



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Cycle B

Sunday 11 February 2024



Readings for this week:
Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46
1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1
Mark 1:40-45



Readings for next Sunday:
Genesis 9:8-15
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:12-15



Liturgical Jottings Lent - 1

Lent begins next Wednesday. It is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way the whole church prepares for Easter with those who are to be baptised. Other celebrations in Lent (e.g. Marriage) must take into account of the spirit of penance: musical instruments are only used to sustain singing and floral decorations are very simple.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting binding those who are between 18 and 60. The law of abstinence (from eating meat) binds those who are 14 and over (CCL 97, 1251f).

In Lent the Alleluia is omitted at Mass and Liturgy of the Hours, even in celebrations of solemnities and feast. A homily is recommended on weekdays especially during the Seasons of Advent, Lent and Easter. (Aust & NZ Ordo 2024 pp 37,38)

Looking at the Readings

The Book of Leviticus goes into great detail about identifying, treating, and isolating persons with leprosy and other like complaints. Chapter 13 has 59 verses and in Chapter 14 on purification of lepers has 57 verses. We read a small section today (five verses). Nonetheless lepers suffer physically and socially. The disease in ancient times was also considered a punishment for sins (with religious minded peoples) or retribution for evils committed (with the general populace). We may ask the question today: "Have we shifted our understandings of suffering, adversities and atrocities with wars, pandemics and natural disasters?" When these things happen there are suggestions of divine retribution, lingering accusations and blame upon certain people or social groups.

Early in his ministry Jesus is confronted with people with diseases and the questions: "Whose fault? What sins have brought this on? Is it the sufferers or their parents that caused this?" He responds typically with: It is nobody's fault but the glory of God can be seen in the healing. And in his compassion for the accused, the victim, or the isolated person, Jesus healed them. The healer then gets accused of blasphemy or breaking the Sabbath or receives ridicule or becomes the isolated person. Jesus, our Saviour takes on our sins so that we are saved from them!

Leprosy (Hansen's Disease) today

Leprosy is a chronic bacterial infection. It affects the skin and various nervous systems of the body, particularly the peripheral nerves. Leprosy is more common in tropical and subtropical areas. The disease is curable through multi-drug therapy. (VicHealth)

Quote of the Day

The biggest disease today is not leprosy or tuberculosis, but rather the feeling of being unwanted. *Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

Prayer for the Week

We come before you, O God, confident in Christ's victory over sickness and death. Heal us again from sin, which divides us, and from prejudice, which isolates us. Bring us to wholeness of life through the pardon you grant your people. Amen.

On the Lighter Side

When we realise that Lent starts this Wednesday we feel like Christmas was only yesterday. But now we have a better chance to restart those New Year's resolutions we missed out on.



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: Kevin Morley

Anniversaries: Emanuela D'Augello, Merv Ryan

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



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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

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 10th February - 5.30pm Reconciliation
- 6pm Mass - cuppa after Mass

Sun 11th February - 8.30am

Tue 13th February - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Mass

Tue 13th February – Shrove Tuesday – pancakes on the lawn from 8am

Wed 14th February – Ash Wednesday School Liturgy 10am

Wed 14th February – 6pm Ash Wednesday Mass

Thu 15th February - 9.15am

Weekly Masses

Sun 18th February - 8.30am

Sun 18th February - 12.00pm - Merrigum

Tue 20th February - 4.45pm Rosary, 5pm Liturgy

Thu 22nd February - 9.15am – Liturgy

ROSTERS

Sunday 18th February at 8.30am

Commentator – M Carver

Lector – N Watt

Special Minister – M Elliot

Saturday 24th February at 6pm

Commentator – S Carroll

Lector – J Harris

Special Minister – L Moran

Sunday 25th February at 8.30am

Commentator – A Snell

Lector – V Fox

Special Minister – J Stockdale

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

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

Last week's Collection is \$ 968.70

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.

PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY

Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to 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. 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 or by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

There will be a Ash Wednesday Mass will be held on Wednesday 14 February at 6pm at St Augustines.



SAVE THE DATE

Fr Uday's installation will take place on Saturday 9th March at 6pm. More details to follow.

LADIES CUPPA AND CHAT

Ladies you are invited to Cuppa and Chat at Fauna Park Café on Wednesday 21st February at 2pm. If you need a ride, please contact Mary Elliott on 0427 822754.



PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Parish Finance Committee will be held on Tuesday, 5th March commencing at 6pm in the Parish meeting room.

MEN'S CHOIR

The men's choir is on the 1st Sunday of the month. Please come at 8am, Sunday 3 March to practice.



A BEQUEST TO THE CHURCH

Have you thought about leaving a bequest to the church? The forms are available in the office if you would like to leave a bequest.



These can be filled in and left with your will.

Please contact Vicki or email the office for a copy.

ANOINTING MASS

The next anointing mass will be held on Thursday 7th March at 10am, followed by a cuppa.



HOME COMMUNION

The Parish offers home communion. If anyone has a family member or loved one at home requiring communion, please contact the Parish.

RITE OF ELECTION

The RCIA team has been busy journeying with Belinda Fitzpatrick for many months. Belinda will be sent forth from Kyabram to Bendigo for the Rite of Election next Sunday. We look forward to receiving Belinda into our faith community at Easter Vigil and we ask you to keep Belinda in your prayers.

HARVEST MASS

Thank you to the co-ordinating team who organised the Harvest Mass and to the many parishioners who contributed to St Vinnies and food swap.

FAREWELL

Next Sunday we will farewell Doug and Noeline Small as they prepare to move to Melbourne in March. Parishioners are invited to stay back for a cuppa and chat.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

LENT 2024 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY, BRUCE DOWNES

Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed! For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent> Go to BruceDownes.org for more information.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND - 50TH ANNIVERSARY:

Worldwide Marriage encounter warmly invites couple/spouses who have attended a Marriage Encounter weekend (anywhere in the world) to join in the 50th anniversary celebrations of Marriage Encounter in Australia. Celebrations include:- a Formation Day (Love & Respect: The Love She Most Desires, The Respect He Desperately Longs for) followed by an evening of celebration over a shared meal. Saturday 16 March 2024 at St John's, Mitcham. Marriage Encounter offers a unique weekend experience for married couples and priests. It originated in Spain in 1952 and has spread worldwide to almost 100 countries since that time. It came to Australia in 1974. Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a volunteer Catholic movement of married couples and priests working together to enrich the relationships of those who attend a weekend. Please call Steve and Sue Hollowood 0431 477 556 / 0412 130 845 or email: sands.oct05@gmail.com for further details.

"The future starts today, not tomorrow." *St. John Paul the Great*

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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.



Project Compassion Sunday 10 & 11 February




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