



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Easter Sunday ~ Year A

Sunday 5 April 2026



*Readings for
this week:*

Acts 10:34, 37-43

Col 3:1-4 or 1Cor 5:6-8

John 20:1-9 or Matt 28:1-10



*Readings for
next Sunday:*

Acts 2:42-47

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

EASTER MESSAGE 2026

from Very Rev. Dr Brian Boyle

My name is Fr Brian Boyle, I'm the Administrator of the Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst and the Administrator of Sacred Heart Cathedral in Bendigo. I'm standing here outside one of the iconic churches in our Diocese, St Martin's of Tours, in Muskerry. As you can see behind me, this is a beautiful old building, first built in 1876; so, this year, approaching 150 years of Catholic Liturgies and Masses celebrated in this Church. This Church also holds great significance for me personally, as my great-great-grandfather, Edmond Kennedy, was one of the twelve Irish Catholic settlers in this region who served as a guarantor for the mortgage to fund the building of this church. As a young boy in the 1960s, I used to come up to Barnadown and Muskerry to visit my grandparents. John Francis Kennedy, my grandfather, was one of the sons of Edmond Kennedy, and I remember oftentimes attending Mass in this Church here at Muskerry with him. About a kilometre from here, as we face north, is also the place where my ashes will be placed after my death, with a marker indicating my associations with my own family, and with the Kennedy family so many years ago when they first came here. This Church is, apparently, in the middle of nowhere, and there's quite an interesting story about that. Originally, the railway line was going to pass very close to this Church, so that's why it was built here. But then the Victorian Government changed its plans and moved the railway line about 10 km north of here to Goornong; so, the Church is literally in the middle of nowhere. It was named St Martin's after the first Bishop of Sandhurst, Martin Crane, and I suspect it was a way of trying to ingratiate themselves to him. We are now inside the Church of St Martin's of Muskerry, and this is the very place where my grandfather used to sit for Mass and I remember, as a boy in the 1960s, sitting here with him at Mass. It makes me appreciate how my grandfather, and his grandparents before him, passed down their faith through the generations. I wonder what Edmund Kennedy would have thought about one of his great-great-grandsons being a priest and celebrating Mass here, at St Martin's, the church he helped build. Thinking about this, especially at Easter, I reflect on Mary Magdalene, who was probably the person Jesus was closest to, a friend. She was at the Cross when he was crucified, and she was the first person to see Jesus after his resurrection. She rushed to share what she had seen with the apostles, spreading the Good News. And so, she became the apostle to the apostles. And so, friends, my message, invitation, challenge to each of you this Easter 2026, is to ask yourself the same question that, perhaps, my ancestors asked themselves, and Mary Magdalene asked herself, "How can I be an evangeliser, a bearer of Good News, an Apostle, sent by the risen Christ to those with whom I live and work now?" I wish you every blessing of this Easter Season and all the peace of the risen Christ, for us, for our families and our world.



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Pat Commons, Julie Kleinert, Shane Boyd, Kady Mitchell-Treacy, Noreen Gallardo, Olive McElroy, Philip Bowman, Millie Perry, Frances Corso.

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Agnes Mangan

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

ROSTERS

Saturday 11 April at 6pm

Commentator – M Tesoro

Lector – S Carroll

Special Minister – L Moran

Sunday 12 April 8.30am

Commentator – N Watt

Lector – M Carver

Special Minister – K McGlade

Sunday 19 April 8.30am

Commentator – P Jenner

Lector – J Chant

Special Minister – B Lyon

PLATE AND ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Last weekend Collection: \$ 989.80

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

PARISH DETAILS

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Fr Uday Kumar Marneni ALCP/OSS

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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.

