



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Parish Priest – Fr Uday Marneni ALCP/OSS

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 21 April 2024



Readings for
this week:

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



Readings for
next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31
1 John 3:18-24
John 15:1-8



Liturgical Jottings Pallium

The pallium is a vestment in the Catholic Church, originally peculiar to the Pope as early as the 4th century, but for many centuries bestowed by the Holy See upon metropolitan archbishops as a symbol of their conferred jurisdictional authorities.

In its present (western) form, the pallium is a long and narrow white band adornment, woven from the wool of lambs raised by Trappist monks. It is worn around the neck resting upon the chasuble. When observed from the front or rear the pallium sports a stylistic letter 'y'. It is decorated with six black crosses.

A theory relates origination to the paradigm of the Good Shepherd shouldering a lamb, a common early Christian art image and icon; the ritual preparation of the pallium and its subsequent bestowal upon a pope at his inauguration suggests the shepherd symbolism. Worn by the pope, the pallium symbolizes the plenitude of pontifical office; worn by archbishops, it typifies their participation in the supreme pastoral power of the pope.

Focus on the Gospel

The image of Jesus as the good shepherd is such a familiar image that it can sometimes become over-familiar and cease to engage us. Countless works of art have presented this image literally, picturing Jesus as a shepherd with a crook and surrounded by sheep or even with a lamb draped around the back of his neck. The image from this week's gospel often gets merged with the image from the parable of the lost sheep that appears in the gospels of Luke (15:1-7) and Matthew (18:10-14) where artists frequently place Jesus as the hero of his own parable and portray him as the 'good shepherd' going out to retrieve the one lost sheep. Such amalgamations of different gospel images can become very confusing.

The emphasis of the image is on the adjective, *good*. Jesus is the *good* shepherd. Shepherds generally were not regarded as particularly good people so the choice of image is a deliberate one to unsettle the listeners. Unlike their normal expectation of shepherds who would run away at the first sign of danger – Jesus is the good shepherd: the one who does not abandon his flock; the one who has concern for his sheep; the one who will lay down his own life for his sheep. The final verses of the passage make an interesting extension to the image of shepherd and sheep. Unlike the 'sacrificial lamb', the good shepherd chooses to lay down his life and also has the power to take it up again. © Greg Sunter

Easter Poem

The shepherd, with his familiar voice, cries: "A new earth!"
He has crossed the ravines of death,
we leap toward the source of living water.
Shepherd who frees us, eternal love !

The lost sheep, I go to seek out .
The sick sheep, I carry in my arms.
The scattered sheep, I gather around me.
The sheep of my flock, I lead to my mountain.

Commission Francophone Cistercienne.

Quote of the Day

I shall recall the straying; I shall seek the lost. Whether they wish it or not, I shall do it! St Augustine Sermon on Pastors

On the Lighter Side

A drover had lost his bible while taking sheep to market. He could've dropped it anywhere, when a ewe approached him with the bible in her mouth and presented it to him. The drover said: "Ta, you're a very clever sheep." "Not really!" replied the ewe; "It has your name on the inside cover."

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Daniel Lingard, Frances Corso, Paul Genio, Tony Barca, John Moran, Jodie Potts, Philip Bowman, Kadyn Mitchell-Treacy.

Recently Deceased: Jim Dowsey, Germaine Stevens, Anne Dodd, Len Flint

Anniversaries: Antonio DiPetta

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



PARISH DETAILS

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PRINCIPALS

St Augustine's College - Jay Sutton – Phone 5851 3000

St Patrick's Primary - Jackie Stockdale – Phone 5859 0371

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Fr Uday Marneni, 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 Uday Marneni,

Wayne Mulcahy (Chairperson),

James Harris (Deputy Chair)

John Zobec, Chris Moor, Mary Zobec.

MASS TIMES

KYABRAM

Week Day Masses (Tuesday & Thursday): see Diary

Saturday (2nd and 4th Saturday of the month): 6pm

Sunday: 8.30am

TONGALA

First Sunday of month 11.30am

MERRIGUM

Third Sunday of month 12 noon

RECONCILIATION – Second Saturday of month at 5.30pm (before 6pm Mass) in St Augustine's Church

ANOINTING MASS - held on the first Thursday of the month at 10am in St Augustine's Church.

FORTNIGHT MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Sun 21st April - 8.30am

Sun 21st April - 12.00pm – Merrigum

Tue 23rd April - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Thu 25th April – Anzac Day – No Mass

Sat 27th April - 6pm Mass

Weekly Masses

Sun 28th April - 8.30am

Tue 30th April - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Thu 2nd May - 10am Anointing Mass

Weekly Masses

Sun 5th May - 8.30am

Sun 5th May - 11.30am – Tongala

Tue 7th May - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Thu 9th May - 9.15am - F-4 Mother's Day Mass

Sat 11th May - 5.30pm Reconciliation

- 6pm Mass - cuppa after Mass

ROSTERS

Saturday 27th April at 6pm

Commentator – W Mulcahy

Lector – M Radanov

Special Minister – L Moran

Sunday 28th April at 8.30am

Commentator – V Fox

Lector – A Snell

Special Minister – A Brunt

Sunday 5th May at 8.30am

Commentator – J Chant

Lector – E Luvara

Special Minister – M Elliot

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

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

Last week's Collection is \$ 961.05

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 5852 1310.

