

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

Third Sunday of Lent- C

Sunday 20th March 2022



Readings for this week:

Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15
1Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
Luke 13:1-9



Readings for next Sunday

Joshua 5:9-12
2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Luke 15:1-3.11-32



Liturgical Jottings

Lenten Hymns

Hymns books and liturgical music resources compile lists of hymns that are apt for the Season of Lent. A quick survey for Lent Cycle C of gave 126 different titles - enough for 40 Lents. The themes include: forgiveness, conversion, grace, mercy, compassion, love, renewal, penance, mortification, charity and praise and thanksgiving. Then approaching Holy Week hymns with Cross and Christ's passion are more prevalent.

These lists of suggested hymns help liturgical planners choose the appropriate music. The ages and make-up of the congregations, the ability of the music ministry and other social factors must also have a determining influence in this decision making.

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Looking at the Readings

The third, fourth and fifth Sundays have a common theme in each of the Church's lectionary cycle of Gospels. Baptism in Year A, preparing for the Death and Resurrection of Christ in Year B and Repentance and Conversion in Year C. In today's gospel twice Jesus urges his enquirers to repent and with the parable of the fig tree Jesus shows God's patience in waiting for our conversion to "come good" There is urgency in his warning and patience in his judgement. It is a time for repentance.

The first reading, particularly the last paragraph is referred to as the Gospel of the Old Testament: God reveals himself to us. In revealing his name to Moses he reveals somewhat of his being but at the same time holds his name in mystery, YHWH - the very holy Name of God is not to be pronounced. Various translations have "I am Who I am" or I am who am". God is a being of life, author of life, sustainer of life. Yet even this name raises more questions about the existence and nature of God. We join Moses in recognising we standing on holy ground before our holy God.

Lenten Quotes from the Saints

"Nothing great is ever achieved without enduring much." *St Catherine of Siena*

"Fasting cleanses the soul, raises the mind, subjects one's flesh to the spirit, renders the heart contrite and humble, quenches the fire of lust, and kindles the true light of chastity. Enter again into yourself." *St Augustine of Hippo*

Prayer for the Week

God who is, we have heard you call us by name. We are here. Grant us the courage and strength to begin our transformation into new life.

On the Lighter Side

The Fig Tree that features in the Gospel is one example of fig trees mentioned throughout the scriptures from the book of Genesis, the history and wisdom books, the Psalms and Prophets to the four Gospels. They signify peace and serenity, blessing and curse, fertility and honour, Its leaves and fruit also provide a great source of humour: "My wife brought a bag of figs and put them in a bowl on the kitchen table. I went to eat one and finding none I remembered I do not have a wife and it was all just a figment of my imagination."



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be prayed the next three weeks of Lent as follows:

- Tuesday 22nd March following the 5.00pm Mass.
- Tuesday 29th March and 5th April at 5.00pm (preceded by the Rosary at 4.45pm).

All welcome.

ALONG THE TRACK

The latest few articles of Along the Track are now available.

These regular newsletters are very insightful and can be viewed by visiting our Parish website at <https://kyabramcatholicparish.org.au/> under 'Other Information' on the Home page.

TATURA ITALIAN MASS

Fr John will celebrate Italian Mass in Tatura on Wednesday 23rd March at 5.00pm.

MASS TIMES & ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 26th March at 6.00pm:

Commentator – J Harris; Lector – L Ratcliffe;
Special Minister – C Stewart

Sunday 27th March at 8.30am:

Commentator – T Hehir; Lector – M Carver;
Special Minister – A Brunt

Sunday 27th March at Merrigum at 11.30am.

SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

Spirituality in the Pub will be held at the Terminus Hotel, Shepparton on **Monday, 21st March 7.30 – 9pm** (meals from 6pm optional).



The Plenary Council's First Assembly was in October. Our Sandhurst Plenary Members, Ruth Lawlor and Fr Joe Taylor along with Assembly Facilitator, David Walker will share **What was a highlight? What was a challenge? What's next?** and we're asking you **What outcomes do you want from the Plenary Council? What will indicate success or progress?**

Enquiries: to Alma Limbrick on 0417 184 527.

CARITAS NEWS

Copies of the Summer 2022 edition of Caritas News are now available at the back of the church.

Read about messages of love, voices from the field, and stories of resilience.

ST MARY'S COLLEGE AND MARIST BROTHERS COLLEGE REUNION

The cohort of the SMC and MBC class of 1981 are warmly invited to the 40+1 Year Reunion!

This will be held on 23rd April at GPO Bendigo, from 6.30pm. All who attended during the years 1976 – 1981 are most welcome! Tickets are available at www.trybooking.com/BRDKG

We look forward to seeing you there to catch up and reminisce!



