

# Kyabram Catholic Parish

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

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**Parish Administrator – Fr John Paul Pasala**

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

**Third Sunday of Lent**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021**



Readings for this week:

Exodus 20:1-17  
1 Corinthians 1:22-25  
John 2:13-35



Readings for next week:

2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23  
Ephesians 2:4-10  
John 3:14-21



## Liturgical Jottings RCIA and Lent

In the liturgy and liturgical catechesis of Lent the reminder of baptism already received or the preparation for its reception, as well as the theme of repentance, renew the entire community along with those being prepared to celebrate the paschal mystery, in which each of the elect will share through the sacraments of initiation. For both the elect and the local community, therefore, the Lenten season is a time for spiritual recollection in preparation for the celebration of the paschal mystery. This is a period of more intense spiritual preparation, consisting more in interior reflection than in catechetical instruction, and is intended to purify the minds and hearts of the elect as they search their own consciences and do penance. RCIA 125,126

## Looking at the Readings

The first reading continues the series of Old Testament readings we listen to on the Sundays of Lent: The Covenant made with Noah and then again Abraham is now made with Moses and the people at the time of the Exodus. The giving of the Ten Commandments begins with: “I am the Lord your God.” It established a unique relationship between God and his people. The Commandments are more than Law, they are a guarantee of God’s promise to his people and gives to the peoples principles of living in peace and security in a turbulent world.

Today’s Gospel and gospel passages for the fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent all prepare us for the Death and Resurrection of Christ celebrated in the Sacred Triduum (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday culminating with the Easter Vigil). In The Cleansing of the Temple Jesus refers to his own death and resurrection: “And in three days I will raise it (his own body) up.” And He will be lifted up (John 3:14) so that we may have eternal life. Thirdly: “When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself.” (John 12:32). Jesus was indicating the type of death he will have on the cross and John was framing Jesus’ death and resurrection as one single act of glorification.

## Lenten Poem

In the desert, I seek your face,  
In the desert, your bread nourishes me.  
I am not fear to advance on your trace  
That your living water satisfies my thirst.  
*I promise to you in justice,  
I promise to you in love,  
In fidelity as I have known, I would know!*  
In the desert, I understand your word,  
In the desert, far away from the rumour,  
The memory of your law consoles me.  
Oh hidden God, you want to speak to my heart.  
In the desert, I draw in your breath,  
In the desert, dwells the spirit.  
It is the force in the morning that pushes me.  
It is the fire that precedes me in the night. *J F Frie*

## On the Lighter Side

A grandmother, concerned about her young grandson's religious education, decided to test him: “What are the 10 commandments? He replied the ones that God gave Moses. “Can you tell me them?” The boy was aghast: “But Grandma, you are a really holy person, you must surely know them!”



## PARISH STRATEGIC PLAN

The Parish Strategic Plan will offer vision and guidance for where we want to go, and a plan for accomplishing that vision.

All parishioners are invited to join in the planning and development phases of the strategic plan.

The first workshop will be held in the College Staff Room beside the Presbytery this **Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.00pm.

## MEMORIAL MASS

A memorial Mass for the repose of the soul of **Denis Wood** will be offered at St Augustine's Church Kyabram on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March** at 10.00am. All welcome.

## FRG MINISTRY - HOLY WEEK RETREAT

FRG Ministry is running an online Holy Week retreat. It is free but places are limited, to register please go to:

<https://courses.frgministry.com/register>

## ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm:**

Commentator – J Harris; Lector – L Ratcliffe;  
Special Minister – L Moran

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 8.00am:**

Commentator – M Carver; Lector – N Watt;  
Special Minister – M DiPetta

## ALONG THE TRACK

Jim Quillinan's Along the Track article 'Like Children' is now available on **our Parish website** at <https://kyabramcatholicparish.org.au/> under 'Other Information' on the Home page.

## BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

This weekend we welcome  
**Pippa Suzanne Brennan**  
into our faith community.



Please keep Pippa and her parents, Kieran and Rhiannan, and godparents in your prayers.

## SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION 2021

An Information Evening about the Sacramental Program for 2021 will be held on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March** in **St Augustine's Church Kyabram** commencing at **7.00pm**. This meeting is for Parents only.

Any further questions relating to this year's Sacramental Program can be directed to Alma Limbrick at the Parish Office on 5852 1026 (Thursdays) or mobile 0417 184 527 or Kylie Morrissey at the College on 5851 3000.

**PPC** - A reminder to members that the next PPC meeting is on **Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> March** commencing at 5.45pm.

## TONGALA MASS

Mass at Tongala is held on the second Sunday of the month. It now has a new time of 11.30am.  
Next Mass – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March.

## WORKING WITH CHILDREN CARD

A reminder to parishioners who have provided WWCC details to the Parish, to please renew your card if it expired in 2020 and provide updated details to the Parish Office.



## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021



Oliva, 22, could not read, write or count, and her business was losing money. Then she attended Caritas Australia-supported literacy and numeracy classes, and set up a home classroom to teach her neighbours. Now her classes, business and family are thriving, and she aims to become a pastor and run for local leadership.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and support people like Oliva's gain access to education to build a brighter future and live in communities that upholds everyone's dignity.**

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**Sick:** Nancy Taylor, Angela Finn, Tom Herrick, Julie Shaw,  
Joan Childs

**Recently Deceased:** -

**Anniversaries:** Rocco DeMaio, Brian Closter, Barry Taylor, Denise McCormack

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



## DIARY DATES

Monday	8 Mar	Public Holiday
Tuesday	9 Mar	Mass 5.00pm (Intention of Brian and Mark Closter) PPC meeting 5.45pm Parish Strategic Plan Workshop 7.00pm
Wednesday	10 Mar	-
Thursday	11 Mar	Mass 9.15am
Friday	12 Mar	-
Saturday	13 Mar	Memorial Mass for Denis Wood 10.00am Mass 7.00pm (Baptism during Mass)
Sunday	14 Mar	Mass 8.00am Mass Tongala 11.30am
Monday	15 Mar	-
Tuesday	16 Mar	Mass 5.00pm Liturgy meeting 5.45pm
Wednesday	17 Mar	-
Thursday	18 Mar	Mass 9.15am Sacramental Program Information Evening 7.00pm
Friday	19 Mar	-
Saturday	20 Mar	Harvest Mass 7.00pm
Sunday	21 Mar	Mass 8.00am

## Parish Administrator

**Fr John Paul Pasala**

Kyabram Presbytery: 5852 1026

Tatura Presbytery: 5824 1049

### Pastoral Associate

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

### Administration

Leanne, Colleen and Ruth

### Parish Office hours –

Mon/Tues/Wed – 8.30am to 12 noon

Thursday – 8.30am to 5.00pm

Parish Office email address

**kyabram@cdos.org.au**

Parish Office website:

**www.kyabramcatholicparish.org.au**

### Principals

St Augustine's College

Brayden Stone – Phone 5851 3000

St Patrick's Primary

Jackie Stockdale – Phone 5859 0371

### Parish Pastoral Council

Fr John Paul, Alma Limbrick (Pastoral Associate), Alana Brennan (Chairperson),

Joe Chant, Maurie Finn,

John Forde, Jackie Stockdale,

Brendon Lane, Finola Price,

Brayden Stone, Mary Zobec

## 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

## HARVEST MASS - Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2021

We are looking forward to our Harvest Mass on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2021 to celebrate, share and give thanks as **Jesus and his people celebrated the 'Feast of Ingathering' or 'the 'Feast of Tabernacles.'** People shared from their harvest, and goods were collected for the poor.

Farmers, gardeners and cooks, are all invited to bring some item of produce on that day – vegetables, fruit, grain, dairy products, preserves, meat, herbs, hay, and even plants and flowers to swap and share at the trading table. In addition, by giving to the St. Vincent de Paul Society non-perishables like a can, jar, or packet of something produced in our Goulburn-Murray food bowl, we can share local abundance with those in need. We encourage people to join the entry procession on the day and to put their items in the SVDP baskets at the altar.

**God, giver of all life,  
blessed are you in the fruits of the earth;  
blessed are you in the work of human hands  
and in the harvest of human creativity.**



**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**  
*Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.*

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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# Breaking Open the Word

## BEING TURNED UPSIDE DOWN

Lent has the capacity to shake us from our lethargy and turn our lives upside down. For some people change is exciting but for many it is less than comfortable as we search to find our bearings in a new situation. Today's readings can challenge us but they also provide a new set of bearings to help our journey in faith. The people of Israel had their world overturned when they were taken into slavery, but in some ways coming out of slavery was even more difficult. Led into the dangers of the desert and an uncertain future they were to find their bearings in the new covenant. Their new identity as God's people would find its expression in their faithfulness to the Ten Commandments. When Jesus overturned the tables of the money changers in the Temple he called into question the system that had developed around the Temple. His disturbing action was to be a reminder that even as one sign of God's presence was to pass away, it was soon to be replaced by a new sign of God's presence, his own Risen body.

Paul knew that God's wisdom always has a way of challenging the wisdom of the world. A crucified Christ was seen as madness and scandalous. As disturbing as it may still seem this is the wisdom of God that must become our point of reference. In Jesus crucified all our preconceptions of power and wisdom are called into question as we are invited to make God's wisdom our own.

**Christopher Monaghan CP**

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT / B

**FIRST READING**

Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17

**A reading from the book of Exodus**

*The Law was given through Moses.*

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no gods except me.

You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.  
 'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy.  
 'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.  
 'You shall not kill.  
 'You shall not commit adultery.  
 'You shall not steal.  
 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

*Longer form, 20: 1-17.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

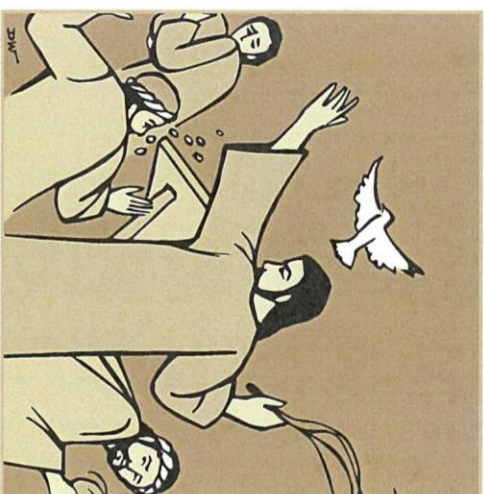
Ps 18: 8-11. R. Jn 6: 68

**R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, / it revives the soul. / The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, / it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**
2. The precepts of the Lord are right, / they gladden the heart. / The command of the Lord is clear. / it gives light to the eyes. **R.**
3. The fear of the Lord is holy, / abiding for ever. / The decrees of the Lord are truth / and all of them just. **R.**
4. They are more to be desired than gold, / than the purest of gold / and sweeter are they than honey, / than honey from the comb. **R.**

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# THE SAVING WORD



**SECOND READING**

1 Cor 1: 22-25

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

*We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.*

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Jn 3: 16

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! / God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, / that all who believe in him might have eternal life. / Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!