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.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY APPEAL

Corpus Christi College & Catholic Theological College, *Support the training of priests for tomorrow's Church.* Your tax-deductible donation will support the educational costs of Corpus Christi College seminarians.

<https://ctc.edu.au/community/good-shepherd-sunday-appeal/>

MONTHLY WORKING BEE

Monthly working bees will be held on the 1st Saturday of the month at 9.30am to do some general cleaning in the church eg dusting, cleaning glass doors, cobwebs, sweeping steps, etc. This is instead of a roster. If you are able to spend some time helping with cleaning duties please put your name on the clip board provided in the gathering space. This will commence on 4th May.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

We are now accepting expression of interest for the St Augustine's 2024 Sacramental Program. The program is for Grade 3 or above and need to be baptised. Please ring the Office on 5821026 or email: kyabram@sandhurst.catholic.org.au if you have not registered through the school.

TAP AND GO

We have recently installed our new Tap and go donation tap point. The machine is easy to use, tap on the amount you wish to donate and then tap your card.

This is a donation machine only and **can't** be used for planned giving. Please contact the office if you would like any more information or assistance.



PROJECT COMPASSION

Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2024. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back asap or visit caritas.org.au/project-compassion and donate online.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, **for all future generations**. You can donate by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

DEFIBRILLATOR

Did you know St Augustine's College installed a defibrillator. It is located on the corner of the south western end of the Church side door entry facing the asphalt to the church and can be accessed in the event of an emergency when CPR is potentially required. We thank the school for their support of the parish and community. **The code for use is C3620.**

SOCIAL GATHERING

The next Social gathering (Happy hour) at Parkland Golf club will be held on Wednesday 24th of April at 4.30pm. Bring along a good news story from Easter and some nibbles to share.

All welcome.

RELIGIOUS ARTICLES

This weekend we have a salesman coming to sell religious articles after 8.30 Mass.

SANDPIPER ENEWS

The latest issue of Sandpiper e-News is now available online. Issue 38 can be accessed through the Homepage of the Diocesan website or the following link:

We encourage parishioners to subscribe to the Sandpiper e-News (which can be done at the bottom of the link page).

<https://mailchi.mp/sandhurst/sandpiper-e-news-from-the-diocese-of-sandhurst-13749579>

CARERS FREE WORKSHOPS

Carers Victoria is the statewide voice for family carers and providing support and advice to carers. Free workshops are available to carers.

22 April Bendigo - Support Services for Carers

5 May Bendigo - Free Carers' lunch, 12- 2 pm.

For those living in Bendigo/Shepparton areas. To book, or for more information, contact Education Services on 1800 514 845 or email

education@carersvictoria.org.au

SAFEGUARDING

In line with our Safeguarding policy for children and adults at risk, information can be found on the notice board in the gathering space. Please make yourselves familiar with the information provided. If you have any question or concerns, please contact Finola Price 03 5852 1310 or Mary Zobec 0427 190 282.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

As we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, we remember in our prayers those priests (past and present) with whom we have celebrated the sacraments. The priest that baptised us, the priest that presides over our Eucharist, the priest who have celebrated with us God's mercy and forgiveness. We thank each one of them.

We also continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood.

Vocations Program: We invite young people, young professionals who are interested in discerning their Vocation. On the 26th of May (Sunday), the vocation discernment session is set to take place in St Kilian's Presbytery Bendigo at 2pm until around dinner time. If you are interested, please contact Fr Nathan Verallo.

Email: np.verallo@gmail.com Tel: 03 5722 1970

"I am not capable of doing big things, but I want to do everything, even the smallest things, for the greater glory of God." *St. Dominic Savio*

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The costs are: **Advert (5x6cm)**

3 months (12 weeks)	\$16.67 per week	\$200
6 months (25 weeks)	\$12.00 per week	\$300
12 months (50 weeks)	\$10.00 per week	\$500

If you would like further details, please talk to Fr Uday, a member of the Finance Committee or Vicki in the office.

Seasons for Growth – A change, loss and grief program for adults:

A program run by CatholicCare Bendigo designed to help anyone who has experienced significant change such as loss, death, family breakdown, or other change which has had an impact on their wellbeing. Seasons for Growth is led by trained facilitators.

Through this program, you can learn to:

- understand and normalise emotions associated with change, loss and grief
- explore new approaches to dealing with change, loss and grief
- build decision making and problem-solving skills
- grow a supportive network of peers
- integrate your learnings into your relationships with family and friends

Friday 26th April 2024

CatholicCare Victoria, Bendigo Office.

TO REGISTER, PLEASE CONTACT:

Family and Relationship Team. (03) 5438 1300 or bendigo.reception@catholiccarevic.org.au