



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Fourth Sunday of Lent ~ Year C

Sunday 30 March 2025



Readings for
this week:

Joshua 5:9-12
2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Luke 15:1-3.11-32



Readings for
next Sunday:

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



Liturgical Jottings Lenten Prayer 4

For Strength

O God, you see that we have no strength in ourselves. Keep us both outwardly and inwardly. Defend us from all adversities which hurt the body, and cleanse us from all evil thoughts which afflict the mind; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Source: *Gregorian Sacramentary, 8th Century, Collect Second Sunday in Lent*

For a Clean Heart

Create a clean heart in me, O God: a humble heart, a meek heart, a peaceful heart, a benevolent heart, a devout heart which does evil to no one, which does not repay evil for evil, but overcomes evil with good, which loves you above all things, always thinks about you, speaks about you, gives you thanks, delights in hymns and spiritual songs, and has its citizenship in heaven. Amen.

Source: *Girolamo Savonarola*

Looking at the Readings

Following the third Sunday of Lent, the Gospel this week (The Prodigal Son) and next Sunday (The Adulterous Woman) focus on repentance and forgiveness. These two Gospel passages, in turn, emphasise the generosity of both the forgiving father and the forgiveness Jesus Christ extended to the woman. In both passages, Jesus identifies with tax collectors and sinners by having meals with them and talking to them. His accusers question him on his association with them or his response to their guilty situations. Jesus addresses both the parable and the confrontation to his accusers and their self-righteousness.

Today's parable is rich in meaning about ourselves. We can identify with the younger son, the older brother, the forgiving father and even the distressed farmer in that distant country. It is in them we may then judge ourselves: What are our obvious failings about treating parents and others, about greed and extravagance or our hidden self: resentment, jealousy, anger, refusal to forgive? Are we challenged by the generosity of the father, his patience and persistence in reaching out to his two sons and his gentleness in treating their failings?

The second reading also proclaims the reconciliation granted by God. But first God gave us his Son who, though sinless, identified with the sinner. Being in solidarity with sinful humanity, the sinner, though Christ Jesus, now comes into solidarity with God's righteousness.

The first reading from the Book of Joshua continues one of the Lenten themes: the recalling of salvation history. It also links the Passover, the manna in the desert and the Lord's last supper. God gave them bread to eat. Christ gives us his Body to feed us.

Lenten Quote from the Saints

"Without the burden of afflictions, it is impossible to reach the height of grace. The gift of grace increases as the struggle increases."

St. Rose of Lima

An Act of Contrition

Father, I have sinned against you and I am not worthy to be called your son. Be merciful to me, a sinner. (Luke 15:18, 18:13)

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Lighter Side

A young girl questioned the priest on Laetare Sunday (fourth Sunday of Lent): "Why are you wearing pink, only girls wear pink?" Slightly blushed he responded: "But it is not pink but rose!" With apology to William Shakespeare: "What's in a name? That which we call a rose, by any other word would smell as sweet **and colour would look as pink.**"

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

Ron Florence, Kadyn Mitchell-Treacy.

Recently Deceased: Leo Comer,

Anniversaries: Bernie Wearden, Mary Rose

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

ROSTERS

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

Sunday 13 April 8.30am

Commentator – C Cabaraban

Lector – A Shaw

Special Minister – J Chant

PLATE AND ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Last weekend Collection: \$ 886.40

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

PARISH DETAILS

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PRINCIPALS

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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.

THANK YOU FROM FATHER

Father Uday would like to thank you all for your kind wishes and prayers to celebrate his birthday.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be prayed during lent before Mass on Thursday 3rd April at 5.30pm, Saturday 12th April (Palm Sunday Vigil) at 4.30pm and Good Friday 18th April at 2.30pm.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

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 on Sunday 6th April at 8.30am 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)

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MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Sun 30th March - 8.30am

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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

Sat 12th April - 4 to 5pm Individual reconciliation

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

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

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

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 5th April 2025.

BE A GOOD EGG THIS EASTER

Make sure your Easter chocolate is slavery-free. A significant portion of chocolate comes from cocoa beans harvested by child labourers enduring enslavement and exploitative working conditions. As Pope Francis says: **“Every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral – and not simply an economic – act”**. Scan the QR code to check out how your favourite brand rates? (Note Cadbury is owned by Mondelez.) Use these logos to identify slavery-free chocolate.

ENGAGING YOUR FAITH MAY 2025 ONLINE AT CTC

Engaging Your Faith is a series of short, online presentations that invite participants to reflect on what it means to be people of faith in the contemporary world. Experienced lecturers from Catholic Theological College present on a variety of topics such as Science and faith issues including AI, Vatican II, Blessed Virgin Mary, Scriptures, Religion and Ethics, and Jubilee of Hope. Catholic Theological College Invites you to our Engaging Your Faith online presentations From \$25 per session. For more information and to register: ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/

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.



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Fourth Sunday of Lent
29th and 30th of March 2025

Irene lives in the Kongolo Region in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and faced immense challenges after losing her father to war and raising her children in poverty. With support from Caritas Australia, Irene received vocational training in sewing and farming and can now support her whole family.

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.

“May Christ be heard in our language, may Christ be seen in our life, may he be perceived in our hearts.” – St. Peter Damian

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