POPE'S EASTER MESSAGE

Our lives can seem chaotic, full of pain and suffering, and marked by events that appear confusing and unacceptable, on both a personal and global level. In these moments, Christ is our lodestar. The Easter proclamation, "He has risen", brings care and healing to our troubled minds and hearts, hope in the face of life's challenges. Meditating on the Resurrection, our lives find the meaning that we seek. "Paschal hope does not disappoint. To believe truly in the Pasch through our daily journey means revolutionising our lives, being transformed in order to transform the world with the gentle and courageous power of Christian hope."

RCIA

This weekend, at the Easter Vigil, we joyfully welcome Keira O'Shea, Karen Myers, and Nicholas Mellington through the Sacraments of Initiation. Over the past six months, the RCIA team has accompanied them on their journey of faith and preparation. We warmly congratulate Keira, Karen, and Nicholas, and we pray that they continue to grow in faith and grace as members of the Catholic community.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

We wish all the teachers, staff, students and families a safe and enjoyable break over Easter and the school holidays.

WELCOME

Welcome to Fr Des Wallesdan who will celebrate Holy Thursday Mass, Good Friday service and Easter Sunday this week. Hope you enjoy your time at St Augustine's.

WELCOME

A warm welcome to all families and visitors to our Easter celebrations.

SUPPORT OUR ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE

Earlier this year, access to low-cost nonperishable food for our pantry from Food Bank Victoria was lost due to insatiable demand. Demand from families in need within our community is also high and supporting them with pantry food made a difference. Our pantry is empty. To highlight the need and provide an opportunity for parishioners to contribute nonperishable food items for our pantry, a basket is located at the rear of the church.

MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Fri 3rd April - 2.30pm Stations of the cross

Fri 3rd April - 3pm Good Friday

Sat 4th April – 6.30pm Easter Vigil

Sun 5th April - 8.30am Easter Sunday

Sun 5th April - No Mass Tongala

Weekly Masses

Tue 7th April - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Liturgy

Thu 9th April – No Mass

Sat 11th April - 5pm Mass

Sun 12th April - 8.30am Mass

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated on Saturday and Sunday 11th/12th April. The message of Divine Mercy is at the heart of the gospel. It presents the truth and call of the gospel and is proclaimed by Pope John Paul 2nd in his encyclical Rich in Mercy, as the message for our age. Over and over again Jesus expressed His desire to St Faustina that the whole world be told of His mercy, and He promised to defend throughout their lives those who proclaim His mercy.

HOLY LAND COLLECTION

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, 3rd April. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Due to the Covid pandemic, the war in Gaza and now the war with Iran, recent years have been and continue to be extremely difficult for the Church and people of the Holy Land with much reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and visitors. Last year, Australian Catholics donated \$1.7 million through the Good Friday Collection, a wonderful effort that went a long way to assist the Church of the Holy Land. But this year, the Holy Land continues facing an income shortfall in funds due to the ongoing effects of the Pandemic, the war in Gaza and now the war with Iran, all of which discourage or totally prevent pilgrims coming to the Holy Land. And so, we again urge Catholics around the world to be as generous as possible. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday and please keep them in your prayers. Thank you.

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GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND COLLECTION

Offer hope by supporting the Sacred Places and Christians of the Holy Land



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Easter Sunday
4 – 5 April 2026

Happy Easter from all of us here at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. Your generosity is helping to empower the world's most vulnerable communities, enabling them to overcome challenges and lift themselves out of poverty. There is still time to donate!

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.

"Do not wish to be anything but what you are, and try to be that perfectly." – St. Francis de Sales



THE SAVING WORD

EASTER SUNDAY / A

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with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

■ The word of the Lord.

SEQUENCE

The sequence may be said or sung.

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. / The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; / and Christ, the undefiled, / hath sinners to his Father reconciled. / Death with life contended; combat strangely ended! / Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. / Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. / The tomb the Living did enclose; / I saw Christ's glory as he rose! / The angels there attesting, / shroud with grave-clothes resting. / Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. / That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. / Victorious king, thy mercy show!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Cor 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia! / Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; / let us feast with joy in the Lord. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

In 20:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken

the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 117

R. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, / for his love has no end. / Let the sons of Israel say: / 'His love has no end.' R.

2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; / his right hand raised me up. / I shall not die, I shall live / and recount his deeds. R.

3. The stone which the builders rejected / has become the cornerstone. / This is the work of the Lord, / a marvel in our eyes. R.

GOSPEL

Mt 28:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee.

After the sabbath, and towards dawn on the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to visit the sepulchre. And all at once there was a violent earthquake, for the angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His face was like lightning, his robe white as snow. The guards were so

shaken, so frightened of him, that they were like dead men. But the angel spoke; and he said to the women, 'There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would. Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him." Now I have told you.' Filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell the disciples.

And there, coming to meet them, was Jesus. 'Greetings' he said. And the women came up to him and, falling down before him, clasped his feet. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; they will see me there.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

MASS DURING THE DAY

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34, 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea: about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had



MASS OF EASTER NIGHT

Rom 6:3-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Christ, having been raised from the dead, will never die again.

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

If in union with Christ we have imitated his death, we shall also imitate him in his resurrection. We must realise that our former selves have been crucified with him to destroy this sinful body and to free us from the slavery of sin. When a man dies, of course, he has finished with sin.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die



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To the people of the Church in Australia, for the Holy Land Collection 2026

As many of you are aware, for 800 years the Franciscan Friars have shared the difficult lives of Christians in the countries that make up the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land: Israel and Palestine, Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Rhodes and Cyprus. The people of these countries face their own difficulties, but particularly Christians due to their minority status. Among them, the friars have never ceased offering their pastoral care and practical support.

Over recent years, with the Covid Pandemic, wars in Syria and Gaza, and now the war with Iran, the people of the Holy Land have endured great turmoil. Until now, the hope for a lasting peace in Gaza remains uncertain and the task of rebuilding lives and infrastructure seems overwhelming.

Just recently last November, I had the privilege of attending the international meeting of Holy Land Commissaries in Jerusalem. There, our group heard from the local people and of what the Franciscan Friars are doing (and have never stopped doing) in support of them. We heard stories of courage and resilience and encountered Christians yearning for a future for their children. From them and Church leaders came the plea for peace and hope. They also pleaded for pilgrims to return, but now the hope for this has been set back by the fear created by the war with Iran. Pilgrims are vital as they generate income that allows the Friars and local Church to fulfil their mission of caring for the Holy Places, running parishes and schools, and caring for orphans, refugees, the homeless, and other social projects. Pilgrims also give much needed employment to local people, allowing Christian families to remain present in the land where Christianity was born.

This year, Fr Francesco Ielpo OFM, the Franciscan leader of the Holy Land Custody reminds us of the urgent need to continue supporting the Holy Land, especially in the light of recent happenings:

The last few years have been particularly difficult for the Christian communities of the Middle East. The war has brought death, destruction, and fear, not only to Gaza, but also to the West Bank, Israel, Lebanon, and Syria. The suffering caused by the conflict has been compounded by the prolonged absence of pilgrims, which has exacerbated an already profound economic and employment crisis. Many Christian families, who once relied on the Holy Places and pilgrimage-related activities, are now experiencing great difficulty.

We have just concluded the Jubilee Year of Hope, and hope itself appears to be damaged: in Bethlehem, Jerusalem, and Northern Israel, as well as in the Christian communities of Lebanon and Syria. The lack of security and employment makes it increasingly difficult to support families and, even more so, to imagine a future for young people and the new generations.

Brothers and sisters, the Good Friday Holy Land Collection remains extremely important and a mission in which we can all participate. The hope is that our Australian parishioners, Parish Priests and Bishops will again be as generous as they have always been. Our donation is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of people who are keeping alive the Christian presence in the land of Jesus in the face of great difficulty. On their behalf, I humbly and wholeheartedly thank you all.

Mario DeBattista OFM

Friar Mario DeBattista OFM
Commissary of the Holy Land (Australia)



