



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Palm (Passion) Sunday ~ Year C

Sunday 13 April 2025



*Readings for
this week:*

Luke 19:28-40 (Entrance)

Isaiah 50 50:4-7

Philippians 2:6-11

Luke 22:14-23:56



*Readings for
next Sunday:*

Acts 10:34,37-43

Colossian 3:1-4

John 20:1-9



Liturgical Jottings Palm Sunday Prayers

Prayer for Illumination:

Merciful God, as we enter Holy Week, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, and to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Stir up within us the gift of faith that we may not only praise him with our lips, but may follow him in the way of the cross.

Prayer for Grace:

God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die; let these palms be for us signs of his victory and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

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Looking at the Gospel for Blessing of Palms

The Sunday before Easter is most often titled Palm Sunday since on this day the palms are blessed and distributed to the assembled people. It is also titled Passion Sunday since the reform of the Lectionary in the 1960's. The Passion of the Lord is read or sung today, in full, in part or in dialogue with three voices and the congregation who take the part of the crowd. In cycle C of the Lectionary this year we read the Gospel according to Luke for the blessing of palms and the Passion Narrative.

The Gospel of Luke has particular emphases: the poor, like the shepherds at Jesus' birth, the forgiveness of sinners as in many parables especially the prodigal son and encounters with Levi and Zacchaeus, and sense of the journey from Galilee to Jerusalem, from unbelief to faith.

Also significant is the emphasis on the Temple. The Gospel begins with Zechariah in the Temple (Luke 1:9) and ends with the disciples returning to the Temple (24:53) after the Ascension of the Lord. Therefore, it should be no surprise that Gospel today has Jesus approaching the Holy City (19:37) and while still outside the city he wept as he looked over it (v41-44), then he immediately entered the Temple (v 45). Yet as he approached the temple via the Mount of Olives (situated outside the city's walls), the people greeted him. Luke's Gospel is the only one of the four that does not mention palms or branches of greenery, only cloaks. They do not acclaim: "Hosanna!" but rather: "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" Very reminiscent of the angels' chorus at Jesus' birth (Luke 2:14).

What is our acclamation, imagine yourself in the crowd welcoming Jesus. Does Jesus' coming fill you with fear and trepidation or with joy and hope?

Pope Francis on the passion for evangelisation

The Church must be a Church that dialogically encounters the contemporary world, that weaves fraternal relationships, that generates spaces of encounter, implementing good practices of hospitality, of welcome, of recognition and integration of the other, and that cares for the common home that is creation. Without the Holy Spirit we can only publicise the Church, not evangelise. It is the Spirit in us that drives us towards evangelisation, and this is the true freedom of the children of God. *Papal Audience, April 2023*

On the Lighter Side

A couple were celebrating their golden anniversary of marriage. Someone asked the husband: "50 years is a very long time." He immediately replied: Not nearly as long as it would have been without her!"



PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

Recently Deceased: Russell Ivill

Anniversaries: Agnes Mangan,
Elizabeth Popong

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

ROSTERS

Sunday 20 April 8.30am

Commentator – C Goode

Lector – R Chapman

Special Minister – M Cocks

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

PLATE AND ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Last weekend Collection: \$ 886.65

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

PARISH DETAILS

PARISH PRIEST

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PARISH SECRETARY

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PRINCIPALS

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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.

EASTER TIMETABLE

Holy Thursday (17 April) 7pm Mass.

Ecumenical Service 10am at Memorial Gardens

Good Friday (18 April) – Stations of the Cross 2.30pm - Passion of Christ 3pm.

Easter Vigil (19 April) – 7pm Mass

Easter Sunday (20 April) – 8.30am Mass

BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Alessandra Lucia Taranto into our faith community. Please keep Che Taranto and Laura Attardi her parents and her godparents in your prayers, as they continue on their faith journey.

GOOD FRIDAY IN THE PARK

Kyabram combined churches, Good Friday in the Park, will be held at 10am on Friday 18 April at the Memorial Gardens, Kyabram. Free tea, coffee and hot cross buns. All welcome.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be prayed during lent before Mass on Saturday 12th April (Palm Sunday Vigil) at 4.30pm and Good Friday 18th April at 2.30pm.

HELPERS NEEDED FOR EASTER

We are looking for people available to assist with the hot cross buns for the Good Friday Ecumenical Service (18 April) being held in the Memorial Gardens. Helpers to meet in the Parish meeting room at 8.45am to assist with buttering of buns. Please note all who help with serving buns at Memorial Gardens will need to provide a copy of Working with Children card. Please see Mary Zobec.

We are also looking for people to assist with the **Palm Sunday and Easter Ceremonies**. Clipboards and sheets are at the back of the church if you are available to assist. Please ensure that a phone number is left so you can be contacted.

MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Sat 12th April - 4pm to 5pm Individual reconciliation

Sat 12th April - 4.30pm Palm Sunday Stations of the cross

Sat 12th April - 5pm

Sun 13th April - 8.30am

Weekly Masses

Tue 15th April - No MASS (Chrism Mass Bendigo)

Thu 17th April - 7pm Holy Thursday

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

HOLY LAND COLLECTION

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, April 18th. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing, Parishes, and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Due to the ongoing war, the Church and people of the Holy Land are still struggling with reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world. The reality for the Holy Land mission is that they will continue to face challenges, financial and spiritual, and so we again ask Catholics around the world again to be as generous as possible, with their financial support as well as the spiritual support. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday. Thank you.

SANDHURST DIOCESE CHRISM MASS and PROCLAMATION OF THE JUBILEE

The Chrism Mass for 2025 will be at the Sacred Heart Cathedral on Tuesday, 15 April, at 11am. Diocese Parish representatives will present oils to be blessed by the Bishop for the Sacraments during the coming year. This year's Chrism Mass will also be an occasion to celebrate the Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025, calling us to be 'Pilgrims of Hope'. Held every 25 years, the Jubilee Year is a sacred time for prayer, pilgrimage and conversion. The five designated pilgrimage sites in our Diocese will be proclaimed during Mass and resources for the Jubilee Year will be available for Parishes to collect. All parishioners of the Diocese are warmly invited to this very significant Mass for our Diocese. Light refreshments and beverages will be provided after the Mass on the Cathedral lawns. Parking around the Cathedral will be limited so please allow time to find a suitable park in the nearby streets.

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UNITE AGAINST POVERTY this Lent

Palm Sunday
12-13th of April 2025



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.



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, 30th 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 4th 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.

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.

"...To serve the poor is to go to God. You must see God in the faces of the poor." "Extend mercy toward others, so that there can be no one in need whom you meet without helping. For what hope is there for us if God should withdraw His Mercy from us?" – St. Vincent de Paul