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
19 & 20 March



Janice 44, is a proud Wagilak woman, a traditional dancer, who tells stories through movements handed down over generations. With your support, Janice and the Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation support the community to generate income and employment, while keeping culture alive.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help provide employment and training for First Australians, allowing them to remain on country and keep their culture alive.



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 lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Pauline Benham, Kadyne Mitchell-Treacy, Craig Rosendale, Megan De Pasquale, Julie Shaw, Joan Childs

Recently Deceased: Fr Owen Doyle

Anniversaries: Tom Herrick

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



DIARY DATES

Mon	21 Mar	-
Tues	22 Mar	Rosary 4.45pm Mass 5.00pm (followed by Stations of the Cross) Joint PPC & Finance Committee gathering 6.00pm
Wed	23 Mar	-
Thurs	24 Mar	Mass 9.15am
Fri	25 Mar	-
Sat	26 Mar	Baptism 5.00pm Mass 6.00pm
Sun	27 Mar	Mass 8.30am Mass 11.30am Merrigum
Mon	28 Mar	-
Tues	29 Mar	Rosary 4.45pm Stations of the Cross 5.00pm (No Mass)
Wed	30 Mar	-
Thurs	31 Mar	No Mass
Fri	1 Apr	-
Sat	2 Apr	No Mass
Sun	3 Apr	Mass 8.30am

INFORMATION EVENING

St Joseph's College Echuca is conducting tours of the college in April and holding an Information Evening in May for Year 7 2023. Please see the noticeboard at the back of the church for further details.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"...He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'" (LUKE 13:7)

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous, we are called to develop and nurture our gifts, and return them with increase. Remember, we are called to be generous with all of gifts; especially the one that means the most to you.

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Mass Times

Kyabram

Week Day Masses (Tuesday and Thursday): see Diary Dates

Saturday (2nd and 4th Saturday of the month): 6.00pm

Sunday: 8.30am

Tongala

Second Sunday of month 11.30am

Merrigum

Fourth Sunday of month 11.30am

Reconciliation – Second Saturday of the month at 5.30pm (before 6pm Mass) in St Aug's Church Kyabram.

Mass of Anointing is held the first Thursday of the month at 10.00am in St Augustine's Church.

All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:17

Gospel to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Repent, says the Lord:

the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Glorious to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Lk 13:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

CALL TO REPENT

For the people of Israel, the Exodus was understood to be the series of events that forged them as a people. When Moses is commissioned to go to the people and tell them what God is about to do for them, Moses asks for God's name. In reply, he is given the riddle of God's name in Hebrew that means 'I am who I am, I have been who I have been, I will be who I will be'. Moses and the people are invited to enter into a mystery. On the journey towards the land of promise, they will discover who God is, and who they are as God's people.

Paul uses the example of Israel's time in the desert to lead his wayward converts of Corinth to partake in the celebration of the Eucharist in a fitting manner. Some of them felt that they could eat meat that had already been sacrificed to idols, while others were scandalising their brothers and sisters by being drunk when the poor arrived for the Eucharist. They are forcefully reminded that even the people of Israel in the desert who ate the spiritual food and drink that God provided could be punished. In other words, there is no room for any complacency or arrogance that would justify us disregarding others.

In the Gospel too, Jesus challenges the complacency of his hearers. He makes use of contemporary events in Jerusalem to shock and unsettle. Ultimately, we are reminded of God's forbearance and mercy but are also called to make the most of the present opportunity to repent.

Christopher Monaghan CP

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT / C

THE SAVING WORD

20 MARCH 2022

FIRST READING

Ex 3:1-8, 13-15

A reading from the book of Exodus

This is what you must say to the children of Israel:

I Am has sent me to you.

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

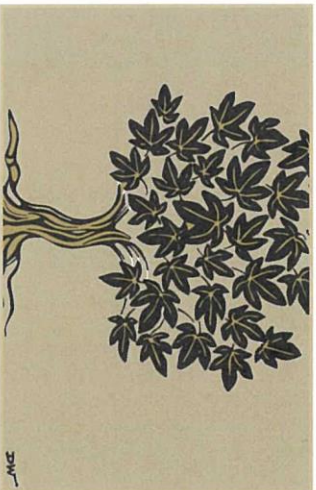
And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 102:1-4, 6-8, 11. R. v. 8

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.
1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, / all my being, bless his holy name. / My soul, give thanks to the Lord / and never forget all his blessings. **R.**



2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, / who heals every one of your ills, / who redeems your life from the grave, / who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

3. The Lord does deeds of justice, / gives judgement for all who are oppressed, / He made known his ways to Moses / and his deeds to Israel's sons. **R.**

4. The Lord is compassion and love, / slow to anger and rich in mercy, / For as the heavens are high above the earth / so strong is his love for those who fear him. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.