



Kyabram Catholic Parish

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

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

10th May 2020



Readings for this week:
Acts 6:1-7
1 Peter 2:4-9
John 14:1-12



Readings for next Sunday:
Acts 8:5-8,14-17
1 Peter 3:15-18
John 17:1-11



Liturgical Jottings

Liturgical Languages I

The common vernacular in the time of Our Lord Jesus and the Apostles in Galilee and Judea was Aramaic. Therefore, his teaching "Our Father" and the words at the Last Supper would have been in Aramaic. However they were recorded in the Gospel in Greek. Our first extant Eucharistic Prayer was in Greek. While liturgies were mostly oral there was a mixture of languages. But as it became written the Liturgy adopted Greek as it was the formal language of public life. As Christianity spread to Asia Minor and along the Nile local languages were used. By the third century the Roman empire used Latin except in Rome because of its conservative nature, it took another 100 years before Rome accepted Latin in the Liturgy.

Looking at the Readings

The first half of today's Gospel excites our imagination, warms our hearts and draws us closer to Christ and his Apostle. It has become a very popular Gospel for celebrating funerals. We imagine that enormous mansion of heaven with many wonderful rooms and plenty of room for everyone. Even us! Our hearts are warmed with Jesus words: "Do not let your hearts be troubled ... trust in me." He is thinking of us on the eve of his death. We identify with Thomas and the other Apostles who are somewhat at loss but seeking the right path. This reading is for our family and us.

Life and Death pose many questions. In today's readings we find assurance that faith increases, despite ourselves, we are God's holy people, a chosen, race, a royal priesthood that may offer prayer and sacrifice. Jesus invites us into the life of the Trinity.

Good Idea for the Week

Send a Cheerio Email: I have received these from schoolchildren: "Have you been going for walks?" ~ "I hope you're having a good day." ~ "I have been going for walks and doing art at home and chalk on the footpath." ~ "How are you going? I'm going wonderful." ~ "I hope you are staying safe and healthy." ~ "I miss when we go to church." Just one or two lines to friends, colleagues, children, adults, anyone helps!

Pope Francis' Prayer

At the start of Mass last Tuesday, Pope Francis prayed for the victims of the novel coronavirus: "Today we pray for the deceased who have died because of the pandemic. They have died alone, without the caresses of their loved ones. So many did not even have a funeral. May the Lord welcome them in His glory."

Quotes for the Week

Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less. *Marie Curie*
As a well-spent day brings happy sleep, so a life well spent brings happy death. *Leonardo da Vinci*

On the Lighter Side - Two Riddles



What can run but never walks, has a mouth but never talks, has a head but never weeps, has a bed but never sleeps? A river.

What can you hold in your left hand and not in your right?
Your right elbow.



A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

by Heidi Busse

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; may they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; may they continue to guide in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; may they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

Amen

ONLINE CONCERT – THIS WEEKEND!

Get in quick for a free online concert called Loungeroom Sessions, featuring some of Australia's greatest musicians, in support of Caritas Australia and their annual appeal, Project Compassion.

This Saturday (9th May), **Gary Pinto**, Aria award winning artist and musical mentor to the stars will lead an all-star music line-up for the Project Compassion COVID-19 Benefit Concert.

Gary recently penned a powerful tune for Caritas Australia, to support Project Compassion, with its theme of 'Let's Go Further, Together'. Called Walk With Me, it's a song about walking in solidarity with the poor. [You can hear it here!](#)

Now, Gary would like to Go Further, Together, by bringing Australian and International musicians from their lounge rooms to yours!

With COVID-19 shutting down Australia's schools and churches – the places where Project Compassion usually raises most of its funds – it became clear to Gary the campaign would need more help. Gary got on the phone to his many friends in the music industry.

Don't miss it! To view the concert, you'll need to register – check out the line-up and register at caritas.org.au/loungeroomsessions

QUOTE

When you look into your mother's eyes, you know that is the purest love you can find on this earth. - Mitch Albom

www.countryliving.com

MASS FOR YOU AT HOME

Some options for you:

- **MASS AT ST KILIAN'S ON SUNDAY** - Mass will be celebrated at St Kilian's Church, Bendigo, this Sunday at 10.00am, livestreamed to the diocese's website: <https://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/>
- **'MASS ON DEMAND'** every day from Our Lady of the Way Parish, Nth Sydney & Lavendar Bay Livestream or video archive: <https://cathnews.com/> (Scroll down) and **Facebook: 'Mass on Demand'**.
- **DAILY TV MASS** Livestream or video archive from the National Catholic Broadcasting Council of Canada: <https://dailytvmass.com/> and **Facebook: 'Daily TV Mass'**
- **MASS FOR YOU AT HOME** live streamed at 6.00 am every Sunday on Channel 10: <https://10play.com.au/mass-for-you-at-home?>

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Fr Ted Harte, Una Donegan, Joan Childs, Jacqui Rosendale

Recently Deceased: -

Anniversaries: Pat Hehir



(Our practice is to leave the names on the sick list for a month. Please contact the parish office to renew for another month.)

