

KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

16 April 2023



Readings for this week:

Acts 2:42-47
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31



Readings for next Sunday:

Acts 2:14, 22-33
1 Peter 1:17-21
Luke 24:13-35



Liturgical Jottings

The Acts of the Apostles

The first readings for the weekdays of the Easter Season are a semi-continuous reading of the Acts of the Apostles. It is like reading the family history of the first Christians. Yet beyond the telling of the events we receive insights to questions of faith in the resurrection and life of Christ for ourselves.

During the Second Week of Easter "The Acts" tells of the new life of the young church community. There is a great freshness in their gatherings, prayer and service for one another. Most evident is their love and unity which sustains them in face of persecution now and in the troubles they will later face as a community.

Easter Quote

"And the Lord departed from our sight that we might return to our heart, and there find Him. For He departed, and behold, He is here." -- St. Augustine

Looking at the Readings

Each year (cycles A, B & C), the passage of the first and second appearances of the Risen Lord to the apostles is read. These two appearances occur a week apart, on the first Sunday of the Resurrection and eight days later, the Second Sunday of Easter. There is both continuity and disruption in these two encounters. The scenes are almost identical: Jesus suddenly appears in the locked room and says to the apostles: "Peace be with you". The first time Thomas is absent and on listening to the others refuses to believe. The second time Thomas is present and makes a wonderful affirmation of faith.

In fact, most of Jesus' disciples initially gave signs of incredulity; Thomas was more emphatic. He expressed what others had thought. Yet it allows us to partake in their experiences of fear, doubt, witness, conversion and expression of faith in the Risen Lord.

The account of the double appearance of the Lord on the two Sundays has a definite liturgical flavour. The first day of the week is the day when the Christian community comes together to celebrate the Eucharist, the sacrament of the Lord's presence. Amid the competing noises on Sunday we must rediscover the holiness and peace of the day and hear Christ's words: 'Peace be with you'.

Pope Francis Easter Vigil Homily 2023

The women set out toward Jesus' tomb bewildered and dismayed, Yet upon arriving and seeing the empty tomb, they turn around and run to the disciples to proclaim a change of course: Jesus is risen. Sometimes we too may think that the joy of our encounter with Jesus is something belonging to the past, whereas the present consists mostly of tombs of disappointment, bitterness and distrust, of the dismay of thinking that "nothing more can be done". If we are prey to sorrow, burdened by sadness, laid low by sin, embittered by failure or simply feel weary about our daily routine – each of us knows our own plights, our paths come to a halt before a row of tombs, and we stand there, filled with sorrow and regret, alone and powerless, repeating the question, "Why?" The Pasch of the Lord motivates us to move forward, to leave behind our sense of defeat, to roll away the stone of the tombs in which we often imprison our hope, and to look with confidence to the future, for Christ is risen and has changed the direction of history. (Abridged, part 1)

On the Lighter Side

All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt. Charles M. Schulz.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Cheryl Pearce (Baker), Anne Dodd, Bill Worm, Philip Bowman, Ainsley Lane, Sam Peyton, Shane McDonell, Kady Mitchell-Treacy, Samantha Kurilic, Trevor Peters.

Recently Deceased: Margaret Carroll, Mario Scapin

Anniversaries: Frank Kennedy, Terrance Bowman, Maria Zobec, Maria Cavallaro, Rosalind Santani

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



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Mass Times

Kyabram

Week Day Masses (Tuesday and Thursday): see

Diary Dates

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

Sunday: 8.30am

Tongala

First Sunday of month 11.30am

Merrigum

Third Sunday of month 12.00 noon

Reconciliation – Second Saturday of the month at

5.30pm (before 6pm Mass) in St Aug's Church

Kyabram.

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

FORTNIGHT MASS TIME TABLE

Weekend Masses

Sun 16th April - Divine Mercy - 8.30am

Sun 16th April – Divine Mercy – 12 noon Merrigum

Tue 18th April - 9.15am

Thu 20th April – 5pm

Weekend Masses

Sat 22nd April - 6pm

Sun 23rd April – 8.30am

Tue 25th April – 9.15am

Thu 27th April – 5pm

Weekend Masses

Sun 30th April – 8.30am

Tue 2nd May – 9.15am

Thu 4th May – 5pm

Weekend Masses

Sun 7th May – 8.30am

Sun 7th May – 11.30am - Tongala

ROSTERS

Sunday 22nd April at 6pm

Commentator – L Radcliffe

Lector – J Harris

Special Minister – A O'Meara

Sunday 23rd April at 8.30am

Commentator – M Carver

Lector – V Fox

Special Minister – B Lyon

Sunday 30th April at 8.30am

Commentator – N Watt

Lector – M Carver

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 \$ 1140.45

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 58521310.

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.

WELCOME

Next Saturday night we welcome Ivy Davidson into our faith community with the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Ivy has been on the RCIA journey for more than a year.

