



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Third Sunday of Easter ~ Year A

Sunday 19 April 2026



Readings for
this week:

Acts 2:14, 22-33
1 Peter 1:17-21
Luke 24:13-35



Readings for
next Sunday:

Acts 2:14, 36-41
1 Peter 2:20-25
John 10:1-10



Liturgy Jottings

Thanks be to God

The phrase "Thanks be to God" is a profound expression of gratitude and is commonly used in Catholic and other Christian traditions. It is a response to the reading of Scripture ("The Word of the Lord"), affirming the message and acknowledging God's presence. It's a way for the congregation to express gratitude for the message and teachings found in the scriptures. Its foundation is biblical: from the psalms and especially in the letters from the St Paul as a celebratory exclamation for divine victory in 1 Corinthians 15:57. "Thanks be to God" is also found in 2 Corinthians 2:14, 2 Corinthians 9:15 and 1 Thessalonians 5:18 and has several variants in many New Testament passages. These words have come into titles and lyrics of hymns and used in mottos.

In the liturgy the reader says: The word of the Lord. *All reply:*

Thanks be to God.

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Looking at the Gospels

One of the remarkable things about the Risen Jesus is that his friends and followers almost always fail to recognise him at first. On the road to Emmaus, two disciples are walking and feeling sorry for themselves when Jesus joins them. It is, perhaps, an experience that is not unfamiliar in our own lives: so absorbed by what is happening to us that we fail to recognise the presence of Christ walking the journey with us – in spirit or in the guise of someone around us. Jesus allows the disciples to share their woes and their grief and then he slowly but surely relates all of what had happened to the scriptures and demonstrates to the disciples that the events of the previous few days were all part of God's plan. The disciples felt that their hopes and beliefs had been misplaced in Jesus. But the Risen Jesus makes them realise that their hopes were not misplaced; they were right to trust and hope in Jesus and that belief will still bear fruit.

It is not until Jesus re-enacts the Last Supper breaking of bread that the disciples suddenly recognise him, but at that moment of recognition, Jesus vanishes from their midst. It must have been tantalising and frustrating for the two disciples – when they finally realised who they had been talking with and they could celebrate his presence Jesus disappeared. But the truth of what they had realised didn't abandon them. They reminded one another of the passion they had felt: 'Didn't our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road?' They say how stupid must we have been not to recognise Jesus? Only he could make us feel like that! © Greg Sunter

Pope Leo on Easter

Faced with our fragile humanity, the Paschal proclamation becomes care and healing, nourishing hope in the face of the frightening challenges that life presents us with every day on a personal and global level. In the perspective of Easter, the *Via Crucis*, the Way of the Cross, is transfigured into the *Via Lucis*, the Way of Light. We need to savour and meditate on the joy after the pain, to retrace in the new light all the stages that preceded the Resurrection

On the Lighter Side

Peacock is a symbol of immortality and the Resurrection. Its image embellished the Catacombs, lamps, and other decorative pieces in churches. **Pelican**

is a symbol of the atonement and the Redeemer and found in church murals, frescos, paintings and stained glass. The pelican was believed to wound itself in order to feed its young with its own blood. **Phoenix** is a mythical creature that when it died in flames would then rise from the ashes in victory. The bird came to symbolise the risen Christ.



PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

Recently Deceased: Dorothy Cooper

Anniversaries: Maria Zobec, Maria Cavallaro

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

ROSTERS

Sunday 3 May 8.30am

Commentator – R Chapman

Lector – L Sorbello

Special Minister – N Livsey

Saturday 25 April at 6pm

Commentator – W Mulcahy

Lector – J Harris

Special Minister – A O'Meara

Sunday 26 April 8.30am

Commentator – C Cabaraban

Lector – C Goode

Special Minister – J Chant

PLATE AND ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Last weekend Collection: \$ 904.15

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.

BISHOP RENÉ RAMIREZ RCJ APPOINTED NINTH BISHOP OF SANDHURST

On 11 April Pope Leo XIV appointed Bishop René Ramirez RCJ as the ninth Bishop of Sandhurst. He will be installed at Sacred Heart Cathedral on **30 July at 11am**. Until that time, Fr Brian Boyle will continue to serve as Diocesan Administrator.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY APPEAL (26 APRIL)

Support the education and formation of our diocesan seminarians by donating to Corpus Christi College and Catholic Theological College Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal. Your tax-deductible donation will support the educational costs of Corpus Christi College seminarians and help build tomorrow's Church. There will be a leaving collection at both Masses next weekend.

