



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Fifth Sunday of Lent ~ Year C

Sunday 6 April 2025



Readings for
this week:

Isaiah 43:16-21
Philippians 3:8-14
John 8:1-11



Readings for
next Sunday:

Luke 19:28-40 (Entrance)
Isaiah 50 50:4-7
Philippians 2:6-11
Luke 22:14-23:56



Liturgical Jottings

Lenten Prayer 5

It is truly right and just for us to exalt you, the all-powerful Father and offer you our song of thanks and praise.

In your kindness

you absolve the repentant,

you restore to your friendship the sinner who seeks your forgiveness.

You curb the punishment

due for guilt and with great mercy

you bestow the gift of eternal life.

And so, with the choirs of angels we join our voice to glorify your name.

Source: Ambrosian Rite, Preface for Lent, Thursday week 2

Lenten Prayer 6

Gracious Father, help us to carry the image of Jesus standing beside the woman, reminding us that in our moments of fear and shame you are there recognising our frailty. May we strive to replace our stones with compassion, extending grace to ourselves and those around us and to seek always your light. Amen.

Source: Diocese of Wollongong

Looking at the Readings

The Gospel today begins at the Mount of Olives. This place is mentioned eleven times in the Gospels, often as a place where Jesus prayed alone or sometimes with a few disciples. At the beginning of Lent, Jesus taught us to pray (Ash Wednesday, Tuesday, first week of Lent). After prayer Jesus went to the Temple to teach.

We heard that the scribes and pharisees wanted to trap Jesus. They must have been waiting at the temple, knowing he would come that way. They were ready with the accused and their tricky question. It was a three way trap: If he were to say, let her go he would go against the Law. If he were to say let her receive the prescribed punishment he showed no mercy and guilt of a crime. And thirdly, either response would have discredited him before the people. Commentators also add that stoning to death, despite several scenes in popular movies, was not practiced in that era, it was against Roman law.

Jesus, after dispelling the accusers, is moved to compassion. And confronted by Jesus' compassion, the woman is in a somewhat quandary. This passage ends abruptly just like the parable last week. Did the older brother, urged by his father, go to the party? Did the women take to heart the mercy of God and amend her life? What are our attitudes to those who do wrong? The sudden endings leave us to ponder what would be our response to God's reaching out to us in mercy. We may be moved to hear more the words of Jesus in the Gospel and to prayer and celebrate the sacraments of reconciliation and Eucharist

Lenten Quote from the Saints

"Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again: for forgiveness has risen from the grave!" St John Chrysostom

Did Jesus Write?

The incidence at the Temple is the only example we have of Jesus writing. But there is no record of what he wrote. Was he just doodling to give the accusers time to think? Jesus taught, preached, gave witness to love, justice and mercy and rose to life and sent the Holy Spirit. He never wrote a book in the bible, he let his disciples do the writing so that later generations may benefit from his words.

On the Lighter Side of Writing

How do you make a small fortune in publishing?

First you start with a large fortune.

What would you find in Charles Dickens's pantry?

The best of thyme, the worst of thyme.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

Ron Florence, Kady Mitchell-Treacy.

Recently Deceased: Russell Ivill, Leo Comer, Mary Rose

Anniversaries:

ROSTERS

Saturday 12 April at 6pm

Commentator – S Carroll

Lector – W Mulcahy

Special Minister – L Busch

Sunday 13 April 8.30am

Commentator – C Cabaraban

Lector – A Shaw

Special Minister – J Chant

Sunday 20 April 8.30am

Commentator – C Goode

Lector – R Chapman

Special Minister – M Cocks

PLATE AND ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Last weekend Collection: \$ 918.95

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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 (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

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.

SANDHURST DIOCESE CHRISM MASS

The Chrism Mass for 2025 will be at the Sacred Heart Cathedral on Tuesday 15 April at 11am. Parish representatives will present oils to be blessed by the Bishop for the Sacraments during the coming year. All parishioners of the Diocese are warmly invited to this significant Mass for our Diocese. Light refreshments and beverages will be provided after the Mass on the Cathedral lawns. Please RSVP to your Parish Office by Thursday 10 April for catering purposes. Parking around the Cathedral will be limited so please allow time to find a suitable park in the nearby street.

MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

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

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

Sat 12th April - 4.30pm Palm Sunday Station 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

COMMISSIONING OF PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The first Parish Pastoral Council was held on Tuesday 25 March. PPC Members are Alana Brennan (Chair), Carl Cabaraban (1st Deputy), John Lilford (2nd Deputy), Angela Shaw (Secretary), Tim Campbell, Jackie Stockdale, Natalie Watt, Andrew Zobec, Helen Delahenty and Belinda Fitzpatrick. Thank you and congratulations to those parishioners. There will be a commissioning of the PPC members today Sunday 6th April at 8.30am Mass.

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 be 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)

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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

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

LADIES CUPPA AND CHAT

The next ladies cuppa and chat will be held at Fauna Park Café on Wednesday 9th April at 2.00pm. All ladies welcome.

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this Lent



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Fifth Sunday of Lent
5th and 6th of April 2025

The life-changing work of Caritas Australia is only made possible by the unwavering generosity of our supporters and the dedication of our local partners on the ground.

Our partners are the true heroes, working tirelessly on the frontlines every day to transform lives and build brighter, more hopeful futures for their communities.

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.

"I die with joy, for I desire to be united to my God. Live so as not to fear death. For those who live well in the world, death is not frightening, but sweet and precious." – St. Rose of Viterbo