



# KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Parish Priest – Fr John Paul Pasala

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)

30 March 2023



Readings for this week:

Acts 2:14, 36-41  
1 Peter 2:20-25  
John 10:1-10



Readings for next Sunday:

Acts 6:1-7  
1 Peter 2:4-9  
John 14:1-12



## Liturgical Jottings

### The Lord is my shepherd

The Shepherd has been an image of God in the Old and New Testaments and also an image of Christ in the Gospels. Judges, Kings and Elders are also at times given the title "Shepherd". From the creation accounts both cultivator and herdsman (Gen 4:2ff) are given complementary roles. This Sunday, cycle A, the responsorial psalm is 22(23) the Lord is my Shepherd (vv 1-4) but other texts also give other aspects of our Shepherd-God as a leader (Pss 77,78,80), carer (Ps 28), gatherer (Jer 23), protector (Jer 50) and healer (Ezek 34). Many of these roles are taken by Christ in John 10. He is the gatekeeper and protector to his flock (A), one who lays down his life for his sheep (B) and life-giver (C). Most comforting, Jesus as the Good Shepherd has a loving relationship with his flock. Finally Jesus entrusts Peter with the role of shepherd (John 21) and now it is extended to the entire church and its pastors.

## Looking at the Readings

This is 'Good Shepherd Sunday' and a particular focus taken today is leadership. Which voices do we follow? Why do we follow these voices and not others? Authentic leadership is rooted in authority, and authentic authority is the ability to author or bring life to birth. Genuine authority cherishes, guards and encourages the best in life; it provides rest and refreshment; it guides our steps; it nourishes us; it leads us to God. Peter is an example of authentic authority: he proclaims the truth, even if others find it hard to hear; he denounces error, even when this places him in jeopardy; he calls for a change of heart, even when it makes great demands. Authentic leadership is patterned after the leadership of Jesus. It is gentle and familiar, like the true shepherd; it has won the confidence of those who follow, as did the true shepherd; it is committed to the enhancement of the lives of others, as was Jesus. Authentic leadership is willing to forgo its own needs and to deny its own interests in favour of the needs and interests of others.

Heavy demands are placed on those who follow authentic leadership. Those who follow the Good Shepherd must follow him in the dark valleys as well as to the refreshing streams. They must be willing to relinquish some of their own plans and self-determination and entrust themselves to his leadership. They must never forget that they are following a shepherd who has paid the ultimate price on their behalf. © Dianne Bergant CSA

## Pope Francis' Easter Vigil Homily 2023

Brother, sister, remember Galilee, your Galilee, and your call. Remember the Word of God who at a precise moment spoke directly to you. Remember that powerful experience of the Spirit; that great joy of forgiveness experienced after that one confession; that intense and unforgettable moment of prayer; that light that was kindled within you and changed your life; that encounter, that pilgrimage... Each of us knows where our Galilee is located. Each of us knows the place of his or her interior resurrection, that beginning and foundation, the place where things changed. We cannot leave this in the past; the Risen Lord invites us to return there to celebrate Easter. Remember your Galilee. Remind yourself. Today, relive that memory. Return to that first encounter. (Abridged, part 3)

## On the Lighter Side

A German Shepherd and a Sheep go out on a date.

German Shepherd: "What do you mean I'm too controlling?"

Sheep: "You herd me."

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## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Sick:** Fr Steve Bowhan, Cheryl Pearce (Baker), Anne Dodd, Bill Worm, Philip Bowman, Ainsley Lane, Sam Peyton, Shane McDonell, Kady Mitchell-Treacy, Samantha Kurilic, Trevor Peterson.

**Recently Deceased:** John Dwyer, Fr Bob Maguire AM AFD, Fr Laurie Mooney OSA.

**Anniversaries:**

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



## Parish Priest

Fr John Paul Pasala

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Parish Pastoral Council

Fr John Paul Pasala,

Alana Brennan (Chairperson)

Maurie Finn, Veronica Fox, Mary D'Augello,

Carl Cabaraban. Brendon Lane, Jackie Stockdale,

Finola Price, Natalie Watt, Jay Sutton, John Forde

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): 6pm

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

### Weekly Masses

Sun 30<sup>th</sup> April - 8.30am

Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> May - 5pm

Thu 4<sup>th</sup> May - 10am - Anointing Mass

### Weekly Masses

Sun 7<sup>th</sup> May - 8.30am

Sun 7<sup>th</sup> May - 11.30am - Tongala

Tue 9<sup>th</sup> May - 5pm

Thu 11<sup>th</sup> May - 9.15am

### Weekly Masses

Sat 13<sup>th</sup> May – 5.30pm Reconciliation

Sat 13<sup>th</sup> May - 6pm (Cuppa after Mass)

