



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday 10 March 2024



Readings for
this week:

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



Readings for
next Sunday:

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Hebrews 5:7-9
John 12:20-33



Liturgical Jottings

Lent - 4

Gospel Acclamations

During Lent the “Gloria” is not said or sung except on feast days, eg. St Patrick, St Joseph. However, during Lent in the Latin Rite the “Alleluia” is never sung or said at all. Its absence symbolises a penitential character of the season and within our lives.

Therefore the Verse before the Gospel is accompanied with other acclamations, namely:

- Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
- Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
- Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
- Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

The General Introduction to the Lectionary simply states: "During Lent one of the acclamations from those given in the order of readings may be used, depending on the occasion. This acclamation precedes and follows the verse before the Gospel. No. 91.

Looking at the Readings

Again and again in salvation history there are unexpected turns and most surprising persons. Cyrus the king of Persia, a pagan, works to re-establish the people of God to their homeland, lost to the Babylonians and also to restore the temple that was destroyed. We read about Cyrus in the first reading from the second book of Chronicles – a collected history of the Hebrew people. Cyrus will raise up the people and their place of worship.

Jesus tells Nicodemus that he, Jesus, will be raised up but again in an unexpected way. He will be raised up on the cross. John's Gospel, a much later reflection on the life and teaching of Christ, has had the years to contemplate the mystery of Christ and recognise the cross not simply as an instrument of torture and death but as a symbol of the tree of victory over death.

St Paul's letter to the Ephesians sounds both like a Christian hymn and a treatise of theology in the love and grace of God. God's mercy rises up again and again in salvation history. When God resorts to punishment for sin it becomes a sign of his mercy to provoke conversion and for Him to be able to grant pardon and peace. Finally St Paul gives that great commendation: “We are God's work of art!”

Poem of the Week

If hope has made you walk
farther than fear,
you will raise your eyes .
Then you will be able to hold firm
until you reach the sun of God
J Akepsimas and M Scouarnec.

Prayer over the People

Look upon those who call to you, O Lord,
and sustain the weak;
give life by your unfailing light
to those who walk in the shadow of death,
and bring those rescued by your mercy from every evil
to reach the highest good.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Roman Missal, 4th Sunday of Lent*)

On the Lighter Side

Saint Patrick would have never believed
How his memory would become perceived
In the Emerald Isle
They do it in style
With green outfits, green hats and green sleeves.



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Jayne Wintle-Delahenty, Frances Corso, Germaine Stevens, Paul Genio, Tony Barca, John Moran, Jodie Potts, Philip Bowman, Anne Dodd, Kadyn Mitchell-Treacy, Trevor Peterson, Amy Nicholson.

Recently Deceased: Joe Sciacca

Anniversaries: Luigi D'Augello

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



PARISH DETAILS

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Fr Uday Marneni, Alana Brennan (Chairperson)

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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

Sat 9th March - 6pm Fr Uday's Installation Mass followed by a meal

Sun 10th March - 8.30am

Tue 12th March - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Thu 14th March - 9.15am Year 3/4 & 10

Thu 14th March - 11am St Patricks Day Mass at St Patricks Tongala

Weekly Masses

Sun 17th March - 8.30am

Sun 17th March - 12.00pm - Merrigum

Tue 19th March - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm

Thu 21st March - 9.15am – Year 5/6 & 9

Thu 21st March – Lenten Communal Reconciliation 6pm

Weekly Masses

Sat 23rd March - 6pm Mass

Sun 24th March - 8.30am

ROSTERS

Sunday 17th March at 8.30am

Commentator – V Fox

Lector – A Snell

Special Minister – N Livsey

Saturday 23rd March at 6pm

Commentator – L Ratcliffe

Lector – C Anderson

Special Minister – A O'Meara

Sunday 24th March at 8.30am

Commentator – M Carver

Lector – E Luvara

Special Minister – J Chant

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

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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.

ST PATRICKS DAY MASSES

On Thursday 14 March, there will be two Masses celebrated on St Patrick's day, first one at 9.15am at St Augustines. And a school Mass at 11am St Patrick's Tongala. All welcome.

SANDHURST DIOCESE CHRISM MASS

The Chrism Mass for 2024 will be at the Sacred Heart Cathedral on Tuesday 26 March at 11am. Parish representatives will present oils to be blessed by the Bishop for the Sacraments during the coming year. All parishioners of the Diocese are warmly invited to this significant Mass for our Diocese. Light refreshments and beverages will be provided after the Mass on the Cathedral lawns. Please RSVP to your Parish Office by Thursday 21 March for catering purposes. Parking around the Cathedral will be limited so please allow time to find a suitable park in the nearby street.

2024 SYNOD CONSULTATION

As the Church prepares for the Second Session of the Synodal Assembly in October 2024, we have been invited to contribute our response to the question: *How can we be a synodal Church in mission?*

Please join other parishioners from our Deanery on 14 March 2024 at 5 – 6.30 pm in St Mel's Parish Gathering Room, to take part in the discussion, consider how our own parish can be more synodal and help shape the communications provided to the Second Session of Synod in October.

Some pre-reading of the Synthesis Report of the First Session would be valuable - the focus will be on Chapters 8-12, 16 and 18 during this session.

Synthesis Report: [2023.10.28-ENG-Synthesis-Report_IMP.pdf \(synod.va\)](https://www.sandhurstdiocese.org.au/synod/2023.10.28-ENG-Synthesis-Report_IMP.pdf)

SANDHURST DIOCESE CELEBRATES 150TH ANNIVERSARY WITH A PILGRIMAGE WALK

Join us on Palm Sunday for a pilgrimage walk to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Diocese. The pilgrimage, from St. Kilian's Parish to the Sacred Heart Cathedral, symbolically traces one part of our Diocese's journey while paying tribute to the strength and commitment of the many faith-filled people who have helped to build and grow parish and school communities in the forty parishes of Sandhurst over the last 150-years.

The pilgrimage begins at **St Kilian's Parish on 24 March at 9:45 am** with the Blessing of a new Processional Cross and concludes at Sacred Heart Cathedral with the Blessing of the Palms and the opening of the Jubilee Door at 10:45am. All are welcome to walk with us or join us at either location for this celebration.

LADIES CUPPA AND CHAT

Ladies you are invited to Cuppa and Chat at Fauna Park Café on Wednesday 13 March at 2pm. If you need a ride, please call Mary Elliott on 0427 822754.

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION

The Lenten communal reconciliation will be held on Thursday 21 March at 6pm at St Augustines.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed Saturday 23 March at 5pm before Mass. All are encouraged to come along. Stations of the cross will also be held at 2.30pm on Good Friday 29 March.

HELPERS NEEDED FOR EASTER

We are looking for people available to assist with the hot cross buns for the Good Friday Ecumenical Service (29 March) being held in the Memorial Gardens. Helpers to meet in the Parish meeting room at 8.45am to assist with buttering of buns. Clip boards are available at the back of church to register your name.

Please note all who help with serving buns at Memorial Gardens will need to provide a copy of Working with Children card. Please see Mary Zobec. We are also looking for people to assist with the **Palm Sunday and Easter Ceremonies**. Sheets are at the back of the church if you are available to assist. Please ensure that a phone number is left so you can be contacted.

EASTER TIMETABLE

Communal Reconciliation – Thursday 21 at 6pm.

Holy Thursday 7pm.

Ecumenical Service 10am at Memorial Gardens

Good Friday – Stations of the Cross 2.30pm - Passion of Christ 3pm.

Easter Vigil – 7pm

Easter Sunday – 8.30am

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



**Fourth Sunday of Lent
9 & 10 March**



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