



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

Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday 25 February 2024



Readings for
this week:

Genesis 22:1-2,9-18
Romans 8:31-34
Mark 9:2-10



Readings for
next Sunday:

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



Liturgical Jottings

Lent - 3 – Its History

The development of the season of Lent is connected and dependent on the celebration of Easter. The Good Friday fast was extended to 40 days both as preparation for Easter and in imitation of Christ's forty days in the wilderness. The earliest evidence of this comes from the 5th century in Rome. Though the extent of Lent varies from three to six weeks in East, West, Alexandria and Jerusalem the present practice of six week came in a few centuries later. Pope Urban II ordered the imposition of Ashes of the heads of the faithful universally in 1091. Lent was seen as a preparation period for adult baptisms in some parts of the Christian world and in other parts as a penitential season for all the faithful. The double focus of baptism and penance in the Lenten season was emphasised with the reform of Vatican II (Constitution of the Sacred Liturgy 1963) and the Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults (1972).

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Looking at the Readings

The account of the Transfiguration of the Lord appears in the three synoptic Gospels, Matthew, Mark and Luke. The three accounts conclude with Jesus' command (implicit in Luke) to Peter, James and John to tell no one about it. It would be very difficult to explain what happened and even more difficult to explain its meaning for them and for others at the time. It was easier to keep it secret. Only in Mark's account we read the line: "though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean." The transfiguration and appearance of Moses and Elijah was a graced and opportune moment in their journey to Jerusalem and the conflicts they would endure.

The second reading, like last week's alludes to the first reading As Abraham is asked to sacrifice his son, Isaac, God the Father offered his Son up to death to benefit us all. St Paul's letter to the Romans develops the paschal mystery for his readers. We come to learn God's actions of offering Christ as Gift, choosing and forgiving his loved ones and sharing his Son glorious resurrection with believers. God does not want the death of anyone, Isaac, Jesus or the sinner. He is all for us!

Poem of the Day

On what incandescent summits
will you hear the Beloved
speaking to you through the cloud?
Let him prepare you for his sufferings!
Follow Jesus transfigured:
tomorrow he will be crucified
to ratify the Covenant,
Didier Rimaud. "Les arbres dans la mer"

Prayer over the People

Bless your faithful, we pray, O Lord,
with a blessing that endures for ever,
and keep them faithful to the Gospel of your Only Begotten Son,
so that they may always desire and at last attain
that glory whose beauty he showed in his own Body,
to the amazement of his Apostles. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.
(Roman Missal, 2nd Sunday of Lent)

On the Lighter Side

In Lent I usually give up listening to my car radio and commute to work in "silence." Inevitably, I end up hearing noises from under the bonnet that lead to some needed repairs. I find that the silence does the same for my soul ... I become more aware of what's rattling around inside of me so that I can bring it to the Lord for healing.



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Paul Genio, Tony Barca, John Moran, Jodie Potts, Philip Bowman, Anne Dodd, Kady Mitchell-Treacy, Trevor Peterson, Amy Nicholson.

Recently Deceased: Susan O'Shea, Lola Day

Anniversaries: Rocco Demaio

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



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Fr Uday Marneni, Alana Brennan (Chairperson)

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Parish Finance Committee

Fr Uday Marneni,

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James Harris (Deputy Chair)

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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

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

FORTNIGHT MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Sat 24th February - 6pm Mass

Sun 25th February - 8.30am

Tue 27th February - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Thu 29th February – 9.15am – Year 1/2 and Year 11

Weekly Masses

Sun 3rd March - 8.30am

Sun 3rd March - 11.30am – Tongala

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

Thu 7th March - 10am – Anointing Mass

Weekly Masses

Sat 9th March - 5.30pm Reconciliation

- 6pm Mass - cuppa after Mass

Sun 10th March - 8.30am

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

Thu 14th March - 9.15am

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

ROSTERS

Sunday 3rd March at 8.30am

Commentator – E Luvara

Lector – J Chant

Special Minister – F Turner

Saturday 9th February at 6pm

Commentator – M Radanov

Lector – W Mulcahy

Special Minister – L Sorbello

Sunday 25th February at 8.30am

Commentator – N Watt

Lector – M Carver

Special Minister – B Lyon

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

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

Last week's Collection is \$ 1009.80

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.

BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Xavier Moore into our faith community. Please keep Xavier and his parents and godparents in your prayers, as they continue on their faith journey.

COMMISSIONING OF SPECIAL MINISTERS AND LECTORS

We will be commissioning new Special Ministers and Lectors during the 8.30am Mass this weekend Sunday 25 February. We thank them for taking up these ministries.

ST PATRICKS DAY MASSES

On Thursday 14th 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be prayed this Saturday 24 February and Saturday 23 March at 5pm before Mass. All are encouraged to come along.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Please support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and *for all future generations*. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all. You can also donate by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or 1800 024 413.

LENTEN LEAFLET AVAILABLE

The Lenten leaflets are now available from the gathering space in the church. You are welcome to form discussion groups or use for personal reflection.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year's annual ecumenical service will be held on Friday 1st March at 10am at Kyabram Baptist Church followed by a cuppa and fellowship. Theme Country for this year is Palestine. Everyone welcome.

Palms Australia – Volunteers Needed:

Mission: Transform Lives - theirs...and yours.

Communities in Africa, Asia, Australia and the Pacific are looking for qualified and experienced Australians from ALL sectors to share their skills with those who have had little opportunity for formal training. You too will learn and grow within a most welcoming community. Experience the joy as you assist to change lives. Learn more: Join our [Mission Webinar](#) March 5th, 2024, 6:00 - 6:30 pm. Learn Even More: Join our [two-week tour to Timor-Leste on 06/05/2024](#) to see Palms program participants our local partner communities in action together.

Contact: 02 9560 5333 palms@palms.org.au

Kyabram Catholic Parish Pastoral Council

Extends you a warm invitation to the celebration of

The Installation of Fr Uday Marneni ALCP/OSS

as Parish Priest of
St Augustine's Kyabram
St Patrick's Tongala
St Sebastian's Merrigum

by

Most Rev. Shane Mackinlay Bishop of Sandhurst Diocese

Saturday 9th March 2024

6pm Mass

At St Augustine's Church, Church St Kyabram

Followed by a Parish Meal

Please bring along a plate to share

RSVP: Tuesday 5th March to Parish Office 5852 1026 or email kyabram@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

Please leave message if unattended to assist with catering.

RITE OF ELECTION

Congratulations to Belinda Fitzpatrick who was sent forth from Kyabram to Bendigo for the Rite of Election last Sunday. We will welcome Belinda into our faith community at Easter Vigil and we ask you to keep Belinda in your prayers.

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

4 x 2-hour sessions Friday 1st March - Friday 22 March 10:30am - 12:30pm **CatholicCare Victoria, Bendigo Office**. Cost: \$15, workbook included. To register please contact: Family and Relationship Team 5438 1300 or

bendigo.reception@catholiccarevic.org.au

“The Lord is loving unto man, and swift to pardon, but slow to punish. Let no man therefore despair of his own salvation.” *St. Cyril of Jerusalem*

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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.



Caritas AUSTRALIA

**Second Sunday of Lent
24 & 25 February**



PROJECT COMPASSION
FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS



After the birth of her children, 22-year-old **Ronita** was at risk of having to leave school permanently. But, with the support of Caritas Australia's partners in the Philippines, she resumed her studies and secured a job at a call centre to support her family.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *for all future generations.*

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.