Sun 14<sup>th</sup> May - 8.30am

Tue 16<sup>th</sup> May - 5pm

Thu 18<sup>th</sup> May – 9.15am

### Weekly Masses

Sun 21<sup>st</sup> May – 8.30am – cuppa after Mass

Sun 21<sup>st</sup> May – 12 noon - Merrigum

## ROSTERS

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 8.30am

Commentator – V Fox

Lector – T Hehir

Special Minister – P Hehir

### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm

Commentator – M Radanov

Lector – W Mulchay

Special Minister – L Busch

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 8.30am

Commentator – M Carver

Lector – N Watt

Special Minister – J Chant

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

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

Last week's Collection is \$ 1218.00

## 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.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO FR JOHN

Congratulation to Father John who this week celebrates his 12<sup>th</sup> year of Ordination. We pray for Father John as he continues to minister to our Parish. May God bless him always.

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

A reminder the next Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be held Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 5.45pm in the Parish Meeting room.

## PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

A reminder the next Parish Finance Council meeting will be held Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in the Parish Meeting room.

## NATIONAL SORRY DAY MASS

There will be a National Sorry Day Mass held on Friday 26 May at 11.30 in the Brigidine Centre. We would love to see lots of parishioners to join in on the special occasion.

## SANDPIPER E-NEWS

The link to the e-News is:

<https://us10.admin.mailchimp.com/campaigns/show?id=13543564>

## PENTECOST WITH SANDHURST YOUTH MINISTRY:

Young People ages 15-35 are invited to gather together to celebrate Pentecost! There will be music from Melbourne musician Gen Bryant and her band, talks and other activities, and a BBQ. We will also celebrate the Pentecost Vigil Mass as part of the evening.

Further information, including how to register, will be available on Instagram and Facebook on the Sandhurst Youth Ministry pages to find out more.

Saturday 27th May. Our Lady's Church, Wangaratta Sth. 5:30 – 9:30pm (arrive from 5pm)

## SANDHURST SCRIPTURE TALKS 2023:

Acts of the Apostles: Making Decisions with the Holy Spirit. Join Dr Rosemary Canavan and Rev. Dr Brian Boyle a on a journey through Luke's "Acts of the Apostles" focusing on the elucidation of the Holy Spirit in the birth of the Church and the activity of the Holy Spirit in the process of discernment in the Council of Jerusalem.

"Its emphasis on discernment, prayerful reflection and indeed synodality makes Acts a topical and enjoying work for study and reflection." (Fr Brian Boyle)  
Online via Zoom 7.00 p.m. Tuesday 9, 16 and 23 May. These Talks are free, but you must register to attend. These talks are eligible for maintaining accreditation for teachers in Catholic Schools.

Go to the diocese website for more details.



## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

An information evening for parents and children for the 2023 Sacramental Program will be on Thursday 4 May at 7pm in St Augustine's Church. The program is for baptised children over the age of 7. If your child is not baptised please contact the Office on 5852 1026, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8.30-3.30pm.

## APOSTOLATE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA DEVOTIONS

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May** – First Friday devotions in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at St Kilian's Church, Bendigo with Adoration from 11am with Confession Available and Mass at 12:10pm.

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May** – First Saturday Devotions in honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary at St Augustine's, Myers Flat, beginning with Adoration at 8:15am with Confession available, Mass at 9:15am and Rosary at 9:45am.

*May is traditionally dedicated to honouring Mary as the Mother of God and Mother of the Church.*

## NETFLIX RECOMMENDATION FROM FR TONY SHALLUE:

Netflix is currently showing a worthwhile doco-series entitled "Stories of a Generation - with Pope Francis". In this series the Pope is encouraging the younger generation to listen to the aged people of our society and world. The series consists of a variety of people from around the world sharing their life experiences and Pope Francis reflecting on their experiences.

It really opens up the dynamic wisdom that the elderly hold as well as giving an inspirational insight into the Pope himself. This could be valuable to individual parishioners, groups or senior school teachers and students. It could be used in a variety of formats and locations from homes to classrooms or parish centres.

## PARISH SUPPORT

Thank you to our generous givers for your ongoing support of our Parish! Our Planned Giving and collections are for – parish operating expenses, churches maintenance, clergy support and presbytery support. If you are a new parishioner or now in a position to give there are many ways to give to our church needs.

Giving is by way of church envelopes, direct debit or periodic credit card payments and is flexible to suit your preference of weekly, fortnightly, monthly, quarterly, and half yearly or yearly. You can also give without a set pledge amount or timeframe to give by. We encourage anyone who is not on the Planned Giving Program to contact the parish office. Thank you for considering this option to support our Parish.



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## Eucharistic Adoration at St Mary's Mooroopna

Beginning Friday 5 May 2023,  
On the first Friday of every month.

Following the 10am Mass  
at St Mary's Mooroopna,  
and finishing at 7pm.

At 12noon, 2pm, 4pm and 6pm the  
Mysteries of the Rosary will be recited.

ALL WELCOME

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