

# 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

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021**



Readings for this week:

Acts 3:13-15 17-19  
1 John 2:1-5  
Luke 24:35-48



Readings for next week:

Acts 4:32-35  
1 John 5:1-6  
John 20:19-31



## Liturgical Jottings

### Easter Prefaces

The first part of the Eucharistic Prayer is the Preface, preceding the "Sanctus" or Holy, Holy, Holy. The Roman Missal provide five Easter Prefaces, the first is used from the Easter Vigil to the Second Sunday of Easter and may be used at other Masses during the Easter Season. The celebrant may choose one of the Easter Prefaces 2-5 during the rest of the season. The feast of Ascension has two Prefaces and Pentecost has its own.

### Easter Preface III

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed. He never ceases to offer himself for us but defends us and ever pleads our cause before you [Lord]. He is the sacrificial Victim who dies no more, the Lamb, once slain, who lives forever. Therefore, overcome with paschal joy, every land, every people exults in your praise. ...

## Focus on the Gospel

The first sentence of the gospel reading sets the context for the themes of today: 'Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.' Who is the Jesus that they recognised? And what does this recognition require?

Jesus is the servant of the God of the early ancestors, the long awaited messiah, and the innocent sufferer portrayed in the prophetic tradition. He is the fulfilment of our deepest aspirations. When we gather around the table for the sacramental meal, we encounter the Risen Lord. There the sacred traditions of our religious heritage are opened for us and we are enabled to recognise him in the traditions and in the breaking of the bread.

In order to encounter the Risen Lord in the breaking of the bread and in the breaking open of the word, we need docile hearts ready to embrace the deepest meaning of our religious heritage. We need hearts that have been purified in the love of God; hearts that have been totally transformed. The commandment of love requires nothing less.

Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people described in the first reading, must live reformed lives. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people addressed in the second reading, must be obedient to God's commandment of love. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the disciples portrayed in the gospel, must preach the good news of God's forgiveness to all nations. Easter faith assures us that all of this is possible.

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## Quote of the Day

Now, brothers and sister, how does the joy of your heart witness to your love for Christ? If you have ever loved Jesus, living, dead, raised to life, on this day when the messages of resurrection are proclaimed over and over again in the Church, your heart rejoices within you and says: "It has been told to me; Jesus, my God, is alive!

Homily of Blessed Gueric of Igny (1070-1157)

## On the Lighter Side

Billy had been misbehaving and was sent to his room.

After a while he emerged and informed his mother that he had thought it over and then said a prayer. "Fine", said the pleased mother. "If you ask God to help you to behave, He will answer your prayer." "Oho, I didn't ask Him to help me," said Billy, "I asked God to help you to put up with me."



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## BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

This weekend we welcome  
**Olivia Hehir-Laurie**  
into our faith community.



Please keep Olivia and  
her parents,  
Allan and Naomi, and  
godparents in your prayers.

## REPORT OF SAFEGUARDING AUDIT

The Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst welcomes publication of the report on the Diocese's implementation of the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards, conducted by Australian Catholic Safeguarding Ltd. The overall audit findings showed 96% compliance, with the Diocese demonstrating that it has fully implemented or substantially progressed in implementing 97 of the 103 indicators that are relevant to its operations, and a further four indicators in the initial stages of implementation. There were twelve audit recommendations, which were all assessed as medium or low priority, and which have all been accepted by the Diocese.

Bishop Shane Mackinlay said: 'This result is an encouraging endorsement of the safeguarding efforts undertaken over many years across the Diocese and its parishes, led with great dedication by its Safeguarding Coordinator and Safeguarding Committee. It shows not only very high levels of compliance with the safeguarding standards, but also a sustained commitment to fostering a culture of safety and care for children, and adults at risk.'

Bishop Mackinlay expressed his appreciation for the work of the ACSL audit team and the confidence that its report would give to those involved in or visiting the Diocese's parishes and agencies: 'Safeguarding is a critical part of the response to what we have learned about the Catholic Church's failures to protect, believe and respond justly to children and vulnerable adults, and the consequent breaches of community trust. I acknowledge the lifelong trauma of abuse victims, survivors and their families. We must do all in our power to prevent this, and a commitment to safeguarding will therefore remain an essential part of the Diocese's mission.'

The Diocese recognises that ensuring the safety and care of children, and adults at risk, requires that safeguarding be an ongoing priority. The audit report provides valuable insights and recommendations on how the Diocese can improve its practices and policies relating to safeguarding issues in areas including risk management, support for parish safeguarding officers, and online safety. The Diocese is committed to continuous improvement in these and other nominated areas and will work to implement the recommendations of the audit report.

The full report is available on the ACSL website, [www.cpsltd.org.au/safe-church/church-reports/](http://www.cpsltd.org.au/safe-church/church-reports/)

## DEVELOPING OUR PARISH STRATEGIC PLAN

A reminder that the PPC invites parishioners to pray and reflect on the set of 5 Priorities [on display at the back of the church, as well as on our Parish Website (under 'Other Information') and Facebook], and to send them any comments, suggestions or areas that may have been missed.

These responses can be forwarded by email to our parish email [Kyabram@cdos.org.au](mailto:Kyabram@cdos.org.au) or in an envelope addressed to PPC via the Sunday Mass collection plate. Our next workshop will be held on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm** where we will develop the objectives to address these priorities.

## PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Parish Finance Committee will be held next **Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021** commencing at **6.30pm** in the Parish.

## ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm:**

Commentator – J Harris; Lector – I Paynter;  
Special Minister – L Moran

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 8.00am:**

Commentator – T Hehir; Lector – V Fox;  
Special Minister – P Hehir

## PLENARY COUNCIL ZOOM REFLECTION SESSION.

The 5th Diocesan Plenary Zoom Reflection Session will be taking place from 7:30pm, **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April.**

We will be reflecting on the question "How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred church in Australia that is Prayerful & Eucharistic?"

All are welcome to participate. Please register for the zoom link:

[plenary@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:plenary@sandhurst.catholic.org.au)

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

**"Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' But they were startled and frightened..." - LUKE 24:36-37**

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to "see the face of Jesus" in others and to "be the face of Jesus" to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide "peace" to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a "God-centered" life and not a "self-centered" life.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

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

**Recently Deceased:** Terry Bowman

**Anniversaries:** Normah Reid, Antonio DiPetta, Domenico Bernardo

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



**DIARY DATES**

Monday	19 Apr	-
Tuesday	20 Apr	Mass 5.00pm (Intention of Normah Reid) Finance meeting 6.30pm
Wednesday	21 Apr	-
Thursday	22 Apr	Mass 9.15am
Friday	23 Apr	-
Saturday	24 Apr	Mass 7.00pm
Sunday	25 Apr	Mass 8.00am Mass 11.00am Merrigum
Monday	26 Apr	<i>Sacramental Cluster groups start this week</i>
Tuesday	27 Apr	Mass 5.00pm
Wednesday	28 Apr	PPC Strategy workshop 7.00pm
Thursday	29 Apr	Mass 9.15am
Friday	30 Apr	-
Saturday	1 May	Mass 7.00pm
Sunday	2 May	Mass 8.00am

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Alma Limbrick (available in Parish Office on Thursdays, 8.30 to 5.00pm)

**Administration**  
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**Parish Office hours –**  
Mon/Tues/Wed – 8.30am to 12 noon  
Thursday – 8.30am to 5.00pm

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**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

**HENLEY FRIENDS – MORNING TEA**

All are invited to Henley Friends Devonshire Tea – freshly made delicious scones, jam and cream on **Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021** at 10.00am at the Masonic Hall, Church Street, Kyabram. Lucky Door Prizes. Raffle on the day. Entry only \$5.00.

JOSHUA



Zoom **JOSHUA** at home

When we look at the world today we can see many things to give us cause for worry and fear. This reality can lead to a loss of hope and a defeatist mentality. Now more than ever we need the mentality of Joshua, the mentality of Victory.

Come with Joshua on this incredible journey into the Promised Land. Travel with Joshua and apply the principles he learned in your own life. Let the Lord lead you into your own "Promised Land."

"Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Josh 1:9

**7 Wednesdays 7.30-9.00 pm, 21 April - 2 June**  
book before 20 April

at: <https://www.trybooking.com/BPNQE>

\$5 booking fee

Overseas participants use promo code: OVASEA

**Formation of a Victorious Mentality**



**GOSPEL**

Lk 24: 35-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*It is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.*

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet: yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

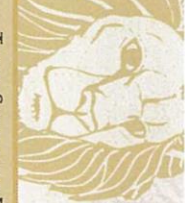
Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them: 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER / B

18 April 2021

**THE CALL TO BE WITNESSES**

Justice is often understood as fairness or even-handedness. The biblical tradition would not deny this but would tend to see justice as primarily about being in right relationship with God, oneself and others. Someone who is able to live in such a way would be seen to live in *shalom* (peace). On this Third Sunday of Easter these two dimensions are stressed. The first and second reading deal with Jesus as the just one who invites us to find and maintain balance in our relationships with God, ourselves and others. In the Gospel it is in relationship with the risen Jesus that we find true peace, as he leads us out of our fears and gives each one of us a new task – to be faithful and courageous witnesses.

Peter reaches out to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and re-opens the case for Jesus. He does not deny their mistake but states that since they acted in ignorance in killing Jesus the opportunity is still there for them to review their previous judgement and now accept Jesus as their saviour and come into right relationship with him. It is the Risen Lord who appears to the disciples and helps them to understand that even his brutal death was part of God's saving plan. Furthermore, his presence among them will lead them to overcome their fearful relationship to the world. A new relationship is called for since now they are given a new task, to be witnesses to the whole world.

**Christopher Monaghan CP**

**FIRST READING** Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19  
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

*You killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.*

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.'

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

■ **RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 4: 2, 4, 7, 9. R. v. 7  
**R. Lord, let your face shine on us.**

(*or Alleluia!*)

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice; / from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! **R.**

2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; / the Lord hears me whenever I call him. **R.**

3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say. / Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. **R.**

4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, / for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **R.**



**SECOND READING**

1 Jn 2: 1-5

A reading from the first letter of St John.  
*Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.*

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just;

he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

■ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

cf. Lk 24: 32

Alleluia, alleluia / Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: / make our hearts burn with love when you speak. / Alleluia!