

# Kyabram Catholic Parish

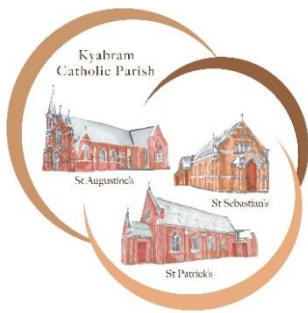
St Augustine's-Kyabram ~ St Patrick's-Tongala ~ St Sebastian's-Merrigum

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



Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022



Readings for  
this week:

Acts 5:12-16  
Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19  
John 20:19-31



Readings for  
next week:

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41  
Apocalypse 5:11-14,  
John 21:1-19



## Liturgical Jottings Lectionary Sequence

The First readings of the Sundays in Easter Season - cycle C are all from the Act of the Apostles; the second readings, except for Ascension Day, are from the Book of the Apocalypse.

Unlike the Ordinary Time the first reading is not connected to the Gospel of the day but to other Sundays' first readings. They present a witness of the Risen Lord, the growth of believers, the ministry of the Apostles and finally the missionary activity of Paul and Barnabas. The resurrection of the Lord and the coming of the Holy Spirit gather the disciples to praise and thanksgiving and to work for the coming of the Kingdom of God. In short, following Jesus last instruction to his disciples: "Go out to the world and tell the Good News"

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## Looking at the Gospel

The Gospel for this Sunday is the same text each year for the Second Sunday of Easter, the Octave of Easter. We see that our Risen Lord appeared to the Apostles on the first day of the week, Sunday and then, eight days later, the next Sunday. Hence the inclusion of the Gospel each year on the octave day of Easter. First time Thomas was not present, the second time he was. He must have been very stubborn not to believe the testimony of the Apostles and very unobservant not to notice their exuberant joy. We may recognise a bit of Thomas in ourselves and therefore are confident to move with him from disbelief and melancholy to faith and excitement.

## Feast of Mary Mother of Good Counsel

Patroness of the Diocese of Sandhurst, Wednesday 27 April

## Easter Prayer for the Week

Lord Jesus, you came to your own people and gave to all who welcomed you power to become children of God. In your merciful love watch over the Church and through her ministry bring salvation to the meek and lowly. May we avoid the snares of the impious, and come to rejoice in glory with your saints.

## The Book of the Apocalypse

The second reading introduces us to the author, John, and his work, a series of visions (or messages) addressed to the seven churches: Ephesus, Smyrna, Philadelphia, Pergamum, Laodicea, Sardis and Thyatira. The book is also titled the book of Revelation, it is the last book of the New Testament and the bible. Often misunderstood as doomsday work which the soothsayer foretell of future menaces and destruction of the world. And while cloaked in symbolism and mystery, John's intent is to encourage the Christians of Asia Minor to remain confident in face of Roman persecution. To avoid outright condemnation from his persecutors John uses secret language and symbols that only his people can interpret and understand.

## On the Lighter Side

In a city church the children's liturgy supplies are in a locked cupboard. The new leader didn't know the combination; Fr Jack, a visiting priest, offered to give it a try. He placed his fingers on the lock's dial and raised his eyes heavenward then he confidently spun the dial and opened the lock. She was so impressed with this demonstration of faith, that he had to smile and admit, "The numbers are written on the ceiling."



## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

This weekend we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. Devotions will be held following Saturday's Mass, followed by a cuppa that all are invited to share.

The message of Divine Mercy is at the heart of the gospel. It presents the truth and call of the gospel and is proclaimed by Pope John Paul 2<sup>nd</sup> in his encyclical *Rich in Mercy*, as the message for our age. Over and over again Jesus expressed His desire to St Faustina that the whole world be told of His mercy, and He promised to defend throughout their lives those who proclaim His mercy.

## AN ANZAC PRAYER

Lord our God, boundless provider,  
source of peace that the world cannot give,  
kindly hear our constant prayer  
for those who bore witness to your own fidelity  
by giving their lives for those they loved.  
Resurrect them in our true homeland  
And perfect that peace for which they longed  
and died.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
your Son, who lives and  
reigns with you and the  
Holy Spirit, one God,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

*(From CEO, Sydney, 2008)*



## OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL PRAYER GROUP

Our Lady of Good Counsel Prayer Group meets fortnightly via zoom and monthly in the Church.

Our next meeting in the church will be on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April** at 7.00pm.

Enquiries to Mary 0427 190282. All welcome.

## ANNIVERSARY MASS

Dr Backhaus offered the first Mass in Bendigo on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1852, at Golden Square. This year marks the 170th anniversary of that significant celebration.

Bishop Shane will offer Mass at St Monica's, Kangaroo Flat, on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** at 5.30pm to mark the anniversary.

A warm welcome to all who would like to attend.

## BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

This weekend we welcome:

**Mason James Cheong**  
**Ollie Peter Guiney**



into our faith community.

Please keep Mason and Ollie,  
and their parents and godparents  
in your prayers.

