



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Ascension of the Lord ~ Year C

Sunday 1 June 2025



Readings for
this week:

Acts 1:1-11
Hebrews 9:24-28, 10:19-23
Luke 24:46-53



Readings for
next Sunday:

Acts 2:1-11
Romans 8:8-17
John 14:15-16, 23-26



Liturgical Jottings

Our Eyes

Our bodies, our minds and hearts and all our senses are very much part of our participation in the liturgy. Second Vatican Council calls for the faithful to have full, active and conscious participation in liturgical celebrations (SC art. 14).

We hear in the first reading: "Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky." Yes many times our eyes are looking upward. Not just to see the Lord rising but at the end of time to see him come down. The Ceiling of the Sistine Chapel makes people look up to see the marvels of God depicted in great artwork. Like Abraham we may look up at the sky to see the stars and wonder at God's creation. The use of incense encourages us to lift our eyes to see the smoke rise with our prayers to the Lord. Artists and architects give us opportunities to raise our eyes heavenward.

Looking at the Readings

The Feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times; a moment when we have left one place but have not yet arrived at a second. While the narratives that describe the Ascension fit well into the unfolding story of redemption, the feast celebrates the exaltation of Jesus. The readings allow us to focus on this theological point while we commemorate a turning point in the life of the church. We do this by considering the enthronement of Christ in the heavens and the new body of Christ on earth.

Many of the Easter accounts have directed our attention to the appearances of Jesus which were intended to strengthen the Christians' belief in his bodily resurrection.

Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at the right hand of God. Today is a day to be overwhelmed by the reality of the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity.

Christ who ascended into heaven in his body carries on what he began on earth through his new body, the community of believers. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists. He ministers through its prophets and pastors. We have not been left alone; we have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have not been left alone; we have each other. Together we make up the new body of Christ. © Dianne Bergant CSA

Words of Pope Leo XIV

In spirit of faith, the College of Cardinals met for the conclave. Coming from different backgrounds and experiences, we placed in God's hands our desire to elect the new Successor of Peter, the bishop of Rome, a shepherd capable of preserving the rich heritage of the Christian faith and, at the same time, looking to the future, in order to confront the questions, concerns and challenges of today's world. Accompanied by your prayers, we could feel the working of the Holy Spirit, who was able to bring us into harmony, like musical instruments, so that our heartstrings could vibrate in a single melody. *The homily in St Peter's Square 18 May, 2025.*

Prayer for the Day

We mark your eyes with the sign of the cross: see the works of Christ.
(RCIA blessing for the Eyes)

On the Lighter Side

What do you say to a pirate with two eyes? Eye-eye captain!

"Why did the mobile phone start wearing glasses? Because he lost all his contacts."



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Olive McElroy, Frances Corso,
Philip Bowman, Kady Mitchell-Treacy.

Recently Deceased: Ron Florence

Anniversaries: John Shaw, Leo Cavicchiolo

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

ROSTERS

Saturday 7 June at 5pm

Commentator – L Ratcliffe

Lector – W Mulcahy

Special Minister – L Cosgriff

Sunday 8 June 8.30am

Commentator – J Chant

Lector – Organised

Special Minister – K McGlade

Sunday 15 June 8.30am

Commentator – C Cabaraban

Lector – A Shaw

Special Minister – B Lyon

PLATE AND ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Last weekend Collection: \$ 944.85

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

PARISH DETAILS

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PRINCIPALS

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MASS TIMES

KYABRAM

Week Day: Tuesday Rosary 4pm, Mass 4.15pm &
Thursday 9.15am

Saturday: 2nd and 4th weekend of month: 6pm EDT
(5pm EST)

Sunday: 8.30am

TONGALA: First Sunday of month 11.30am

RECONCILIATION: Second Saturday (Weekend) of
month 30 mins before Mass in St Augustine's Church.

ANointing MASS: First Thursday of the month at
10am in St Augustine's Church.

PRAYER FOR RAIN

O God, in whom we live and move and have our being, grant
us sufficient rain, so that, being supplied with what sustains us
in this present life, we may seek more confidently what
sustains us for eternity.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns
with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, on God, for ever and
ever.

Amen.

