



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Easter Sunday ~ Year C

Sunday 20 April 2025



Readings for
this week:

Acts 10:34,37-43
Colossian 3:1-4
John 20:1-9



Readings for
next Sunday:

Acts 5:12-16
Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19
John 20:19-31

Easter: A celebration of God's love and friendship and of hope

Dear brothers and sisters, Easter is a moment in the history of our salvation when Christ, our friend, not only took the effort to come down from where he is (*in heaven*) to be with us, but also to assure us that suffering and death don't have the final say in our lives, but rather just a necessary gateway to life, to glory and to eternal friendship with God.

Easter is indeed a celebration of God's love and friendship and a celebration of our hope.

It is a time of God's love because we have seen in a very concrete form how seriously in love God is with us by laying down his life for us his friends. This has been the motivation and the reason for us to remember, celebrate and re-live the events of the first Holy Week and Easter that happened two thousand years ago.

The many readings in the Church's liturgies this Holy Week recall the movements of God in the history of our salvation. Listening to the many readings of this week I couldn't help but rejoice in the knowledge that God is always present in our lives even when we think or feel he is not there. For instance, in Genesis, He is the Creator-God who breathes in all of us the gift of life and who showers us with many blessings. In Exodus, He is our Saviour God, who sets us free from the slavery and protects us from all our enemies, i.e., from all those who make life difficult for us. In the Prophet Isaiah, He is our God who provides us with good things to eat and rich food to enjoy for free. In the Letter of St Paul to the Romans, He is our God who has destroyed all power of sin and freed us from all slavery to sin. In the gospels, especially of Matthew, we have the God who suffered, died, was buried, and now risen as our hope of glory.

Easter is also a time to celebrate our Christian hope. The world needs hope today more than ever. The constant flow of information and the bombardment of information through the various forms of media somehow cripples us of deeper reflection on things, and often, we can get caught up with trivial rather than things that really matter. We need hope to see the depth of who we are, the meaning of our existence, and the reason why we are here in the first place. The world also needs hope today especially in face of apparent acts of evil in terrorism, war and conflicts between nations and peoples. We need to hope and pray for peace in the world, for justice to be upheld and for the right and proper course of actions to be done. I am thinking especially of the victims of terrorism and midst of war and conflicts.

May the Risen Christ strengthen our hope and motivate us to live in faith. May the resurrection of Christ reassure us with Christ, death has not the final say, the Easter glory is.

I hope and pray, you all have a holy, happy, and grace-filled Easter celebrations.

Fr. Uday Kumar Marneni ALCP/OSS
Parish Priest



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Norris Bell, Olive McElroy, Jodie Potts, Frances Corso, Philip Bowman.
Ron Florence, Kady Mitchell-Treacy.

Recently Deceased: Sr Kathleen Slattery

Anniversaries: Rosina Sanzo

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

ROSTERS

Saturday 26 April at 6pm

Commentator – J Harris

Lector – C Anderson

Special Minister – L Moran

Sunday 27 April 8.30am

Commentator – M Carver

Lector – N Watt

Special Minister – M O'Shea

Sunday 4 May 8.30am

Commentator – V Fox

Lector – E Luvara

Special Minister – A Ryan

PLATE AND ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Last weekend Collection: \$ 1143.45

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

PARISH DETAILS

PARISH PRIEST

Fr Uday Kumar Marneni ALCP/OSS

PARISH SECRETARY

Vicki Arnel – 0417 147 695

PARISH PASTORAL ASSISTANT

Mary Zobec – 0427 190 282

Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 8.30am-4pm

PRINCIPALS

St Augustine's College - Tim Campbell – Phone 5851 3000

St Patrick's Primary - Jackie Stockdale – Phone 5859 0371

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.

POPE FRANCIS EASTER MESSAGE

I appeal to all who have political responsibilities to spare no efforts in combatting the scourge of human trafficking, by working tirelessly to dismantle the networks of exploitation and to bring freedom to those who are their victims. May the Lord comfort their families, above all those who anxiously await news of their loved ones, and ensure them comfort and hope. May the light of the resurrection illumine our minds and convert our hearts, and make us aware of the value of every human life, which must be welcomed, protected and loved. A happy Easter to all!

Concluding paragraph of "Urbi et Orbi", Sunday, 31 March 2024

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME

It is with great joy that at the Easter Vigil we welcome Penny Jenner and Ricki Waters into our Catholic Faith and Parish Community. Penny and Ricki will be receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist. We offer our prayers and best wishes for Penny and Ricki. All are invited to stay for supper following the Vigil.

WELCOME AND THANK YOU

A warm welcome to all families and visitors to our Easter celebrations. We especially welcome and thank Fr Des who is celebrating Easter Ceremonies this weekend.

DIVINE MERCY - SUNDAY 27th APRIL

St Brendan's catholic church, 121 Knights Street, Shepparton will have the Feast of the Divine Mercy this Easter. On Sunday 27th April, 2pm Sacrament and Reconciliation, 3pm Chaplet-in song Benediction, 3.30pm Holy Mass, 4.30pm Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image. Enquiries on 5821 2633

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MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Fri 18th April - 2.30pm Stations of the cross

Fri 18th April - 3pm Good Friday

Sat 19th April - 7pm Easter Vigil

Sun 20th April - 8.30am Easter Sunday

Weekly Masses

Tue 22nd April - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Liturgy

Thu 24th April - No Mass

Sat 26th April - 5pm

Sun 27th April - 8.30am

Weekly Masses

Tue 29th April - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 1st May - 10am Anointing Mass

Sun 4th May - 8.30am

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2025

Reconciliation, Confirmation & First Eucharist Information Evening

An information evening for **parents and children** will be held to inform you of the Sacramental Preparation 2025 dates and process on: **Thursday, 30 April at 6.30pm in St Augustine's Church, Kyabram.**

This preparation is designed for Baptised children in Grade 3 or above who wish to prepare to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist. If your child is not baptised and wishes to receive these sacraments, please contact Parish Office, the Office is opened on Tuesday and Thursdays 8.30am-4.30pm or leave a message on 5852 1026.

Children will be presented to the Parish on Sunday 4 May 2025 at 8.30 am Mass and given their workbooks. Parents, please bring along your child's baptismal candle to this meeting. If child does have not a candle, one will be provided.

PROJECT COMPASSION

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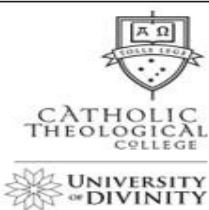
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THANK YOU!

As Project Compassion 2025 draws to a close for another year, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support throughout this Lenten Season. This year, we shared the inspiring stories of 3 individuals whose lives have been transformed through your compassion and generosity. *But the work isn't done yet.* There is still time to donate! Together, we can *Unite Against Poverty* and help transform lives this Lent.

Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above to register with Kyabram Parish. Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty* this Lent.



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