



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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First Sunday of Lent ~ Year C

Sunday 9 March 2025



Readings for
this week:

Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Romans 10:8-13
Luke 4:1-13



Readings for
next Sunday:

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Luke 9:28-36



Liturgical Jottings Lenten Prayers 1

God of goodness and mercy,
Hear my prayer as I begin this Lenten journey with you. Let me be honest with myself as I look into my heart and soul, noticing the times I turn away from you. Guide me as I humbly seek to repent and return to your love. May humility guide my efforts to be reconciled with you and live forever in your abundant grace. Transform me this Lent, heavenly Father. Give me the strength to make myself entirely available to you every day as I prepare for Easter. Amen.
(*Dynamic Catholic.com*)

A Lenten Preface

Lord, holy Father, You call us to keep this holy season where through fasting and prayer and the discipline of your fatherly love you offer us in Christ a healing for our sins and the strength to grow in the practice of charity.
(*Ambrosian Rite, Thurs 3 of Lent*)

Looking at the Readings

Control seems to be the political and societal flavour of the year. So many want to be in control of others. Though the Christian perspective is to be in control of oneself. The Temptations of Jesus in the wilderness presented in the Gospel of the first Sunday of Lent each year show that the devil wanted to be in control of Jesus and tempted Him, in turn, to be in control of all the kingdoms of the world and other matters. Jesus overcame these three temptations. He had the tools. He was filled with the Holy Spirit (4:1), he fasted (v2) and prayed to the Father. The Gospel of Ash Wednesday reminds the Christian of the three exercises which is eloquently expressed in one of the Lenten Prefaces (see left column) and that strengthens our minds, bodies and wills.

The First Readings for the Sundays of Lent from the Old Testament give episodes in the History of Salvation. Today's reading is an old creed from a liturgy of offering food. It recalls God's action and blessings.

The Second reading reminds the Christian that the faith we proclaim must be sincere, from the heart, and not just "doing" things by duty or habit.

Lenten Quote from the Saints

"We must fast with our whole heart, that is to say, willing, wholeheartedly, universally and entirely." *St Francis de Sales*

Season of Lent

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence from meat. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their 18th year until their 60th year. The law of abstinence binds those who have completed their 14th year. (CCL 97, 1251). The law of fasting prescribes or allows a single full meal each day according to accepted local custom. (III §2 Paenitemini, Paul VI, 1966) Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are to be baptised. Other celebrations must take account of the spirit on penance: musical instruments are only used to sustain singing and floral decorations are very simple. (*Aust/NZ Ordo 2025 page 45*)

Text for the Day

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble. *Psalms 90:15*

On the Lighter Side

Why will you never see Satan in an Armani suit?

The Devil Wears Prada.

What do you say when you greet the devil?

Hell-o



PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

Ron Florence, Kady Mitchell-Treacy.

Recently Deceased: Mary Grinter, Mary Ward,
Brian Morley

Anniversaries:

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

ROSTERS

Sunday 16 March 8.30am

Commentator – A Shaw

Lector – C Goode

Special Minister – J Stockdale

Saturday 22 March at 6pm

Commentator – L Ratcliffe

Lector – C Anderson

Special Minister – L Cosgriff

Sunday 23 March 8.30am

Commentator – R Chapman

Lector – M Carver

Special Minister – K McGlade

PLATE AND ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Last weekend Collection: \$ 953.15

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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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.

PRAYER FOR THE POPE

Father in heaven, grant Francis, our Pope, comfort in his
suffering.

When he is afraid, give him courage,

When afflicted, give him patience,

When dejected, afford him hope,

And when alone assure him

Of the support of our holy people.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Adapted from the Ritual of Anointing of the Sick

Fr Tony Hill, PP Echuca

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be prayed during lent before
mass on Saturdays 8th and 22nd March at 5.30pm, 12th
April (Palm Sunday) at 4.30pm and Good Friday at
2.30pm.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

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

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 58521026.

LENTEN PROGRAM

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

LADIES CUPPA AND CHAT

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

MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Sat 8th March - 6pm

Sun 9th March - 8.30am

Weekly Masses

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

Thu 13th March - 9.15am Foundation and Year 12

Sun 16th March - 8.30am

Weekly Masses

Tue 18th March - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 20th March - 2pm St Patrick's day Mass Tongala

Thu 20th March - 9.15am Year 1/2, 7 & 11- Liturgy

Sat 22nd March - 6pm

Sun 23rd March - 8.30am

Weekly Masses

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

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2025

Expression of interest are now being sort for the 2025 Sacramental Program staring in term 2. This Program is for children in grade 3 or higher. Children must be baptised. If a child requires Baptism or for any other inquiries please contact Mary Zobec on 0427 190282.

SANDPIPER

Are you up to date with what's happening in the Diocese of Sandhurst? The Sandpiper e-News is a publication that can be delivered directly to your email account to keep you informed about any news in the Diocese. Sign up here: <https://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/news-a-events3/sandpiper-e-news>

On the top left-hand side, you will find the word **SUBSCRIBE**, just click on this and follow the instructions.

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 inquires please see Mary Zobec or Annette Ryan.



First Sunday of Lent 8th and 9th of March 2025

Project Compassion 2025 shares three stories from around the world. We'll meet **Toefuata'iga** - (Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah) from Samoa, **Lam** from Vietnam and **Irene** from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). Each of this year's stories reflects diverse challenges, yet they are united by the shared determination to overcome adversity and create better futures for themselves and their communities.



UNITE **AGAINST**
POVERTY
this Lent

Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the 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 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.

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"As soon as we know the will of God, we ought without delay to follow it."
– St. Paul of the Cross