<https://pay.divinity.edu.au/payments/donation/good-shepherd-sunday-appeal/>

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL PRAYER GROUP

Our lady of Good Counsel Prayer group next meeting will be on Wednesday 22nd April at 5.30pm in the Presbytery. All welcome.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION NIGHT will be held on Thursday 7th May at 6.00pm. The program will be for grade 3 students or older who wish to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist. If a child is not baptised and wishes to receive these sacraments, or for any other information please contact Mary Zobec at parish office.

WELCOME BACK STUDENTS

Welcoming back all the students and staff of St Augustine's and St Patrick's from their holiday break.

SANDPIPER E-NEWS

Catch up on news and events across the Diocese with the next edition out this Friday. You can find it on our website under "News".

MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Sun 19th April - 8.30am Mass

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Tue 21st April - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 23rd April -

Sat 25th April - 5pm Mass

Sun 26th April - 8.30am Mass

Weekly Masses

Tue 28th April - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 30th April -

Sun 3rd May - 8.30am Mass

Sun 3rd May - 11.30am Mass Tongala

Weekly Masses

Tue 5th May - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

LAUDATO SI' ANIMATORS PROGRAM

The program begins on 19 April runs over two months however all webinars are recorded so it can be done in your own time. This free online program brings Laudato Si' to life. Step into a journey of ecological conversion and join a global movement committed to healing and protecting our common home. For information and registration go to www.laudatosianimators.org

SANDHURST YOUTH MINISTRY PARTNERSHIP CONSULTATION

A gathering of leaders from the Sandhurst Youth Ministry Partnership (Chancery, Catholic Education, Priests, parishes and schools) to connect, establish a common vision for mission and be co-responsible for Youth Ministry in their local context. If you are interested in accompanying young people (16 – 35 years old) on their faith journey, you are invited to participate. Contact claire.spinelli@sandhurst.catholic.org.au for more information or to express your interest in attending. **SHEPPARTON 15 May 2026, 12:15 pm – 2:30 pm.** Mons. Peter Jeffery Centre, St Brendan's Church

SUPPORT OUR ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE

Last 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.

PARISH SCHOOL MASSES

Have you been to a Thursday school mass? On most Thursdays at 9.15am, the students from St Augustine's join the parish in St Augustine's church for a school mass. This is a wonderful time for parishioners to join with the students in celebrating their faith. Please check the Mass times for specific details and times. St Patrick's Tongala also hold school masses, parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend any and all of these Masses.

Special thanks to our
Advertisers for their support



Kyvalley Farms milk advertisement featuring a family (father, mother, and child) drinking milk. The text includes 'Kyvalley Farms', 'EST. 1857', and 'Always TRUSTED'. Below the image, it states: 'Our Kyvalley Farms milk is 100% Australian Family Owned and Produced. For a full list of our stockists, please visit: www.kyvalleyfarmsmilk.com'



KY Cleaning Service advertisement featuring a list of services: '★ Carpet Steam Cleaning', '★ Commercial & Domestic', '★ Upholstery', '★ Floor Strip and Sealing', '★ Tile and Grout', '★ Vacate Cleans'. It also includes the name 'John & Vicky' and the phone number '0408 553 972'.



BUSH RANGER POWER EQUIPMENT advertisement featuring a collection of outdoor power equipment. The text includes 'GFD Outdoors and Sports' and '23 McCormick Road, Kyabram (03) 5853 2205'.



Betta ELECTRICAL HOME LIVING advertisement featuring the company name 'Ciavarellas Betta' and contact information: '242 Allan Street Kyabram', '03 5852 2640', and 'ciavarellas@mv.betta.com.au'.



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**



THANK YOU!

Caritas Australia sincerely thanks you for your generous support of Project Compassion this Lent.

If you still have your Project Compassion box or donation envelope at home, please return it next week at Mass. Every contribution, no matter the size, helps to bring hope and opportunity to people experiencing poverty and injustice.

Together, we are *Uniting Against Poverty* and walking alongside vulnerable communities as they build stronger, more sustainable futures.