MINISTRIES EXPO

There will be a ministries Expo on Sunday 15th June after
8.30am mass. There will be representatives from different
ministries and the schools to answer questions and provide
information on the many ministries that St Augustine's
parish offers. Ministries represented will be PPC, PFC,
Liturgy including music and rosters for Lectors, Eucharist
minister and altar servers, Sacramental including RCIA
and children's sacraments and baptism and St Vincent de
Paul. This is a great opportunity to explore the different
ministries our parish provides and perhaps to take on a role.
For further inquiries please see Mary Zobec.

PENTECOST/MULTICULTURAL MASS

Our annual Pentecost/Multicultural Mass will be
celebrated on Saturday and Sunday 7th/8th June followed by
international cuisine in the gathering space after both
masses. You are invited to bring a plate to share and dress
in your national costumes.

This is a great occasion to experience, cherish and celebrate
the richness that all cultures have and to celebrate the
birthday of the church when God the Father sent the Holy
Spirit upon the disciples.

PRAYERS AND SUPPORT FOR POPE LEO

Our Catholic Communication partners have set up an
online book where parishioners can leave their prayers and
messages of support for Pope Leo XIV. **The Sandhurst
Diocese link is here:**

<https://caspar.church/messages/index.asp?GroupID=76485&BookID=3>

MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Sun 1st June - 8.30am

Sun 1st June - 11.30am Tongala

Weekly Masses

Tue 3rd June - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 5th June – 10am Anointing Mass

Sat 7th June - 5pm Pentecost/Multicultural Mass

Sun 8th June - 8.30am Pentecost/Multicultural Mass

Weekly Masses

Tue 10th June - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 12th June - 9.15am F-4 Community Mass

Sun 15th June - 8.30am

Weekly Masses

Tue 17th June - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 19th June – 2pm Tongala Environmental Mass

Sun 22nd June - 8.30am

ANOINTING MASS

Did you know that the Anointing Mass is for anyone who is in need of healing of mind, body and spirit? The next anointing mass will be held on **Thursday 5th June** at 10am, followed by a cuppa.

MONTHLY WORKING BEE

Monthly working bees are being held on the 1st Saturday of the month at 9.30am to do some general cleaning in the church e.g., dusting, cleaning glass doors, cobwebs, sweeping steps, etc. If you are able to help, we would love to see you. The next working bee will be on **7th June 2025**.

BISHOP'S PARISH VISITATION PROGRAM

Bishop Shane will be visiting our parish from 27th – 29th June and visiting the schools on 2nd July.

LINK TO SANDPIPER E-NEWS:

The latest edition of Sandpiper e-News was published on Friday, 30 May. It can be accessed by this link: <https://mailchi.mp/sandhurst/98>

DEACON ISAAC DEMASE TO BE ORDAINED

Deacon Isaac Demase will be ordained to the priesthood in Sydney on, 5 July, a Thanksgiving Mass will celebrated at St Brendan's Shepparton at 11am Mass on Sunday, 13 July.

SUGGESTIONS AND IDEAS

'Suggestions and Ideas' forms and envelopes (and a box to submit them in) are available at the back of the church for any ideas or suggestions you may have about the Parish. We welcome any suggestions and ideas that will continue to strengthen our Parish.

POSITION VACANT

Assistant Accountant - An exceptional opportunity exists to become an integral member of the Diocesan Finance Team. For more information, a copy of the position description and how to apply go to the Employment Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst website:

<https://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/positions-vacant>

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: 5:00 p.m., 6th June 2025.

WORLD MS DAY 30 MAY, 2025.

Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is a long-lasting (chronic) disease of the central nervous system. It is thought to be an autoimmune disorder where the body attacks itself by mistake. MS is an unpredictable disease that affects people differently. Some may only have mild symptoms whereas others may lose their ability to see clearly, write, speak or walk, when communication between the brain and other parts of the body becomes disrupted. The number of Australians living with MS is increasing at an accelerating rate. It's important for employers, family, carers and general public to have a better understanding of how MS impacts people living with the condition. For people with no visible symptoms, we often incorrectly assume there is nothing wrong with them. World MS Day falls on May 30. In Australia, MS Awareness Month is recognised in May, a time to advocate for better support and access to diagnosis and treatment. You might find time to access an information video on the MS website. www.msaustralia.org.au

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 one of our Parish Child safety officers Mary Zobec 0427 190 282 or Annette Ryan 0408 502 858.

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.

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*I am not capable of doing big things, but I want to do everything, even the smallest things, for the greater glory of God.
- Saint Dominic Savio*