On Saturday night we also welcome Clarita Rose Young who will receive the sacrament of Baptism and on Sunday we welcome Benjamin Brown who is also being baptised. We pray for Ivy, Clarita and Benjamin and their families that the Holy Spirit will always guide and protect them.

There will be a cuppa after Saturday night mass. Please bring a plate to share.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Today we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. Devotions will also be held at St Brendan's Shepparton starting at 2-3pm for Reconciliation. 3pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction and 3.30pm Mass. There will also be veneration following Mass.

PARISH SUPPORT

Thank you to our generous givers for your ongoing support of our Parish! Our Planned Giving and collections are for – parish operating expenses, churches maintenance, clergy support and presbytery support. If you are a new parishioner or now in a position to give there are many ways to give to our church needs.

Giving is by way of church envelopes, direct debit or periodic credit card payments and is flexible to suit your preference of weekly, fortnightly, monthly, quarterly, and half yearly or yearly. You can also give without a set pledge amount or timeframe to give by. We encourage anyone who is not on the Planned Giving Program to contact the parish office. Thank you for considering this option to support our Parish.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

We wish the teachers, staff, students and families a safe, enjoyable break over Easter and school holidays.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who helped with the Easter Liturgies, the liturgy team for their organization, the music ministry team, lectors, commentators, special ministers, sacristans, screen operators and Alan Busch for the Easter Vigil fire. It is very much appreciated. God bless you all.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

An information evening for parents and children for the 2023 Sacramental Program will be on Thursday 4 May at 7pm in St Augustine's Church. The program is for baptised children over the age of 7. If your child is not baptised please contact the Office on 5852 1026, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8.30-3.30pm.

SANDPIPER E-NEWS

Please find below the URL for the Sandpiper e-News [https://mailchi.mp/\[xxxxxx\]/sandpiper-e-news-from-the-diocese-of-sandhurst-13513084](https://mailchi.mp/[xxxxxx]/sandpiper-e-news-from-the-diocese-of-sandhurst-13513084)

CLOSURE OF OUTSIDE PARISH TOILETS

Through consultation with the school OH&S team, Liturgy team, PPC and Fr. John-Paul, it has been decided that the outside toilet block be closed due to safety concerns, relating to the impact of the nearby tree and concern for the proximity of the toilet block to students during school hours. A toilet is available in the front entrance of the church, signage will be updated as soon as practical. We thank all parishioners for their concern and understanding as we continue to work towards creating a safe environment for our parishioners and children.

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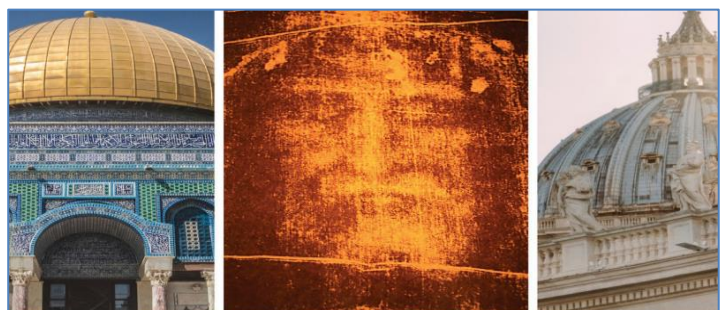
For many years, people in the Diocese of Sandhurst have been saving their used postage stamps and sending them to Sr Ursula, a Mercy sister. The Mercy Sisters then sell the donated stamps and use the proceeds to fund their Mercy Works projects. For example, buying basic toiletries for women in prison in Papua New Guinea.

Sr Ursula wants parishioners to know how much good has come from donating their used stamps and asked that we keep on saving our old stamps, they can be given to your local parish, who will pass them on to the Mercy Sisters, via the Chancery.

PENTECOST WITH SANDHURST YOUTH MINISTRY

Young People ages 15-35 are invited to gather together to celebrate Pentecost! There will be music from Melbourne musician Gen Bryant and her band, talks and other activities, and a BBQ. We will also celebrate the Pentecost Vigil Mass as part of the evening.

Further information, including how to register, will be available on Instagram and Facebook on the Sandhurst Youth Ministry pages so make sure you follow us to find out more. Saturday 27 May, our Lady's Church, Wangaratta Sth, 5:30 – 9:30pm (arrive from 5pm)



HOW ISLAM LED ME BACK TO CHRIST

Presented by:



CHARBEL RAISH

Date: Tuesday 25th April, 2023
Time: 7:30pm
Venue: Lecture Theatre
University of Melbourne
Shepparton Campus
49 Graham Street, Shepparton

Hosted By: "To Know Him is to Love Him:
Catechesis for Today's Catholic"



<https://www.parousiamedia.com/how-islam-led-me-back-to-christ-charbel-raish-shepparton-vic/>



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