Please donate today. You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code **Or online at:**

<https://www.projectcompassion.org.au/fundraisers/kyabramcatholicparish> **or by calling:** 1800 024 413. 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 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.

"The secret of everything is to let oneself be carried by God and so to carry Him to others."
— St. John XXIII

Breaking Open the Word

Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said, 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at the table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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A SYDNOVAL JOURNEY

Last Sunday we encountered the Risen Jesus breathing his gift of peace and Spirit on to his fearful disciples. As we continue our celebration of Easter, our attention turns to Luke's story of the Risen Jesus accompanying two frightened disciples on their journey towards a small village, Emmaus, several kilometres from Jerusalem. For Luke, Jerusalem is the centre and birthplace of discipleship. The two are walking away from Jerusalem, their conviction of Jesus' rescue of them shattered by the events that have unfolded, especially his crucifixion by the political and religious leaders. Unbeknown to them, the Risen Jesus walks with them on their journey and asks them what they are talking about. They are confused by the story being circulated about the emptiness of Jesus' tomb.

This is such a rich story and space prevents its detailed examination. What is clear is that this is the Gospel for the synodal journey of the Church: The Risen One walks with us in the midst of our confusions and struggles, wanting to listen to us, as we each tell our stories. And, just as the two struggling disciples come to recognise Jesus in the 'breaking of bread' (Luke's favourite expression for the Eucharist), we, too, come to realise the presence of the Risen Jesus in our weekly celebration of our local Eucharist.

This realisation for the two at Emmaus empowers them to return to Jerusalem, take up again the mission of discipleship, and reconnect to those assembled. What happens next provides the impetus for Luke's second volume, the Acts of the Apostles and the story of the spread of the Good News throughout the Roman Empire.



Fr Michael Trainor

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER / A

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14, 22-33

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always, / for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. / So my heart was glad / and my tongue cried out with joy: / my body, too, will rest in the hope / that you will not abandon my soul to Hades / nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. / You have made known the way of life to me, / you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11. R. v. 11

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.
(or Alleluia!)

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. / I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.' / O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; / it is you yourself who are my prize. **R.**
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, / Lord even at night directs my heart. / I keep the Lord ever in my sight: / since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R.**

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3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad: / even my body shall rest in safety. / For you will not leave my soul among the dead, / nor let your beloved know decay. **R.**

4. You will show me the path of life, / the fullness of joy in your presence, / at your right hand happiness for ever. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Pet 1:17-21

A reading from the first letter of St Peter
The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Lk 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia! / Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: / make our hearts burn with love when you speak. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 24:13-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of

Laudato Si'

In May 2015, Pope Francis released his encyclical letter *Laudato Si'*, to call for action to address the spiritual, social and economic crisis manifest in environmental devastation. He called us to "hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor".

"Laudato si'" are the opening words in Latin of St Francis of Assisi's Canticle of the Creatures "All praise be yours, my Lord through all that you have made".

On the 5th anniversary of his encyclical, May 2020, Pope Francis announced a plan for Catholics to make a commitment to implement *Laudato Si'*. Over the next couple of years, a framework was developed to support this plan. This framework has 7 goals or ways of measuring integral ecology.

In Australia

Taking their lead from Pope Francis, our Australian bishops issued their 2021/22 Social Justice Statement "Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor", drawing wisdom from scripture, Catholic Social Teaching, and human knowledge, so that we might be converted to new ways of living, both personally and collectively.

The Bishops' Statement, invites all parishes to commit to the Laudato Si' goals.

Our Parish

Catholic Earthcare Australia has made it easy for us to take up the Bishops' invitation with a certified journey which we, as a parish, have begun!

The process begins with a wide-ranging self-assessment, followed by action planning for the next few years. We hope you'll join us on the journey!

Catholic Earthcare Australia was established in 2002 by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and mandated, through the activities of education, research and advocacy, to give leadership in responding to the call for ecological conversion. It is now a program of Caritas Australia, responding to the interconnectedness of the 'cry of the poor' and 'cry of the earth'.

We acknowledge our First Nations people and pay our respects to their Elders, past and present. Their deep spiritual connection to Country and respect for the natural environment has ensured the preservation of our natural environment for thousands of years.



Response to
the Cry of
the Earth



Response to
the Cry of
the Poor



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Lifestyles



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