



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Ascension of the Lord Sunday

Sunday 12 May 2024



Readings for
this week:

Acts 1:1-11
Ephesians 1:17-23 or 4:1-13
Mark 16:15-20



Readings for
next Sunday:

Acts 2:1-11
Galatians 5:16-25
John 15:26-27, 16:12-15



Liturgical Jottings Trumpets

The response of the psalm on this feast day is: "God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord." Trumpets appear several times in the Old Testament as musical instrument in secular use: they sounded the entrance of the monarch, and the alarm for battle. Trumpets had religious uses: sounded assemblies, at the beginning of a feast day, one of several instruments in temple and for processions, sacrifices and dedications. In the New Testament they have apocalyptic overtones: the angels announced catastrophes (Rev 8:2-11), calls the chosen for the final judgment (Matt 24:31) and the dead are awakened (1 Cor 15:52; 1 Thess 4:16).

In early Christian worship no music instruments were used; the human voice provided the accompaniment to the chants. As pipes and pipe organs came into use, the sound of trumpets began to be heard, especially on Anzac Day for the Last Post and the Reveille.

Focus on the Gospel

The lectionary on Ascension Day, Cycle B provide a choice for the second reading Ephesians 1:17-23 or 4:1-13. The alternative is rich in meaning on the mystery of the Lord's Ascension. While it has inspired several hymns: Fullness of God, There is One Lord, The Church's One Foundation, We Are One, St Paul was inspired by Psalm 68(67):19 by recognising the fruits of the Ascension: God's gifts to humankind are that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers.

Together with the earlier verses: "Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness patience, ... unity and peace, we get a picture of the Church community. Is Paul looking for perfect Christianity and an ideal church? He writes this letter imprisoned in Rome while he has much time for reflection and writing. He is very conscious of the challenges facing many church communities, so rather than an utopian church he seeks a church that responds to the demands of the day with those gifts and virtues. Today the church is disturbed by conflicts and divisions, mishandling of past errors that threatens in credibility and effectiveness. The words of Paul on the descent and ascent of Christ are reflected in the vocations and journeys of Christians today.

Ascension Poem

We sing to you, resurrected,
your sun rises on humanity,
you have emerged victorious from the shadow of the tomb,
the living sun of the new age.

The whole universe is brought to light
And finally able to call you "love".

A new song for the lost children:

The name of God given to us.

you who sleep, awaken,

the night sends out the signal to the bridegroom.

He comes to seek out believers,

"Amen" of the glory of the living God.

Daniel Hameline.

On the Lighter Side

A sea captain on a very dark night saw faint lights in the distance and sent a message, "Alter your course 10°S." A prompt message returned, "Alter your course 10°N." The captain was infuriated, "I am the captain of a large battleship. Alter your course 10°S!" Once again a prompt reply came, "Alter your course 10°N - I am a lighthouse."



FORTNIGHT MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Sun 12th May - 8.30am – Ascension Sunday
Tue 14th May - 6pm Mass Fr Uday anniversary celebration
Thu 16th May – 9.15am – 9-12 Community Mass

Weekly Masses

Sun 19th May - 8.30am – Pentecost Sunday
Sun 19th May - 12.00pm – Merrigum
Tue 21st May- 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Liturgy
Sat 25th May - 13th May - 6pm



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Daniel Lingard, Frances Corso, Paul Genio, Tony Barca, John Moran, Jodie Potts, Philip Bowman, Kadyn Mitchell-Treacy.

Recently Deceased: Msgr Frank Hickey, Tim Rawlings, Fay Herrick, Alexis Delahenty

Anniversaries: Margaret Myers, Catherine Shortis, Frances and Jennifer O'Meara, John Georgia, Shirley Donohue. Pat Hehir

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

ROSTERS

Sunday 19 May 8.30am

Commentator – A Snell
Lector – V Fox
Special Minister – F Turner

Saturday 25 May at 6pm

Commentator – S Carroll
Lector – J Harris
Special Minister – A O'Meara

Sunday 26 May 8.30am

Commentator – E Luvara
Lector – J Chant
Special Minister – B Lyon

PARISH DETAILS

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MASS TIMES

KYABRAM

Week Day (Tuesday 5pm & Thursday 9.15am)

Saturday-2nd and 4th Saturday: 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.

A MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

Lord Jesus,
you have known a mother's love
and tender care, and you will hear,
while for our mothers most dear,
we offer this Mother's Day prayer.
Protect the lives, we pray,
of those who have given us the gift of life.
May our mothers know from day to day
the deepening joy that comes from your presence.
We cannot pay our debts
for all the love that we have received;
but you, Lord, will not forget their due reward.
Bless our mothers both on earth and in heaven.
Amen.

FR UDAY ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

A mass to celebrate Fr Uday's ordination anniversary will be held on Tuesday 14th May at 6pm followed by a supper in the gathering space. Please bring a plate to share.

BAPTISM

This Wednesday we welcomed Albert Weardon into our faith community. Please keep Damien and Daniela Wearden his parents and godparents in your prayers, as they continue on their faith journey.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy 90th birthday wishes to Wilma Bergin. We wish Wilma all the best, and hope she has a wonderful time celebrating.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

An information evening is being held on Thursday 16 May at 6.30pm in St Augustines' church for the parents and children preparing to do their Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist. Please ring the Office on 5852 1026 or email: kyabram@sandhurst.catholic.org.au if you have not registered through the school.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

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

Last week's Collection is \$ 825.95

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SEMINARS

These Seminars are being offered at St. Killian's Parish in Bendigo on Tuesday 21 May, 5:30pm start and at St. Liborius Parish in Eaglehawk on Saturday, 25 May, 10:30am start.

Each seminar begins with a Keynote Presentation. Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter *Desiderio Desideravi* (2022) on Liturgical Formation of the People of God invites renewed reflection on the preparation and celebration of the Church's liturgy. In this keynote address, Prof. Clare Johnson, Director of the ACU Centre for Liturgy will provide an overview of Pope Francis' letter and suggest some implications for liturgical ministries. This will be followed by a choice of three workshop options: 1. Ministry of the Word - Dr Chris Cotter; 2. Extraordinary Ministry of Holy Communion - Ms Lyn Breen; 3. Ministry of Liturgical Music - Dr Paul Taylor; that will explore areas of affirmation, challenge and invitation in these ministries. For Bookings or more info the following link: <https://www.trybooking.com/CNRVB>

MONTHLY WORKING BEE

Monthly working bees are now being held on the 1st Saturday of the month at 9.30am to do some general cleaning in the church eg dusting, cleaning glass doors, cobwebs, sweeping steps, etc. This is instead of a roster. If you are able to spend some time helping with cleaning duties please put your name on the clip board provided in the gathering space. The next working bee will be on 1st June.

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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.

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Breaking Open the Word

far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 28: 19, 20
Alleluia, alleluia! / Go and teach all people my gospel. / I am with you always, until the end of the world. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mk 16: 15-20
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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WHAT DOES THE ASCENSION MEAN FOR US?

The ascension of the Lord is the pivotal link between Luke's Gospel and Acts – the story of Jesus and the story of the Church. The accounts of the ascension at the end of Luke's Gospel and the beginning of Acts are not exactly the same but the message is clear: 'they' (the apostles/witnesses) are to stay in the city/Jerusalem until clothed with power from on high/receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and, then 'he' (Jesus) was carried up to heaven/lifted up, and a cloud took him out of sight (Luke 24:49-51 & Acts 1:4, 8-9).

The letter to the Ephesians contains the plea 'to make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit' and to build up the body of Christ. This is essential as the one who came down is the same one who ascended, who is calling all, whatever their gift, to work together in their ministry until they become mature in Christ.

Mark's account is thought to be a later addition to the Gospel. 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News', – reminiscent of Matthew's account of the commissioning of the disciples – 'to all creation' (v. 15). This message is vital for us to hear in these times of global ecological crisis. After speaking to the apostles, Jesus was taken up and assumed his rightful place at the right hand of God. In every way the ascension affirms the resurrection, Jesus' return to God and the launch of our mission guided by the Spirit.

Dr Rosemary Canavan

THE SAVING WORD

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD / B

12 MAY 2024

FIRST READING

Acts 1: 1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Why are you standing here looking into the sky?

Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom of Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

■ The word of the Lord.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 46: 2-3, 6-9. R. v. 6

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord. (or Alleluia!)

1. All peoples, clap your hands, / cry to God with shouts of joy! / For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, / great king over all the earth. **R.**
2. God goes up with shouts of joy; / the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. / Sing praise for God, sing praise, / sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**
3. God is king of all the earth. / Sing praise with all your skill. / God is king over the nations; / God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

SECOND READING

Eph 1: 17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven,