



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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First Sunday of Lent

26 February 2023



Readings for this week:

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11



Readings for next Sunday:

Genesis 12:1-4
2 Timothy 1:8-10
Matthew 17:1-9



Liturgical Jottings

Lenten Penance

and the Synodal Journey

This year's Lenten Message of Pope Francis links the Gospel account of the transfiguration (Second Sunday of Lent) with the year's journey towards the Synod of Bishops on Synodality. He writes: "We can benefit greatly from reflecting on the relationship between Lenten penance and the synodal experience. Excerpts from this year's message will be printed here during Lent. Pope Francis concludes his message with: "Dear brothers and sisters, may the Holy Spirit inspire and sustain us this Lent in our ascent with Jesus, so that we may experience his divine splendour and thus, confirmed in faith, persevere in our journey together with him, glory of his people and light of the nations."
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Looking at the Readings

The Readings for this first Sunday of Lent carry several meanings. In the early Christian centuries Lent was the beginning of the year with reading of the beginning of the Bible (Genesis) and the beginning of Jesus ministry in Matthew. It is the time also for preparation of Baptism for the Catechumens and a season of penitential acts for the Christian. It is a journey with Jesus, through the wilderness to the cross and resurrection. The author(s) of the Book of Genesis present wise reflections on the origins of the universe and humankind and of sin. The readers are also invited to reflect wisely on these texts lest they dismiss them as naive stories containing primitive science and history. We must read and listen with attentiveness and astuteness. The excerpt is brief but set before us life and prosperity, death and disaster (Deut 30:15) and we become seekers of wisdom, faith, truth and life through God's word.. The tempter is crafty and persistent but basically a fundamentalist in his use of scripture to win points and in his misunderstanding on the true nature and mission of Christ as the new Adam (Romans 5) and the Son of God who anointed him and whom Jesus will not deny. Yet Jesus experienced these temptations and told the evangelists who recorded them for our benefit in our journey of self-discovery towards salvation.

Pope Francis Message for Lent 2023

Lenten penance is a commitment, sustained by grace, to overcoming our lack of faith and our resistance to following Jesus on the way of the cross. ... To deepen our knowledge of the Master, to fully understand and embrace the mystery of his salvation, accomplished in total self-giving inspired by love, we must allow ourselves to be taken aside by him and to detach ourselves from mediocrity and vanity. We need to set out on the journey, an uphill path that, like a mountain trek, requires effort, sacrifice and concentration. These requisites are also important for the synodal journey to which, as a Church, we are committed to making. We can benefit greatly from reflecting on the relationship between Lenten penance and the synodal experience. Prayer for Lent
Lord Jesus, sent by the Father, you came to fight in an immense combat to deliver Adam's children. Grant that we may be so close to you in battle and toil, that we may also share in your victory.

On the Lighter Side

"Have patience with all things, but first of all have patience with yourself." St Francis de Sales.





First Sunday of Lent 25 & 26 February

After losing her father when she was just 10-years-old, **Laxmi** was at risk of falling further into extreme poverty. But with the support of our partner Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club, became a leader in her school and is now a mentor to other children in her village.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

TIMES & ROSTERS

Saturday 11th March at 6pm

Commentator – M Radanov
Lector – W Mulcahy
Special Minister- C Stewart

Sunday 12th March at 8.30am

Commentator – V Fox
Lector – T Hehir
Special Minister – A Ryan

Sunday 19th March at 8.30am

Commentator – M Carver
Lector – N Watt
Special Minister – M. Di Petta

ON-LINE SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

The Diocese has now launched their new On-Line Training for volunteers. All key volunteers are required to undertake the safeguarding training (eg Child safety and vulnerable adults). You will receive an email or call inviting you to register for the training in the coming weeks. Once registered you will have 30 days to complete the module, it takes about 30 minutes to complete. It is not timed so you can suspend the module at any time and log back in (within the 30 days) it will take you back to where you left off. Finola Price and Mary Zobec are available to guide you through the process. The Parish Office will be notified when you complete the training. For more information please call Finola Price on 5852 1310 or Mary Zobec 0427190282.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN

Would current volunteers please check if their working with children card is current and if not please renew. Can you please call into parish office on a Tuesday or Thursday with the new card. Thank You.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Thank you for your generosity and support for our Parish. May God bless you always. Last week's Collection is \$1,417.50

Lenten Season Program:

THE LITURGY & PRAYER MINISTRY will hold a reflection time during the Lenten season. All parishioners are invited to come, pray & reflect together to prepare for Easter. We will use the program prepared by the diocese of Sandhurst drawing upon scripture readings of lent, stories and insights of saints. **When:** Mondays of Lent
Where: in church. **Time:** 7pm

STATIONS OF CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be prayed the four weeks of Lent as follows:

Tuesday 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th of March following 5pm mass in the church. COME and journey with Jesus and fellow parishioners.

Sandhurst Mission and Pastoral Council - Expressions of Interest (EOIs) are OPEN: On Wednesday 15 Feb Bishop Shane Mackinlay called for EOI's from members of the diocese to join him on the new Sandhurst Mission and Pastoral Council. All relevant information and the EOI form is available on the Sandhurst website: <https://sandhurst.catholic.org.au/mission-and-pastoral-life/mission-pastoral-council> The contact at the Chancery is Jill Doncovio 03 5445 3630 or jill.doncovio@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Philip Bowman, Ainsley Lane, Lee Chant, Sam Peyton, Kadyn Mitchell-Treacy, Shane McDonell, Samantha Kurilic

Recently Deceased: John Georgiou

Anniversaries:

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



FORTNIGHT TIME TABLE

Mon 27 Feb -
Tues 28 Feb - Rosary 4:45pm; Liturgy of the word 5.00pm
Wed 1 Mar
Thurs 2 Mar - No Anointing mass
Fri 3 Mar -

Weekend Masses

Sat 4 Mar - No Mass
Sun 5 Mar - Mass 8:30am.

Mon 6th March
Tues 7th March - Rosary 4.45pm; Liturgy of the word 5.00pm, Stations of the cross
Wed 8th March,
Thurs 9th March - Mass 9.15 Year 9
Fri 10th March

Weekend Masses

Sat 11th March -6.00pm Harvest Mass and Parish Gathering.
Sun 12th March - Mass 8:30am.

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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 (2nd and 4th 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 is held the first Thursday of
the month at 10.00am in St Augustine's
Church.

PARISH GATHERING TO CELEBRATE AND GIVE THANKS FOR THE

HARVEST will be held Saturday, **11th March**. In Jesus' day, the Jewish people celebrated the "Feast of Ingathering" or the "Feast of Tabernacles". Everyone shared from their harvest, and goods were collected for the poor. St Augustine's Parish will again celebrate the harvest with the same sense of joy and sharing on Saturday 11th March. We invite all farmers, crops growers, orchardists, winegrowers, home gardeners and cooks, to bring from their produce on that day – for the produce swapping table. Let us also share abundance with those in need; we encourage people to bring a non-perishable item in a can, jar or packet, of something produced in our area. On the day, donors can bring these items to the altar in the entry procession for the St Vincent DePaul Society baskets. We also ask people to bring a plate to share for supper following Mass.

NEW ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

On behalf of Fr John Paul, it is our pleasure to announce the appointment of Vicki Arnell as our new Parish Administration Officer. Vicki will commence working for the parish on Tuesday, 7th March. Please introduce yourselves and make her feel welcome.

Wayne Mulcahy, Chair; PFC and Alana Brennan, Chair; PPC

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This annual ecumenical service will be held this year at the Kyabram Uniting Church. We always encourage a Catholic presence at these events. **FRIDAY 3 MARCH at 10 am**. Everyone is welcome. Enquiries: 0427 194 885

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 together and build a future based on compassion, justice, faith and reconciliation.

Breaking Open the Word

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Mt 4:4
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of
endless glory! / No one lives on bread
alone, / but on every word that comes from
the mouth of God. / Praise to you, Lord
Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL
Mt 4:1-11
A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew.

Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.
Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness
to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty
days and forty nights, after which he was very
hungry, and the tempter came and said to him,
'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to
turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:
Man does not live on bread alone
but on every word that comes from the
mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and
made him stand on the parapet of the Temple.
'If you are the Son of God' he said 'throw
yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge,
and they will support you on their hands
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:
You must not put the Lord your God to the
test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the
devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world
and their splendour. 'I will give you all these,' he
said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then
Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,
and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared
and looked after him.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT / A

FIRST READING

Gcn 2:7-9; 3:1-7

A reading from the book of Genesis

Creation of our first parents, and sin.

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the
soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath
of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which
is in the east, and there he put the man he had
fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up
from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look
at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the
tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the
middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the
wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It
asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were
not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?'
The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat
the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the
fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden
God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it,
under pain of death."' Then the serpent said to
the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows
in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will
be opened and you will be like gods, knowing
good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree
was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and
that it was desirable for the knowledge that it
could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate
it. She gave some also to her husband who was
with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of
them were opened and they realised that they
were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together
to make themselves loin-cloths.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17. R. v. 3

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your
kindness. / In your compassion blot out my
offence. / O wash me more and more from my
guilt / and cleanse me from my sin. R.

2. My offences truly I know them; / my sin
is always before me. / Against you, you alone

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have I sinned; / what is evil in your sight I
have done. R.

3. A pure heart create for me, O God, / put a
steadfast spirit within me. / Do not cast me
away from your presence, / nor deprive me of
your holy spirit. R.

4. Give me again the joy of your help; / with
a spirit of fervour sustain me. / O Lord, open
my lips / and my mouth shall declare your
praise. R.

SECOND READING

Rom 5:12, 17-19.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Romans

Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.

Sin entered the world through one man, and
through sin death, and thus death has spread
through the whole human race because
everyone has sinned.

If it is certain that death reigned over everyone
as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even
more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will
cause everyone to reign in life who receives the
free gift that he does not deserve, of being made
righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought
condemnation on everyone, so the good act of
one man brings everyone life and makes them
justified. As by one man's disobedience many
were made sinners, so by one man's obedience
many will be made righteous.

■ The word of the Lord.
Longer form 5:12-19