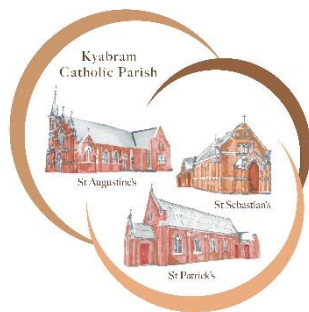




KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Feast of the Presentation of the Lord ~ Year C

Sunday 2 February 2025



Readings for
this week:

Malachi 3:1-4
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40



Readings for
next Sunday:

Isaiah 6:1-8
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11



Liturgical Jottings

Candlemas

Traditionally the feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple is celebrated on the 40th day after Christmas, that is on 2 February. This year, being a Sunday the feast displaces the 4th Sunday in Ordinary time. Though the Christmas season closed with the Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord, the Presentation brings us back to some vestiges of the Christmas themes of Light and the coming Christ in our midst and Christ for all nations. The feast also focuses onto the Temple in Jerusalem and on candles. It is the day that candles for liturgy, prayer at home and in schools are blessed.

The feast arose in the fourth century and the blessing of candles on this day in the 11th century, so called Candlemas. The last time the feast occurred on a Sunday was in 2020, the next will be in 2031.

Looking at the Readings

The first reading, from the Prophet Malachi speaks of the purification of the Temple. It is an analogy, for it is the purification of the people that will be achieved with the Coming of the Lord. The letter to the Hebrews, the second reading, also speaks of the cleansing of the hearts of the people by the one who came in flesh and blood, just like us, to do away with sin. While this feast day looks back to Christmas it also looks forward to Easter. The feast celebrates the purification, the coming of Christ, and the true Light of the world.

The Blessing and Song of Simeon and the Praise and Words of Anna are the heart of today's Gospel. Joseph and Mary went to the temple to do what the law required regarding purification and presentation. They were greeted by Simeon and Anna. Even as a small newly born these prophetic persons recognised in Jesus as the one who is to suffer and bring salvation and light to the nations.

As we begin the new year, we give praise to God for bringing Christ our light into our world. We celebrate it in Christmas and Epiphany, in today's feast and at Easter (20 April 2025).

Words of Pope Francis

The Feast of the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple is also known as the Feast of the Encounter: Jesus goes to meet his people. Thus, this is the encounter between Jesus and his people, represented by Simeon and Anna that took place in the Temple. What does St Luke say of the elderly? He wrote: Simeon was a righteous and devout man, Anna was a "prophetess" In short, these two elders are full of life! They are full of life because they are enlivened by the Holy Spirit, obedient to his action, sensitive to his calls

Prayer of Blessing of Candles (2)

O God, true light, who create light eternal, spreading it far and wide, pour, we pray, into the hearts of the faithful the brilliance of perpetual light, so that all who are brightened in your holy temple by the splendour of these candles may happily reach the light of your glory. Through Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

On the Lighter Side

Following last week's name count for Ezra (406) over 9,600 children were registered in Australia with the first name "Anna" from 1954 to 2023. No stats are available for Simeon.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

Recently Deceased: Eddie Shortis, Jesse Wareham

Anniversaries: Antonio DePasquale, Annunziata Longo

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

ROSTERS

Saturday 8 February at 6pm

Commentator – J Harris

Lector – C Anderson

Special Minister – L Moran

Sunday 9 February 8.30am

Commentator – V Fox

Lector – E Luvara

Special Minister – M O'Shea

Sunday 16 February 8.30am

Commentator – J Chant

Lector – C Cabaraban

Special Minister – A Ryan

PLATE AND ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Last weekend Collection: \$ 902.40

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

PARISH DETAILS

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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 of month at 5.30pm (before 6pm Mass) in St Augustine's Church.

ANointing Mass: Held on the first Thursday of the month at 10am in St Augustine's Church.

GATHERING TO CELEBRATE AND GIVE THANKS FOR THE HARVEST

A parish gathering to celebrate and give thanks for the harvest will be held next Sunday 16th February. In Jesus' day, the Jewish people celebrated the "Feast of Ingathering" or the "Feast of Tabernacles". Everyone shared from their harvest, and goods were collected for the poor. St Augustine's Parish will again celebrate the harvest with the same sense of joy and sharing. We invite all farmers, crops growers, orchardists, winegrowers, home gardeners and cooks, to bring from their produce on that day – for the produce swapping table. Let us also share abundance with those in need; we encourage people to bring a non-perishable item in a can, jar or packet, of something produced in our area. On the day, donors can bring these items to the altar in the entry procession for the St Vincent DePaul Society baskets. We also ask people to bring a plate to share following Mass.

2025 OPENING COLLEGE MASS

Parishioners are invited and welcome to attend the St Augustine's College opening Mass on Thursday 6 February 2025 commencing at 1.45pm in the Brigidine Centre.

THANK YOU FROM ST VINCENT DE PAUL

To the St Augustine's Community, Kyabram. On behalf of all at St Vincent de Paul Conference, Kyabram, we would like to thank the community for their generous giving this Christmas. Your generosity has enabled us to provide support to our local families in need this Christmas. We are most grateful. Many thanks, St Vincent de Paul conference. Thank you for sharing the "Gift of Giving".

LADIES CUPPA AND CHAT

Ladies you are invited to Cuppa and Chat at Fauna Park Café on Wednesday 12th February at 2pm. If you need a ride, please contact Mary Elliott on 0427 822754.



MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Sun 2nd February - 8.30am

Sun 2nd February - 12 noon Merrigum decommissioning Mass

Sun 2nd February – No Mass Tongala

Tue 4th February - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 6th February – 10am Anointing Mass

Thu 6th February – 1.45pm Opening school Mass St Augustine's

Sat 8th February - 6pm Mass

Weekly Masses

Sun 9th February - 8.30am

Tue 11th February - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 13th February - No Mass

Weekly Masses

Sun 16th February - 8.30am

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Fr Uday would like to thank all the Parish Pastoral Council team for their contributions, the parish appreciates your commitment and support. There are now vacancies so we are calling for nominations of those interested in joining the Parish Pastoral Council. There are nomination forms in the gathering space and they can then be given to Fr Uday or placed in the mailbox at the presbytery or handed into the office. Forms need to be received on or before Sunday 16 February.

ST SEBASTIAN'S MERRIGUM

It is with sadness that we announce the decision has been made and confirmed with the Bishops guidance, that St Sebastian's church Merrigum will be closed. The Bishop will be decommissioning the church this Sunday 2 February 2025 at 12 noon.

NO MASS IN FEBRUARY FOR TONGALA

As Father Novitelle Lim is not available there will be no Mass in Tongala on Sunday 2 February. As this is the date of the decommissioning Mass for Merrigum, we invite all parishioners to attend this significant event.

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 **1st February 2025**.



ANOINTING MASS

Did you know that the Anointing Mass is not only for the sickly and fragile but for anyone who is in need of healing of mind, body and spirit? The next anointing mass will be held on **Thursday 6th February** at 10am, followed by a cuppa.



THANKSGIVING MASS FOR FR RENE

An invitation to join in farewelling Fr Rene as he returns to St Mel's Parish as Bishop Rene, accompanied by Bishop Shane Mackinlay and Priests from the Sandhurst Diocese and the Congregation of the Rogationists.

Sunday 9th February at 5pm at St Mel's Church 18-22 Hamilton St Shepparton. Following Mass you are welcome to stay for a picnic style BYO dinner on the Church lan or order from the food trucks on site.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Parish Finance Committee will be held on **Tuesday, 18th February** commencing at 6pm in the parish meeting room

PARKING

Father would like to ask parishioners assistance in leaving the driveway area as parking for those with disabilities or walker. Please be thoughtful of others.



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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 Mary Zobec 0427 190 282.

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.

"Even while living in the world, the heart of Mary was so filled with motherly tenderness and compassion for men that no-one ever suffered so much for their own pains, as Mary suffered for the pains of her children." – St. Jerome