



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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 9th May 2021



Readings for this week:

Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48
1 John 4:7-10 or 4:11-16
John 15:9-17 or 17:11-19



Readings for next week:

Acts 1:1-11
Ephesians 1:17-23 or 4:1-13
Mark 16:15-20



Liturgical Jottings

Sunday Readings

Today the Lectionary and Ordo present two sets of Readings. The first set is proper for the Sixth Sunday of Easter; the alternate set comes from the Seventh Sunday of Easter, which is not celebrated in Australia and many other nations.

For us the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord has been transferred from the Thursday to the next Sunday to enable the full paschal mystery to be more widely celebrated among the people. The Feast of Pentecost is then celebrated on the following Sunday. Thus we celebrate the Christ's Resurrection, return to the Father in Heaven and the Descent of the Holy Spirit on the church on Sundays, the day of the Lord, the day when Christians gather.

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Focus on the Readings

The three readings for this Sunday express the great generosity of God's love and grace. In the Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, abbreviated as it is, God lavishly poured out his grace and Spirit on the people gathered to welcome, listen to and be baptised by Peter. This passage is the conclusion of the earlier passage about Peter's extraordinary vision at Joppa and his request to go to Caesarea (Acts 10:9-23).

The reading from the first letter of St John speaks of God's great love for us. "God is Love" and by his love God has given us so great a Saviour.

The Gospel reveals the Great Commandment of Jesus to his disciples: "This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you" and iterated in the final verse: "What I command you is to love one another." Jesus emphasises the gratuity of the Father's love and his love for his people which he now calls friends: friends that he is willing to lay down his life. The Apostles act upon this love as we hear from Peter in the Acts, and Paul and John in their letters. Today we note that God's love for us finds expression in a mother's love for her children and our love for our mothers.

Baptisms in the Acts

Many parishes are experiencing a surge in Baptisms at this time. After a year's absence of large gathering in our churches, many families are able to gather for baptisms during this Easter Season. Today we hear of Cornelius whose whole household is baptised. There is not partiality: pagans and Jews, free and slaves, young and old - all of the centurion's house are baptised. This became a turning point in the Mission of the Apostles and the infant Church.

Mothers' Day Prayer

Lord Jesus, you have known a mother's love. Protect the lives, we pray, of those who have given us the gift of life. May our mothers know from day to day the deepening joy that comes from your presence. Bless our mothers both on earth and in heaven. Amen.

Quote of the Day

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. *Psalm 97:4*

On the Lighter Side

One family getting ready for their sixth child's baptism, dressed her in the gown, brushed the hair of the five siblings, got the candle and stole and rushed to the car and to the church. At the time of the Baptism the priest asked where is the child? Oops! Left her at home alone!



A MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

Lord Jesus,
you have known a mother's love
and tender care, and you will hear,
while for our mothers most dear,
we offer this Mother's Day prayer.



Protect the lives, we pray,
of those who have given us the gift of life.
May our mothers know from day to day
the deepening joy that comes from your
presence.

We cannot pay our debts
for all the love that we have received;
but you, Lord, will not forget their due reward.
Bless our mothers both on earth and in heaven.
Amen.

SANDPIPER E-NEWS

Sandpiper e-News is a fortnightly newsletter
distributed on alternate Wednesdays by the
Diocese.

The latest issue (Issue 19), which has an article
on our Harvest Mass, can be accessed through
the following link:

<https://mailchi.mp/82831a9869e5/sandpiper-e-news-from-the-diocese-of-sandhurst-7510769>

We encourage parishioners to subscribe to the
Sandpiper e-News (which can be done at the
bottom of the link page.)

ROSTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 15th May at 7.00pm:

Commentator – L Ratcliffe; Lector – J Harris;
Special Minister – K Guinan

Sunday 16th May at 8.00am:

Commentator – M DiPetta; Lector – T Hehir;
Special Minister – M Cocks

ALONG THE TRACK

Along the Track are a series of reflections by
Jim Quillinan of Warragul produced by the
Catholic Diocese of Sale.

These regular newsletters are very insightful
and can be viewed by visiting our Parish website
(<https://kyabramcatholicparish.org.au>) or can be
received via email if you wish to contact the
parish office with your email details.

SINCERE THANKS

Sincere thanks to Fr John Paul and all
parishioners who attended Mass for the
Bowman Family on 27th April.

Thanks too for calls, cards, prayers and food,
and offers of help.

May God bless you all.

- Mary Bowman & Family

LAUDATO SI' WEEK

Laudato Si' Week 16th – 24th May is a global
celebration of the culmination of the Special
Laudato Si' 5th Anniversary Year, and a
celebration of the great progress the whole
Church is making on its journey to ecological
conversion.

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference's
Office of Social Justice & Caritas Australia's
Catholic Earthcare program are co-hosting a
prayer & reflection event entitled **Laudato Si' –
Sowers of Hope** on Friday 21st May at 5.30pm
via Zoom – register [here](#) or at
www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au



DEFIBRILLATOR AVAILABLE (repeat)

St Augustine's College has installed a
defibrillator for use if the need arises. It has
been installed on the corner of the south
western end of the Church (which can be
accessed through the left side door facing the
asphalt) and can be accessed in the event of an
emergency when CPR is potentially required.

We thank the school for their generosity and
thoughtfulness for the parish and community.

Happy Mother's Day

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Sick: Jennifer Saunders, Nancy Taylor, Angela Finn, Julie Shaw, Joan Childs

Recently Deceased: Cristina Damaschino

Anniversaries: Jennifer O'Meara, Frances O'Meara, Catherine Shortis

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



DIARY DATES

Monday	10 May	-
Tuesday	11 May	Mass 5.00pm (Intention of O'Meara Family)
Wednesday	12 May	-
Thursday	13 May	Mass 9.15am Warramunda Ecumenical Prayer Service 10.30am
Friday	14 May	-
Saturday	15 May	Mass 7.00pm
Sunday	16 May	Mass 8.00am (Baptisms during Mass)
Monday	17 May	-
Tuesday	18 May	Mass 5.00pm
Wednesday	19 May	-
Thursday	20 May	Mass 9.15am
Friday	21 May	-
Saturday	22 May	Mass 7.00pm
Sunday	23 May	Mass 8.00am Mass 11.00am Merrigum Baptism 12.30pm

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Mass Times

Kyabram

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

Saturday: 7.00pm

Sunday: 8.00am

Tongala

Second Sunday of month 11.30am

Merrigum

Fourth Sunday of month 11.00am

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

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL DAY

ALL Welcome. Celebrating Charismatic Mass 10.45 am **Saturday 22nd May 2021**. St Brendan's Church, Shepparton. Celebrated by: Fr Varghese Vithayathil Praise and Prayer in Afternoon. Finishing at 4:00 pm. Directly behind St Brendan's church BYO Lunch – no sharing due to Covid. Tea and Coffee Provided

RSVP: Contact: Brigita Hore: 0412 042 196 or Mary Zobec: 0427 190 282

Hosted by Diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

“This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends” - JOHN 15:12-13

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?

Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

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Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me,
so have I loved you.

Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments

you will remain in my love,

just as I have kept my Father's commandments

and remain in his love.

I have told you this

so that my own joy may be in you

and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment:

love one another,

as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love

than to lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends,

if you do what I command you.

I shall not call you servants any more,

because a servant does not know

his master's business:

I call you friends,

because I have made known to you

everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me,

no, I chose you;

and I commissioned you

to go out and to bear fruit,

fruit that will last;

and then the Father will give you

anything you ask him in my name.

What I command you

is to love one another.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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LOVING ONE ANOTHER AS JESUS LOVED

We can only start to imagine the surprise and unsettling effect on Peter when Cornelius, a Roman centurion, prostrated himself before him. Cornelius was a representative of a hated and oppressive foreign government and here he publicly humiliates himself in front of a Galilean fisherman! Peter's own response is as generous and spontaneous as that of Cornelius: 'God has no favourites!' In saying this the barrier separating Jews and Gentiles is in the process of being shattered. When the gift of the Spirit is poured out so obviously on this Gentile household Peter can no longer see any reason to maintain long-held prejudices and instructs his companions to baptise them. Breaking down barriers is at the heart of the readings for today as the Gospel invites us to no longer see God as a distant master to be feared. God loves us with that same love which leads Jesus to give his life for us. Changing our perception of God is one barrier to be overcome, but there is another, our perception of ourselves. Fear can keep us from God, from ourselves, and others. Invited to see ourselves as God's friends we are also invited to respond by sharing in Jesus' mission. To use the Gospel's words, we are commissioned to bear fruit, to overcome our reserve, and join in the task of loving one another as Jesus has already loved us. In Jesus' resurrection, we are not just saved from death, perhaps even more importantly, we are shown how to live.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have? He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 97: 1-4, R. cf. v. 2

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. (or Alleluia!)

1. Sing a new song to the Lord / for he has worked wonders. / His right hand and his holy arm / have brought salvation. **R.**

2. The Lord has made known his salvation; / has shown his justice to the nations. / He has remembered his truth and love / for the house of Israel. **R.**

3. All the ends of the earth have seen / the salvation of our God. / Shout to the Lord all the earth, / ring out your joy. **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Jn 4: 7-10

A reading from the first letter of St John

God is love.

My dear people,
let us love one another
since love comes from God
and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.
Anyone who fails to love can never have known God,
because God is love.

God's love for us was revealed
when God sent into the world his only Son
so that we could have life through him;

this is the love I mean:
not our love for God,
but God's love for us when he sent his Son
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 14: 23

Alleluia, alleluia! / All who love me will keep my words, / and my Father will love them and we will come to them. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 15: 9-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.