



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

Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday 3 March 2024



Readings for this week:

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



Readings for next Sunday:

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



Liturgical Jottings

Collections and Appeals

Turning over the money changers tables though quite dramatic became a minor incident in the Gospels in relation to Jesus' subsequent teaching. Nonetheless sincere people have compared today's gospel with gift stalls, tourist shops, etc. within the walls of great cathedrals. Are they not repeating the errors of the past?

Also within the liturgy there are collections for the upkeep and mission of the parish, annual projects like Project Compassion and special appeals. We must deal with cash, donation envelopes and "tap and pay" credit card readers.

The 2010 General Instructions to the Roman Missal says very little about money in church:

"The offerings are then brought forward. ... Even money or other gifts for the poor or for the Church, brought by the faithful or collected in the church, are acceptable; given their purpose, they are to be put in a suitable place away from the Eucharistic table." GIRM n.73

Looking at the Readings

The first readings on every Sunday in Lent commemorate one of the significant moments in salvation history. In Cycle B, the First Sunday: The Great Flood, the second Sunday: Abraham's test of faith, and today: The Ten Commandments given to Moses. As God freed his chosen people from slavery, the giving of the law is freeing them from the evils and their devious entrapments by offering them a code of life St Augustine used them as a framework for his moral teaching which is carried through in the present Catechism of the Catholic Church,

Political alliances can be short lived, diplomatic negotiated peace can be so fragile, even friendships have their limits, yet St Paul first letter to the Corinthians bypasses human expectations in miracles or human wisdom and goes straight to God. In God there are no vagaries or fancies. God's wisdom and strength exceeds anything human. Hence the Jesus' Cross makes sense, yet we struggle to make sense of our crosses.

Lenten Poem: The Trace of God

Here is the promised land
where the human assembly knows the love of God.
Here is the festive space
where the human family gives a face to God.
Here is the house of peace
where those who share receive the gift of God.
Here is the open temple
where those who adore become witnesses of God.

French Cistercian poem

Prayer over the People

Direct, O Lord, we pray, the hearts of your faithful,
and in your kindness grant your servants this grace:
that, abiding in the love of you and their neighbour,
they may fulfil the whole of your commands.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Roman Missal, 3rd Sunday of Lent)

On the Lighter Side

At the Australian Catholic University, my roommate decided that he would be giving up pizza for Lent. Food-related Lenten sacrifices are fairly common. What's notable about my roommate's pizza abstinence was the fact that he started on the first weekend in December and carried through the end of the year Mr. Observant, it turns out, confused Lent with Advent. We didn't have the heart to tell him otherwise.



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, Susan O'Shea, Lola Day

Anniversaries: Lee Chant

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



PARISH DETAILS

PARISH PRIEST

Fr Uday Kumar Marneni ALCP/OSS

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PARISH OFFICE

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PRINCIPALS

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

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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 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 - 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

ROSTERS

Saturday 9th March at 6pm

Commentator – M Radanov

Lector – W Mulcahy

Special Minister – L Sorbello

Sunday 10th March at 8.30am

Commentator – N Watt

Lector – M Carver

Special Minister – B Lyon

Sunday 17th March at 8.30am

Commentator – V Fox

Lector – A Snell

Special Minister – N Livsey

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

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

Last week's Collection is \$ 2866.50

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.

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.

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION

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

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.

CARITAS ONLINE EVENT

Join Caritas on Tuesday 5 March at 4pm for a special seminar about incredible work being undertaken in the urban slums of The Philippines. You'll hear about life-changing programs to improve health, wellbeing, income generation & community connection in one of the most vulnerable areas in the world, featuring speakers from Caritas Philippines & Faithful Companions of Jesus. Learn how vulnerable individuals and families are overcoming hardship and becoming architects of their own future, thanks to the support of generous people like you. Register at <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/mission-in-action-seminar-the-philippines/?fbclid=IwAR2VWbIBRVBJ-BLxSVFR6eWJAMOGSivPsBcBIJA3o-Pc9063VFDgzA9ItYk>

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.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/mission-in-action-seminar-the-philippines/?fbclid=IwAR2VWbIBRVBJ-BLxSVFR6eWJAMOGSivPsBcBIJA3o-Pc9063VFDgzA9ItYk)

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 9 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.

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 21st March at 6pm.

Holy Thursday 7.00pm.

Ecumenical Service 10.00am at Memorial Gardens

Good Friday – Stations of the Cross 2.30pm -
Passion of Christ 3.00pm.

Easter Vigil – 7.00pm

Easter Sunday – 8.30am

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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

**Third Sunday of Lent
2 & 3 March**

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