



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

11 January 2026



Readings for
this week:

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Acts 10:34-38

Matthew 3:13-17

Readings for
next Sunday:

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

John 1:29-34



Liturgy Jottings

Baptismal Font

The Collect of the Second Sunday of Easter has an interesting clause: "that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed" Do we know the place of the font we were baptised? Or more importantly do we understand the importance of going into the water of baptism and then raising out representing dying to sin and raising to new life?

Several baptisms in the Early Church are attested in the Acts of the Apostles. Mostly lacking detail, but we do read of the Ethiopian being baptised in a stream by Philip (Acts 8). Baptisteries were often separate buildings, like the ones in Ravenna, Florence or St Lydia's at Philippi in Greece. Now Baptisteries may be a chapel in a church or a baptismal font at the front door or on the sanctuary. Some are ankle or knee deep for immersion or raised bowl (round or octangular) for water to be poured over the head.

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Looking at the Readings

Have you noticed that when Jesus Christ does something, it is not for himself but for others? He feeds 5000, not because he is hungry, but the people are, he calms the storm, not because he is afraid but the disciples are, he sits down to meals to converse with the scribes, the pharisees, the tax collectors and sinners. He is baptised by John not for himself, even John recognised that, but for others. As Pope Benedict XVI wrote: "Jesus loaded the burden of mankind's guilt upon his shoulders: he bore it down into the depths of the Jordan, ... by stepping into the place of sinners" Similarly, Christ died on the cross for others, taking the sins of the world and put them to death. He rose from the dead for us to gain new life.

We may look at Christ's baptism on two levels, the first that he gave example to those on the shore of the Jordan: baptism is a sign of conversion which all must heed and by entering the water he gave water that potency for the sacrament yet to come. On the deeper level he aligned his humanity with our humanity, his divinity as manifested by the coming of the Spirit upon him with the divine life we receive through the coming of the Holy Spirit in our Baptism and Confirmation.

The words of the Lord, through the Prophet Isaiah, enumerates three titles of the Messiah: Servant, Chosen One and Spirit endowed. The words of God heard at Christ's Baptism: 'This is my Son, the Beloved' do overlap and help the hearer accept Christ's standing and servant-son and his mission of bring love to God's people.

Prayer for the Day

This prayer captures the different strands expressed in the three readings of the feast for this year, cycle A.

God of the covenant, you anointed your beloved Son with the power of the Holy Spirit to be light for the nations and release for captives.

Grant that we who are born again of water and the Spirit may proclaim with our lips the good news of his peace and show forth in our lives the victory of his justice.

Quotable Quote

Christ receives the sacrament of enlightenment, or rather he enlightens us with his brilliance. ... Let us go down into the water with him, so that we may come up with him. *St Gregory of Nazianzus*

On the Lighter Side

A family of three generations were baptised together: grandparents first, parents and finally the children. The three-year-old did not scream or resist, he saw that it was OK and happily followed the older ones.



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Majella Moffatt, Kadyn Mitchell-Treacy, Noreen Gallardo, Shane Boyd, Olive McElroy, Philip Bowman, Millie Perry, Frances Corso.

Recently Deceased: Mary McGrath

Anniversaries: Julie Shaw

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

ROSTERS

Sunday 18 January 8.30am

Commentator – J Chant

Lector – C Cabaraban

Special Minister – J Stockdale

Sunday 25 January 8.30am

Commentator – C Goode

Lector – R Chapman

Special Minister – K McGlade

Sunday 1 Feburay 8.30am

Commentator –L Sorbello

Lector – M Carver

Special Minister – B Lyon

PLATE AND ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Last weekend Collection: \$ 925.00

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.

THANK YOU FROM FATHER UDAY

Fr Uday would like to thank and appreciates all those who were involved, supported and participated in Advent and Christmas celebrations. May God bless you and fill you with His Holy Spirit always and forever.

THANKS FROM ST VINCENT DE PAUL

On behalf of all at the St Vincent de Paul Conference, Kyabram, thankyou so very much for your wonderful Christmas donations of food and money. This helped us make Christmas a special time for our local families in need. We truly appreciate your kindness.

We wish you all a very happy, healthy and peace filled 2026.

Loretta Lilford

President/Secretary of the SVDP Conference, Kyabram

BARBARA MITCHELL MEMORIAL MASS

A mass to celebrate the life of Barbara Mitchell will be held on Sunday 18th January at 8.30am.

PROVINCIAL CHAPTER IN INDIA

Father will be away on leave from 2 February to 5 March.

There will be no Saturday Masses during this time.

Tuesday Masses will be a Liturgy. Fr Michael Grace will be celebrating the weekend Masses during this time.

