



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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Fifth Sunday of Easter ~ Year A

Sunday 3 May 2026



Readings for
this week:

Acts 6:1-7
1 Peter 2:4-9
John 14:1-12



Readings for
next Sunday:

Acts 8:5-8,14-17
1 Peter 3:15-18
John 17:1-11



Liturgy Jottings

Ministries I

The first reading speaks of the needs of the community. From these needs, various services and ministries are demanded. It is important to acknowledge the needs are discerned first and then the means to fulfil those needs by appointing people to serve and fulfil them. The Church has discerned many needs over the centuries: Education, Health, Liturgy, Social Services, Hospitality, Evangelisation and Mission, Justice and Peace, Prayer and Retreats. We even have an authentic ministry of the hermit.

Another feature within the reading from Acts of the Apostles today is that the growing community needed more formal ways to fulfil its mission of service of the word, and of charity. Different cultures and languages are also considered, hence the election of Greek persons as well as Hebrew ministers to ensure unity and service to all.

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Looking at the Readings

There is a dynamism in the first letter of St Peter in today's reading. We have come to recognise that St Peter is addressing the newly baptised after Easter. Here his catechesis progresses into the liturgy and then into Christian life, from teaching into practical way of life. To grasp better his teaching St Peter uses symbol and metaphor, that is, stone and living stones. Christ is the living stone, and we are urged to become living stones of the church. Stones can also become obstacles that trip us up. Stones can also be used to build houses to live in safety and in which we may grow.

We are well familiar with the first half of the Gospel, it is regularly chosen for funerals. Today we hear the other six verses which follow and that proclaim the unity between the Father and the Son.

At funerals we interpret this Gospel in the promise of eternal life in the mansions of heaven after death and the importance of following the "Way, Truth and Life" of the Saviour during our lifetime. This passage comes from the farewell discourse of Jesus before his death. Yet it is written by the Evangelist who had experienced the resurrection of Christ. We come to hear it proclaimed in the Easter Season so we too can interpret Christ's words in relation to his life, death and resurrection.

Pope Leo's Easter Homily

Today all of creation is resplendent with new light, a song of praise rises from the earth, and our hearts rejoice: Christ is risen from the dead, and with him, we too rise to new life!

This Easter proclamation embraces the mystery of our lives and the destiny of history, reaching us even in the depths of death, where we feel threatened and sometimes overwhelmed. It opens us up to a hope that never fails, to a light that never fades, to a fullness of joy that nothing can take away: death has been conquered forever; death no longer has power over us!

(Easter Sunday, 5 April 2026)

Text for Today

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. (1 Pet 2:9; cf. Exod 19:5-6; Isaiah 43:5-6, Preface Sunday in Ordinary Time 1)

On the Lighter Side

Can't wait to shell-ebrate Easter with you next year!

Easter celebrations are a great way to get people out of their shells.



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:

Anniversaries: Rosina Arcari Sanzo, Fay Herrick, Angelo Antonio Sanzo, Maria Saveria Spirito, Cheryl Cosgriff, Lex Delahenty.

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

ROSTERS

Saturday 9 May at 6pm

Commentator – L Ratcliffe

Lector – C Anderson

Special Minister – L Cosgriff

Sunday 10 May 8.30am

Commentator – M Carver

Lector – N Watt

Special Minister – M Cocks

Sunday 17 May 8.30am

Commentator – B Elliott

Lector – P Jenner

Special Minister – M O'Shea

PLATE AND ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Last weekend Collection: \$ 873.85

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

PARISH DETAILS

PARISH PRIEST

Fr Uday Kumar Marneni ALCP/OSS

PARISH SECRETARY

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Mary Zobec – 0427 190 282

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St Patrick's Primary - Jackie Stockdale - Phone 5859 0371

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.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Next weekend, sacramental children will be receiving their workbooks to begin their sacramental journey. Children attending Mass are wearing sashes and we ask that you please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

MOTHER'S DAY

There will be a cuppa after Mass on the weekend of 9th and 10th of May to celebrate Mother's Day. Please bring a plate to share.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION NIGHT

Information night will be held on Thursday 7th May at 6pm. 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.

150 YEAR CELEBRATIONS

2028 marks the 150 years of the establishment of Kyabram Catholic Parish. We are seeking expressions of interest to form a committee to plan to commemorate this milestone. Please register your name and contact details to the Parish Office by 24th May. Contact details 03 5852 1026 or kyabram@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

MULTICULTURAL/PENTECOST MASS

Our annual Multicultural Mass will be celebrated on **Pentecost Sunday, 24 May**. Parishioners are warmly encouraged to dress in their traditional national costumes. The celebration will be followed by a shared brunch in the gathering space.

This is a wonderful opportunity to experience, appreciate, and celebrate the richness of our diverse cultures, as well as to commemorate the birthday of the Church—when God the Father sent the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. **Please bring a plate to share.**

MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Sun 3rd May - 8.30am Mass

Sun 3rd May - 11.30am Liturgy Tongala

Weekly Masses

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

Thu 7th May - 9.15am Mother's Day Breakfast F-4

Thu 7th May - 10.30am Anointing Mass

Sat 9th May - 5pm Mass

Sun 10th May - 8.30am Mass

Weekly Masses

Tue 12th May - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 14th May - No School Mass

Sun 17th May - 8.30am Mass

Weekly Masses

Tue 19th May - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 21st May - 2.15pm Catholic Education Mass St Patrick's Tongala

Thu 21st May - 9.15am 9-12 Community Mass

SANDHURST FORMATION INSTITUTE “GROWING AS COMMUNITIES OF MISSION”

Friday 21 – Saturday 22 August 2026 at Riverlinks Eastbank, Shepparton

Building on the success of the 2025 Formation Gathering “*Building Communities of Belonging*”, Fr Brian Boyle, Diocesan Administrator, is proud to invite you to the Sandhurst Formation Institute 2026 “*Growing as Communities of Mission*”.

