



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Fourth Sunday of Advent ~ Year A

Sunday 21 December 2025



Readings for
this week:

Isaiah 7:10-14

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-24



Readings for
next Sunday:

Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6,12-14

Colossians 3:12-21

Matthew 2:13-15,19-23



Liturgy Jottings

Symbol of Christmas

Our streets, shopping centres, public buildings and homes are decorated for Christmas. In more public places the symbols are quite secular: holly, sleighs, candy, tinsel and sometimes a touch of the sacred with nativity scenes and stars. The Christmas Tree spans both religious and secular worlds. St Peter's Square has a tree in pride of place each Christmas. Lights, star of Bethlehem, creche, manger, angels, shepherds, gifts of the kings have biblical and religious origins and aid to display the joy and mystery of the birth of Our Saviour.

Looking at the Readings

The Easter Gospels often begin with Jesus' greeting: "Peace be with you." And "Do not be afraid." The Readings for the immediate days before Christmas have similar messages. The Angel Gabriel greeted Mary: "The Lord is with you. ... Mary, do not be afraid." Luke 1:28,31 read on 20 December. And today the angel said to Joseph in a dream: "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid." Matt 1:20. And on Christmas Eve: the angel said to the shepherds: "Do not be afraid. Listen I bring you news of great joy." Luke 2:10. These greetings are comforting and reassuring, but more significantly they unite the resurrection of Christ, the day of our salvation, with the birth of Christ, the coming (advent) of our salvation. We celebrate the mystery of Christ, God with us and for us all through the different times and seasons of the year.

As homilists and teachers remind us, we cannot have Easter Sunday without Good Friday, we cannot have the joy of the resurrection without the suffering of the cross in our lives. Likewise, we cannot have Christmas without the Fourth Sunday of Advent. We cannot have the joy of the coming of Christ without the patient waiting and apprehension that the prophets alert us and we experience. Isaiah, the most quoted prophet during Advent, foretold of the virgin giving birth and God-with-us in the first reading. St Paul in his opening paragraph of this letter to the Romans told them of the coming of the Son of God and his Resurrection as the Good News for all bringing grace and urging us forward.

Quote of the Week

The new Son of Man has been made in the likeness of the old in us while continuing to be consubstantial with the God the Father. ... We could not profit from the victory of the triumphant Christ if that victory had been won in a nature not ours. *Pope Leo 1, Letter 31*

Prayer for Today

Jesus, help me to look forward to your coming with peace and joy.

On The Lighter Side

Blessed are those who give without remembering
and receive without forgetting. -Elizabeth Bibesco

"Maybe Christmas," he thought, "doesn't come from a store.
Maybe Christmas... perhaps... means a little bit more."

-Dr. Seuss, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*

What is a Christmas tree's favourite candy? *Orna-mints!*



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Noreen Gallardo, Shane Boyd, Millie Perry, Matt Carver, Olive McElroy, Frances Corso, Philip Bowman, Kady Mitchell-Treacy.

Recently Deceased: Maxine S. Villegas.

Anniversaries: Teresa Cosgriff, Dudley Cosgriff Joy Shortis, Guiseppina Quattrochhi. Felisa Baric, Thomas Bourke.

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

ROSTERS

Saturday 27 December at 6pm

Commentator – M Tesoro

Lector – C Anderson

Special Minister – A O'Meara

Sunday 28 December 8.30am

Commentator – R Chapman

Lector – L Sorbello

Special Minister – M DiPetta

Sunday 4 January 8.30am

Commentator – J Chant

Lector – N Watt

Special Minister – A Brunt

PLATE AND ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Last weekend Collection: \$ 1100.45

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

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.

ANointing MASS: First Thursday of the month at 10am in St Augustine's Church.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR DIARY

DECEMBER

- * Misa De Gallo Mass at St Brendan's Shepparton 6am Monday 22nd December
- * Misa De Gallo Mass Tue 23rd December - 6.30pm
- * Mass Wed 24th December 8pm Carols – 7.30pm
- * Christmas Mass Thu 25th December – 8.30am

ST VINNIES LEAVING COLLECTION

A leaving collection for St Vinnies will be taken up at all Christmas Masses

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Due to the extreme heat the date of the town Christmas Carols has been moved to Monday 22 December. Pre carols activities from 5pm. Carols 7.30pm.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES ACROSS THE DIOCESE

Travelling over Christmas? Check Christmas Mass times for parishes of the Diocese on our website.

www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

We wish all the teachers, staff, students and families a very Merry Christmas and a safe and enjoyable break over the school holidays. Office hours will be limited over the school and public holidays so please contact the office with any bulletin notices or anniversary names well in advance.

MISA DE GALLO-SIMBANG GABI

Simbang Gabi, the beloved Filipino nine-day novena leading to Christmas is a time of preparation of our hearts for the coming of Christ. Rooted in a rich tradition of faith and celebration these Masses help us enter more deeply into the spirit of Advent. Fr Uday will celebrate the last masses on Tuesday 23rd December at 6.30pm. Please join for supper and fellowship following each Mass and bring a plate to share. Please note that there will be **no** 4.15pm mass on the Tuesdays.

MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Sun 21st December - 8.30am Mass

Weekly Masses

Tue 23rd December - 6.30pm Misa De Gallo Mass

Wed 24th December – 8pm Mass after 7.30pm Carols

Thu 25th December – 8.30am Christmas Mass

Sat 27th December - 6pm Mass

Sun 28th December - 8.30am Mass

Weekly Masses

Tue 30th December - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Liturgy

Thu 1st January - No Mass

Sun 4th January - 8.30am Mass

Sun 4th January - 11.30am Mass Tongala

Weekly Masses

Tue 6th January - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 8th January - No Mass

Sat 10th January – 6pm Mass

ADVENT

The last Advent reflection and discussion session will be held on **Monday 22nd December at 4pm in the church**. All are warmly invited to come along and share in this time of prayer and reflection.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S GLOBAL GIFTS ARE CHRISTMAS CARDS WITH PURPOSE!

Every card you buy helps build brighter futures for children, women and men experiencing hardship and poverty. By putting your compassion into action and shopping for the Global Gifts you will bring hope and joy to the world's most vulnerable and communities, while giving your loved ones a meaningful Christmas card. View the range of Global Gifts: www.globalgifts.org.au

GLUTEN FREE

Please note that gluten free hosts are available to parishioners who are gluten intolerant. Please see the sacristans Annette or Marg or Fr before Mass. For further queries contact Mary at the parish office 5852 1026.

CHILDRENS DRAWING ACTIVITIES

We have available some clipboards with pictures and pencils for colouring in for the younger members of the church. These are located in the gathering space in the church. Please offer to our younger parishioners.

VISIT OUR PIETY STORE!

Have you visited our Parish Piety Store recently? We offer a lovely range of religious items including rosaries, medals, prayer cards, candles, and gifts for all occasions. Every purchase helps support our parish and faith community. We're always looking to add new items—if there's something you'd like to see in the Piety Store, please let us know! Your suggestions are most welcome. Thank you for your continued support.

ANointing MASS

No Anointing Mass in January.

ELECTRONIC DONATIONS

Part of our website, allows payments and donations to be made online via the website or by scanning the QR code. Donations can be made anonymously, but please remember if the payment is for a sacramental or piety store, please leave your name so we can match the payment.

MONTHLY WORKING BEE

The next working bee will be Saturday 3rd January at 9.30am.

YOUTH PODCAST: CATCH THE FLAME:

Sandhurst Youth Ministry has launched a podcast for young people to explore faith, share real stories, and journey together in discovering what it means to follow Jesus today. Now streaming on Spotify and Apple Podcast: Catch the Flame: A Sandhurst Catholic Youth Podcast. Like and Follow on Facebook and Instagram: Sandhurst Youth Ministry.

SUGGESTIONS AND IDEAS

'Suggestions and Ideas' forms and envelopes (and a box to submit them in) are available at the back of the church for any ideas or suggestions you may have about the Parish. We welcome any suggestions and ideas that will continue to strengthen our Parish.

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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 honored. May we join and build a future based on compassion, justice, faith and reconciliation.

Who except God can give you peace? Has the world ever been able to satisfy the heart? - Saint Gerard Majella

Breaking Open the Word

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 1:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

The virgin will give birth to a son;
his name will be Emmanuel: God-is-with-us.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 1:18-24

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew:

Jesus was born of Mary; the betrothed of Joseph, a son of David.

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, and said 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son

and they will call him Emmanuel,

a name which means 'God-is-with-us'.

When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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THE SAVING WORD

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT / A

21 DECEMBER 2025

FIRST READING

Isa 7:10-14

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The virgin will conceive.

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No,' Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.'

Then Isaiah said:

'Listen now, House of David:

are you not satisfied with trying the

patience of men

without trying the patience of God, too?

The Lord himself, therefore,

will give you a sign.

It is this: the maiden is with child

and will soon give birth to a son

whom she will call Emmanuel,

a name which means "God-is-with-us".'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 23:1-6, R. cf. vv. 7, 10

R. Let the Lord enter: he is king of glory.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.

It is he who set it on the seas;

on the waters he made it firm. **R.**

2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?

The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. **R.**

3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.

Such are the men who seek him,

seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R.**



SECOND READING

Rom 1:1-7

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the

Romans

Jesus Christ, a descendant of David, is the Son of God.

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God, who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

■ The word of the Lord.

Fr Michael Trainor



Kyabram Community Carols

NEW DATE!

MONDAY - 22ND DECEMBER, 2025

KYABRAM MEMORIAL GARDENS

PRE-CAROLS ACTIVITIES FROM 5PM

CAROLS FROM 7:30PM

Christmas Carols

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