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.

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.

MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Sat 10th January - 6pm Mass

Sun 11th January - 8.30am Mass

Weekly Masses

Tue 13th January - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 15th January - No Mass

Sun 18th January - 8.30am Mass

Weekly Masses

Tue 20th January - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 22nd January - No Mass

Sat 24th January – 6pm Mass

Sun 25th January - 8.30am Mass

Weekly Masses

Tue 27th January - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

ANOINTING MASS

There will be no Anointing Mass in January or in February while Fr Uday is away.

DEFIBRILLATOR

Did you know St Augustine's College installed a defibrillator. It is located on the corner of the south western end of the Church side door entry facing the asphalt to the church and can be accessed in the event of an emergency when CPR is potentially required. We thank the school for their support of the parish and community. **The code for use is C3620.**

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.

MASS OFFERINGS

The concept of a Mass offering goes back to the early Church; it is a gift given to a priest as a sign of gratitude for him including a particular intention during a Mass. The intention might be for a sick friend, the repose of the soul of a loved one, or indeed, any need. In the early Church a 'Mass offering' was not money, but an offering of farm produce as a sign of thanks and a way of uniting the fruits of one's labour to the Mass.

An offering is giving a part of ourselves. Of course, we unite our hearts to the offering of every Mass. The notion of the Mass offering to support the priest to live is integral. Traditionally the Mass offering was an amount which would allow the priest to live for that day. Now most clergy receive a stipend from the parish or diocese. Where the church is poor, priests rely on this support to enable their ministry of the Word of God and the sacraments.

YOUTH PODCAST: CATCH THE FLAME:

Sandhurst Youth Ministry has a podcast for young people to explore faith, share real stories, and journey together in discovering what it means to follow Jesus today. 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.

INSTAGRAM AND FACEBOOK

Are you a friend of Kyabram Catholic Parish? The Parish has an Instagram account along with the Facebook page. This is used to share current information and share events etc around the diocese.

MONTHLY WORKING BEE

The next working bee will be Saturday 7th February at 9.30am.

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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 Annete 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.

"Jesus is living next to you, in the brothers and sisters with whom you share your daily existence."

- St John Paul II

Breaking Open the Word

about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Alleluia!

cf. Mk 9:8

GOSPEL

Mt 3:13-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

When Jesus was baptised, the heavens were opened and the Spirit of God came upon him.

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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BAPTISM OF THE LORD (FEAST) / A

FIRST READING

Isa 42:1-4, 6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Here is my servant, my chosen one in whom I am well pleased.

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom my soul delights.

I have endowed him with my spirit
that he may bring true justice to the nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud,
or make his voice heard in the streets.

He does not break the crushed reed,
nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice;
he will neither waver, nor be crushed
until true justice is established on earth,
for the islands are awaiting his law.

1. the Lord, have called you to serve the cause
of right;

I have taken you by the hand and
formed you;

I have appointed you as covenant of the
people and light of the nations,

to open the eyes of the blind,
to free captives from prison,

and those who live in darkness from the
dungeon.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 28:1-4, 9-10. R.v.11

R. The Lord will bless his people with
peace.

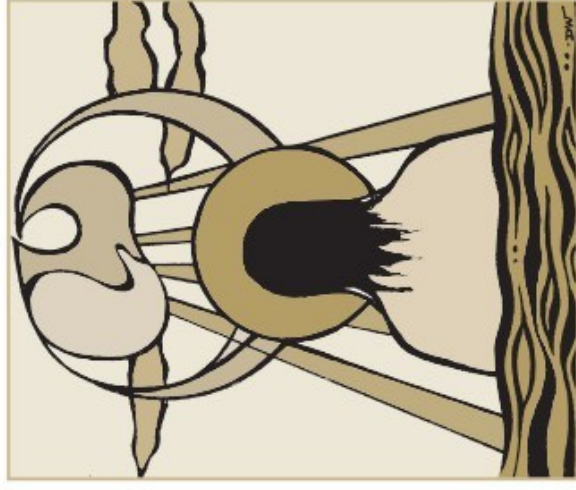
1. O give the Lord you sons of God,
give the Lord glory and power;

give the Lord the glory of his name.

Adore the Lord in his holy court. R.

THE SAVING WORD

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2. The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,

the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. R.

3. The God of glory thunders.

In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'

The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;

the Lord sits as king for ever. R.

SECOND READING

Acts 10:34-38

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household:

'The truth I have now come to realise' he said
'is that God does not have favourites, but that
anybody of any nationality who fears God and
does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of
Israel, and it was to them that the good news of
peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus
Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard

Fr Michael Trainor