The Institute will explore bringing a mission lens to all we do in our faith communities. With a rich program of prayer, keynote, seminars and a dedicated youth stream, it's an opportunity not to be missed. More details to come soon!

GOOD SHEPHERD COLLECTION

Thank you to all parishioners who have collectively donated \$298, to support the education and formation of our diocesan seminarians.

BISHOP RENÉ RAMIREZ RCJ INSTALATION

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**. Save the date. All welcome. Until that time, Fr Brian Boyle will continue to serve as Diocesan Administrator.

CARITAS PROJECT COMPASSION COLLECTION

Thank you to parishioners who have collectively through donation boxes, collections and online donated \$923.40. Your support is helping to bring hope, uphold dignity and create lasting change to communities facing poverty and injustice around the world. If you still have boxes or donation at home please bring back to the church as soon as possible.

HOLY LAND COLLECTION

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land collected \$381.30 on Good Friday. These funds have been forwarded to Holy Land.

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHTS @ ST KILIAN’S

Fr Junray invites young adults to a variety of evenings at St Kilian’s over the next 3 months. Starting with **Tapas & Theology Night** on **14 May** at 6:30pm. Enquiries or rsvp contact Fr Junray 0403 677 769.

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.

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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. The logo features "KY" in a large blue font and "CLEANING SERVICE" in a smaller blue font. Below the logo, a list of services is provided: "★ Carpet Steam Cleaning", "★ Commercial & Domestic", "★ Upholstery", "★ Floor Strip and Sealing", "★ Tile and Grout", and "★ Vacate Cleans". To the right of the list is an illustration of a person cleaning a carpet. At the bottom, the contact information is given: "John & Vicky" and "0408 553 972".



BUSH RANGER POWER EQUIPMENT advertisement. The top part of the ad features the "BUSH RANGER" logo in large, bold, blue letters, with "POWER EQUIPMENT" in smaller blue letters below it. Below the logo is a photograph of various power equipment, including a lawnmower, a chainsaw, and a trimmer. At the bottom, the contact information is provided: "GFD Outdoors and Sports", "23 McCormick Road, Kyabram", and "(03) 5853 2205".



Betta ELECTRICAL HOME LIVING advertisement. The logo features the word "Betta" in a large, blue, stylized font, with "ELECTRICAL" in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font below it. Below the logo is a blue banner with the words "HOME LIVING" in white. Below the banner, the contact information is given: "Ciavarellas Betta", "242 Allan Street Kyabram", "03 5852 2640", and "ciavarellas@my.betta.com.au".

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.

“If according to times and needs you should be obliged to make fresh rules and change current things, do it with prudence and good advice.” – St. Angela Merici

Breaking Open the Word

you may be too.
You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me.'

If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?'

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe

that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?'

The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself.

It is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;

believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me

will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works,

because I am going to the Father.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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TRUST IN GOD

We all worry from time to time. Worry is one of the great social concerns that surround us.

We worry about so much: our families and loved ones, our health, what is going on in the world, finances...and the list is endless.

It is into this situation that Jesus speaks to us today. 'Don't let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God and trust in me.'

These words get to the heart of our lives. Jesus invites us to trust in him and his God, despite all that surrounds us.

While such an invitation flies in the face of much that distracts us, the Gospel invites us into a space, 'a place', where we can rest with God.

Jesus assures John's audience, and us, that he has already prepared this place.

It awaits us—and we don't have to wait until death to enjoy it—we can allow ourselves to draw close to Jesus and be with him now.

This is the sense behind Jesus' reassurance to Thomas who questions Jesus about where he is going and how to be where he is.

The response is clear: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.'

These words are clearly important for us to enjoy and relish as our celebration of Easter continues.

Jesus offers us companionship ('the Way'), leads us into ultimate communion with God ('the Truth') and brings us into a sense of complete wholeness ('the Life').

The final part of today's Gospel reaffirms Jesus' communion with his Father and that our communion and trust in Jesus leads us into ultimate communion with God.

Everything in this Gospel invites us to trust Jesus' words and let go, perhaps just a little, of our worries.

Fr Michael Trainor

THE SAVING WORD

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / A

3 MAY 2026

FIRST READING

Acts 6:1-7
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution

their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples

and addressed them. 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among

yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service

of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with

Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism.

They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19. R. v. 22

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (or Alleluia!)

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; / for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. / Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, / with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **R.**

2. For the word of the Lord is faithful / and all his works to be trusted. / The Lord loves justice and right / and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

3. The Lord looks on those who reverence him, / on those who hope in his love, / to rescue their souls from death, / to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Pet 2:4-9
A reading from the first letter of St Peter

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy

priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual

house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and

the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the

stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because

they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia! / I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; / no one comes to the Father, except through me. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 14:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place.

I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am



**CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL
SANDHURST**

'Pentecost'

Be refreshed in the Holy Spirit

Charismatic Mass celebrated by

Fr Arun Korlakanti

Spiritual Chaplain CCR Sandhurst

Saturday 23rd May 2026

9.30am cuppa, 10.00am-3.30pm

St Brendan's Knight St, Shepparton

at Mons Peter Jeffrey Centre

Lunch: Please bring a plate to share

All welcome

An offering will be taken up

Contact: Brigita Hore: 0412 042 196

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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



Ecological
Economics



Adoption of
Sustainable
Lifestyles



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Education



Ecological
Spirituality



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Resilience and
Empowerment

