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia  
 came to power. This is how the word of the Lord  
 was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah,  
 ‘Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest,  
 until seventy years have gone by, it will keep  
 sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.’

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia,  
 to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken  
 through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit  
 of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation  
 and to have it publicly displayed throughout  
 his kingdom: ‘Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia,  
 “The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all  
 the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me  
 to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah.  
 Whoever there is among you of all his people,  
 may his God be with him! Let him go up.”’

■ The word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 136. R. v. 6

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever  
 forget you!



1. By the rivers of Babylon / there we sat and  
 wept, / remembering Zion: / on the poplars  
 that grew there / we hung our harps. **R.**
2. For it was there that they asked us, / our  
 captors, for songs, / our oppressors, for joy, / ‘Sing  
 to us,’ they said, / ‘one of Zion’s songs.’ **R.**
3. O how could we sing / the song of  
 the Lord / on alien soil? / If I forget you,  
 Jerusalem, / let my right hand wither! **R.**
4. O let my tongue / cleave to my mouth / if I  
 remember you not, / if I prize not Jerusalem /  
 above all my joys! **R.**

**SECOND READING**

Eph 2: 4-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the  
 Ephesians.

*When we were dead through sins, he brought us to life.*

God loved us with so much love that he was  
 generous with his mercy: when we were dead  
 through our sins, he brought us to life with  
 Christ – it is through grace that you have been  
 saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a  
 place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through  
 his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how  
 infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by  
 grace that you have been saved, through faith;  
 not by anything of your own, but by a gift from  
 God; not by anything that you have done, so  
 that nobody can claim the credit. We are God’s  
 work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the  
 good life as from the beginning he has meant  
 us to live it.

■ The word of the Lord.