RETREATS ONLINE FROM CAMPION IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY CENTRE (KEW)

Do you have a yearning to know God in a deeper way? Online retreats are available using Skype, Zoom, Facetime, or telephone; not restricted by dates or cost if these aren't possible.

Inquiries to: Email secretary@campion.asn.au.
Phone 03 9854 8110.

Web: <https://www.campion.asn.au/>

- 1. Directed Retreats:** May 11-18; June 1-8; July 6-13. Suggested cost \$50 per day.
- 2. First Spiritual Exercises:** over 4 weeks. Engage weekly with a spiritual director. Negotiable dates & suggested cost \$50 per day.
- 3. Full Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius:** rich prayer material, methods of discernment and opportunity to explore where God is calling you at this time. Suggested cost \$60 per week.



The 'Pray As You Go' website (<https://pray-as-you-go.org/>) now has 'Pray As You Stay' reflections.

These reflections focus on facing up to the difficult things we face at the moment:

- Anxieties
- Suffering
- Death
- Loneliness
- Disappointment
- Waiting
- Decisions (what matters most)

Join them for another week of prayer during this difficult time.

SANDHURST YOUTH MINISTRY'S WEEKDAY MORNING PRAYER

To help everyone get their day started while working and studying from home, Sandhurst Youth Ministry is posting weekday Morning Prayer videos at 8:30am.

A range of prayer styles offering young people the chance to pray in different ways each morning are being used.

Videos are posted on the Sandhurst Youth YouTube Channel.

If you are aged 15-30 and would like to be involved in the Weekday Morning Prayer videos, please get in touch with Ruth: ruth.lawlor@sandhurst.catholic.org.au



BIRTHDAY WISHES

Sending special wishes to **Wilma Bergin** who is celebrating her birthday this coming week.



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." (1 Peter 2:7)

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called "charisms" and they are used to build God's kingdom on earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God's salvation plan.

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SUNDAY READINGS AND FAMILY PRAYER FOR FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Liturgy Brisbane has again provided resources which we invite you to share in preparation for the Fifth Sunday of Easter.

- Sunday Readings – Read at Home – In these unique times where our Sunday Masses have been suspended, you may wish to read the Sunday readings and associated commentaries at home.
- Family Prayer – Week by Week – This resource is designed for families with young children. An extract from the Sunday gospel is provided, along with some reflection questions, family activities and a worksheet for children.

The resources can be found on the Liturgy Brisbane website and will be updated each week -

<https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/prepare/sunday-readings-and-family-prayer/>

VOCATIONS - What can I do?

Each one of us can do something for the future of the Church in our nation. We all want and need more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

What can I do? The most important and essential thing that each of us can do is to pray. Intentionally, regularly, insistently.

Make a decision today to include a prayer for vocations in your daily prayers.

OUR BULLETIN

We continue to provide our weekly on-line bulletin as we adjust to the impact of COVID-19 on our lives.

With none of the usual activities of Parish life at the moment, much that is contained in our bulletin is online links to other sites. We hope that these links will provide you with ways to celebrate your faith, find prayers and reflections, as well as activities to sustain you.

We will also endeavour to provide information that is as up-to-date as possible, however please be mindful that in the rapidly changing world we find ourselves in, that sometimes information contained in the bulletin may be outdated by the time you read it.

Fr Jinjo will continue to pray for our sick, our recently deceased and for anniversaries. If you would like a name included on the bulletin, please email to Kyabram@cdos.org.au.

Our peace and blessings to you all.



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Church in Need
ACN AUSTRALIA

Are you wondering how the coronavirus pandemic is affecting the Church around the world?

Visit: www.aidtochurch.org/covid-19 to read messages from bishops, priests, brothers and religious sisters serving in some of the most remote and dangerous countries in the world.