## A YEAR OF PREPARATION AND CONSULTATION FOR A SANDHURST MISSION AND PASTORAL COUNCIL

**27 April 2022 – 27 April 2023**

The establishment of a Diocesan Pastoral Council to be called the Sandhurst Mission and Pastoral Council (SMPC) was a key recommendation in the 2020 Review of the Diocese. A SMPC will allow the Bishop to "operate in a strategic and collaborative way, drawing on the best possible advice of lay people and clergy for delivery of the Church's mission" (Go Forth Report).

The process of establishing the SMPC will commence on 27 April 2022, on the Feast Day of Our Lady of Good Counsel, the Patron Saint of our Diocese. More information on the process is coming soon. For now, Bishop Shane asks that you pray for the Sandhurst Mission and Pastoral Council:

We turn to Mary, our Mother of Good Counsel and patroness of our Diocese, as we seek to become a more missionary and pastoral Church: people of faith, hope and love for our world. May we be led by the same wisdom and courage sent by the Holy Spirit to guide her along unfamiliar paths and through challenging decisions. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen Our Lady of Good Counsel, pray for us!

The prayer card will be printed and sent to parishes shortly. It will be available on Sandhurst social media and downloadable from the Diocesan website.

## MASS TIME & ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 8.30am:**

Commentator – M DiPetta; Lector – S Carroll;  
Special Minister – B Stone

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**Sick:** Kadyne Mitchell-Treacy, Megan De Pasquale, Julie Shaw, Joan Childs, Anne Dodd



**Recently Deceased:** -

**Anniversaries:** Christina Damaschino, Maria Zobec, Maria Cavallaro

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

## DIARY DATES

Mon	25 Apr	ANZAC Day Our Lady of Good Counsel Prayer Group 7.00pm
Tues	26 Apr	Rosary 4.45pm Liturgy of the Word with Communion 5.00pm
Wed	27 Apr	-
Thurs	28 Apr	Liturgy of the Word (no Communion) 9.15am (St Aug's Foundation and Year 12)
Fri	29 Apr	-
Sat	30 Apr	<b>No Mass</b>
Sun	1 May	Mass 8.30am
Mon	2 May	-
Tues	3 May	Rosary 4.45pm Liturgy of the Word with Communion 5.00pm
Wed	4 May	-
Thurs	5 May	Liturgy of the Word 9.15am (to be confirmed)
Fri	6 May	-
Sat	7 May	Mass 6.00pm (and cuppa after Mass)
Sun	8 May	<i>Mother's Day</i> Mass 8.30am Mass 11.30am Tongala

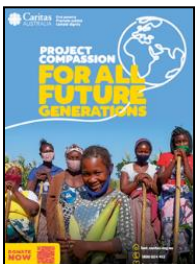


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(Chairperson), Maurie Finn,

Brendon Lane, Finola Price,

Jackie Stockdale, Jay Sutton

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Fr John Paul Pasala,

Wayne Mulcahy (Chairperson),

Leanne Beck, James Harris, Naomi Hehir,

Peter Ryan, Terry O'Sullivan, Angela

Shaw, 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): 6.00pm

**Sunday:** 8.30am

### Tongala

Second Sunday of month 11.30am

### Merrigum

Fourth Sunday of month 11.30am

**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.

with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word

## FAITH BRINGS PEACE

The journey of faith is one that has many moments and stages. At times all goes well, as in Acts, and we can rejoice in the fruitful results of our efforts. There can be other times when, like Thomas, we wrestle with doubt and unbelief. In the face of difficulties, we can run the risk of losing heart, like the Christians of Ephesus, and sorely need encouragement. Today's readings are particularly consoling because they show us that the life of faith has always been a journey with many such moments. Many people of faith feel that it would have been different in the early Church, that somehow they had more faith, vision, courage, and understanding. We can often be unduly hard on ourselves and perhaps overly idealistic about life in the early days of the Church.

It is always worth asking why the earliest Christians wrote as they did. If John's community had not had its moments of questioning, the episode of Thomas the apostle would probably not have been written down. If the Christian communities around Ephesus had not been discouraged and fearful in the face of persecution and opposition, it would not have been necessary to write the book of the Apocalypse. They needed to be reminded that the Risen One who holds the key to life and death, was walking among them still. Even the bright picture painted in Acts was probably written with a view to encouraging the Christians of Luke's time. The Risen One walks amongst us still. Mindful of our journey of faith, he calls us to faith and to know his peace.

Christopher Monaghan CP

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (OF DIVINE MERCY) / C

# THE SAVING WORD

24 APRIL 2022

## FIRST READING

Acts 5:12-16

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**  
*The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.*

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

### ■ The word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 117:2-4, 22-27. R. v. 1

**R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, love is everlasting. (or Alleluia!)**

1. Let the sons of Israel say: / 'His love has no end.' / Let the sons of Aaron say: / 'His love has no end.' / Let those who fear the Lord say: / 'His love has no end.' **R.**
2. The stone which the builders rejected / has become the cornerstone. / This is the work of the Lord, / a marvel in our eyes. / This day was made by the Lord: / we rejoice and are glad. **R.**
3. O Lord, grant us salvation / O Lord grant success. / Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. / We bless you from the house of the Lord: / the Lord God is our light. **R.**

## SECOND READING

Apoc 1:9-13, 17-19

**A reading from the book of the Apocalypse**  
*I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.*

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus.



It was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid: it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

### ■ The word of the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Jn 20:19-31

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.**

*After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled