



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Third Sunday of Lent ~ Year C

Sunday 23 March 2025



Readings for
this week:

Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15
1Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
Luke 13:1-9



Readings for
next Sunday:

Joshua 5:9-12
2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



Liturgical Jottings

Sunday Readings

For the 3rd - 5th Sundays of Lent Parish congregations may opt for Cycle A readings, especially with RCIA candidates who are preparing for Baptism, or for Cycle C readings which focus on Reconciliation: Jesus call to conversion and parables on the forgiveness of sins.

Lenten Prayers 3

Protect from Any Temptation

O Christ, Son of God, for our sake you fasted forty days and allowed yourself to be tempted.

Protect us so that we may not be led astray by any temptation.

Since man does not live by bread alone, nourish our souls with the heavenly food of your Word; through your mercy, O our God, you are blessed and live and govern all things,

now and forever. Amen.

Source: modified from the Mozarabic Rite Collects

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Looking at the Readings

The first reading from Exodus contains the encounter with Moses and God in the burning bush. This chapter has been described as the Gospel within the Old Testament because it is a revelation of God, God of our ancestors in faith and the God for all generations to come. God reveals his sacred name to Moses. By giving this sacred name God reveals his nature and person to Moses and to the people. God is the true and living God. This passage continues the Lenten readings on our salvation history, in fact, presents the most definitive moment in salvation history.

The significance of the burning bush is captured by St Paul who "reminds" his brothers and sisters of Moses' mission and purpose to bring us from slavery of sin through the saving waters of baptism.

This Sunday commences a three part series of Gospels on the call to repentance and the saving forgiveness of God through the ministry of Jesus.

Lenten Quotes from the Saints

"Renounce yourself in order to follow Christ; discipline your body; do not pamper yourself, but love fasting." *St Benedict of Nursia*

Text for Today

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. *Psalm 102(103):11*

The Annunciation of the Lord

The solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord is a feast of the Jesus Christ's incarnation. Mary accepted the call to be the mother of the Lord. This day, nine months before Christmas, is considered the beginning of our salvation as Easter; the day of the Resurrection, is considered the day of our salvation. In the Julian Calendar, 25 March was New Year's Day. A bit confusing. George Washington was born in Virginia on 11 February 1731. In 1752 Britain and all her colonies adopted the Gregorian calendar which moved his birthday to 22 February 1732. This day is now called "Presidents Day" and New Year Day was moved to 1 January. Europe accepted the Gregorian Calendar in 1582.

On the Lighter Side

Though England was a bit tardy accepting the Gregorian Calendar, it celebrates 25 March as "Lady Day" with some festivity. The English also call it Quarter Day (four per year), the Spring Equinox, though astronomically it is earlier, and the first day of a new school term.



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Norris Bell, Olive McElroy, Jodie Potts,
Frances Corso, Philip Bowman.

Ron Florence, Kady Mitchell-Treacy.

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Tom Herrick, Mario Scapin

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

ROSTERS

Sunday 30 March 8.30am

Commentator – N Watt

Lector – V Fox

Special Minister – B Lyon

Sunday 6 April 8.30am

Commentator – E Luvara

Lector – J Chant

Special Minister – N Livsey

Saturday 12 April at 6pm

Commentator – S Carroll

Lector – W Mulcahy

Special Minister – L Busch

PLATE AND ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Last weekend Collection: \$ 870.35

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR UDAY

It is Fr Uday's birthday on 24 March. Don't forget to wish
him a happy birthday and prayer for him.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be prayed during lent before Mass
on Saturday 22nd March at 5.30pm, Thursday 3rd April at
5.30pm, Saturday 12th April (Palm Sunday Vigil) at 4.30pm
and Good Friday 19th April at 2.30pm.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The first Parish Pastoral Council meeting for 2025, has
been scheduled for Tuesday 25th March at 5pm following
4pm Mass.

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION

Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 5.30pm followed by
Communal Reconciliation will be on Thursday 3rd April.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sacrament of Reconciliation is highly recommended in our
Catholic tradition throughout the liturgical year especially
during Advent and Lent. For individual Reconciliation,
Priest will available before Saturday night Mass on 12th
April 4pm onwards. Mass will be at 5pm.

*"Penance requires... the sinner to endure all things
willingly, be contrite of heart, confess with the lips, and
practice complete humility and fruitful satisfaction."* (CCC
1450)

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

A training and refresher session for all altar servers will be
on Tuesday 25th March at 2pm. This is for children who
have received their sacraments. Please contact office for
more information on 5852 1026.

LENTEN PROGRAM

There are resources for Lent in the gathering space. You
may wish to take home the leaflets for private prayer and
reflection or you may like to form a discussion group with
a few friends. Please contact Mary Zobec for more
information and resources.

MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Sat 22nd March - 5.30pm Stations of the Cross

Sat 22nd March - 6pm

Sun 23rd March - 8.30am

Weekly Masses

Tue 25th March - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 27th March - 9.15am Year 3/4, 8 & 10

Sun 30th March - 8.30am

Weekly Masses

Tue 1st April - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 3rd April - 10am Anointing Mass

Thu 3rd April - 5.30pm Stations of the Cross followed
by Communal reconciliation

Sun 6th April - 8.30am

Sun 6th April - 11.30am Tongala

Weekly Masses

Tue 8th April - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 10th April - No Mass

BENDIGO PALM SUNDAY WALK

For Justice, Freedom and Peace. Bendigo Churches and community groups ask you to stand up for justice, decency and compassion on 13 April at Lake Weeroona from 12 – 1pm. Thousands of refugees and people seeking asylum are still in limbo waiting for justice and certainty about their future. Join at the north end of the Lake; register, sign our letter of support, and walk around Weeroona as a gesture of solidarity with these forgotten people. Palm Sunday is when we remember how Jesus rode determinedly into Jerusalem to challenge authority with the demands of love. For us, it is an opportunity to demonstrate our discipleship in doing the same.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

On Sunday 5 April eastern daylight savings time ceases. Therefore Saturday night Masses will then move from 6pm to 5pm.

SAFEGUARDING

Two years ago Diocese of Sandhurst implemented safeguarding training for all volunteers. Volunteers who completed their course online will be receiving an email to recomplete the training. All volunteers are required to repeat this training regularly. Volunteers who completed their training online will receive an email from support@saltcompliance.com.

Once completed please print or forward your certificates to kyabram@sandhurst.catholic.org.au, drop into office or give to Mary Zobec or Annette Ryan. Volunteers who did a group training will be notified of a training session in the coming months.

The Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst is committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for all persons, especially children, young people and adults at risk and has a zero tolerance of abuse. The Diocese is committed to nationally established standards and protocols of the Catholic Church, as well as being compliant with all government legislation. For further inquiries please see Mary Zobec or Annette Ryan.

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Second Sunday of Lent

15th and 16th of March 2025

Toefuata'iga - (Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah) a primary school student from Samoa faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas Australia and the generosity of supporters like you, her primary school now has a 10,000 L water tank. Teachers and students now have access to clean drinking water at their school and are able to focus on education.



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.



CCR SANDHURST

Installation of Fr Arun Korlakanti
as Spiritual Director of CCR Sandhurst

by Bishop Shane McKinlay

Mass 11.30am

preceded by praise and worship 11.15am

St Brendan's

Knight St. Shepparton

Sat 29th March, 2025

Followed by lunch and talks by Fr Arun

at Mons Peter Jeffrey Centre

Lunch: Please bring a plate to share

All welcome

Contact: Brigita Hore: 0412 042 196 Mary Zobec: 0427 190 282
Denise Illot: 0407 506 813

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 the Parish Child safety officer 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.

"Always forward, never back." – St. Junipero Serra