



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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Sixth Sunday of Easter ~ Year A

Sunday 10 May 2026



Readings for
this week:

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



Readings for
next Sunday:

Acts 1:1-11
Ephesians 1:17-23
Matthew 28:16-20



Liturgy Jottings Ministries II

In last week's First Reading we read that seven elected ministers were presented to the apostles, who prayed for them and laid their hands on them. The seven were formally instituted by the laying on of hands. In Today's reading Peter and James laid hands on the Samaritans who then received the Holy Spirit. The Laying on of Hands from the earliest times was used for handing on authentic authority and in bestowing the Holy Spirit and in healing. This sacramental symbol or gesture by the conferring minister is given in the sacraments of Ordination of Deacons, Priests and Bishops, in Confirmation and Anointing of the Sick.

Other than Ordinations the conferral or commissioning candidates into ministry is by words of welcome, instruction, questions and response and then approval, consent and commissioning and blessing. In celebrating the commissioning within the parish liturgy, the congregation witnesses and acknowledges the person's assent and their new role.

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Looking at the Readings

The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles is a compact account of Philip the deacon's ministries of preaching, healing and exorcisms (see image on the left). The community expresses welcome, unity and joyful thanksgiving to him and later to Peter and John in Samaria.

The first alternative given for today's Gospel continues Christ's farewell discourse from last week, where he stresses the need to keep his commandments and his promise to send the "Advocate", the Holy Spirit. While Jesus repeats the word: "command" six times in this farewell discourse (John 14:15, 21, 23, 15:10, 12, 17) he only speaks of the command to love. Therefore, do we presume there are other commands? The Gospel is not a list of do's and don'ts but rather a revealing of God through his Son and the message of salvation.

Christ does give us a clue in his reply to Thomas's question we heard last week. Jesus said: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life." Jesus, who has given his life for us so that we may have life, shows us his love and all that is needed to love ourselves and one another.

Pope Leo of Easter

Brothers and sisters, Easter gives us hope, as we remember that in the risen Christ a new creation is possible every day. This is what [the Easter] Gospel tells us, as it clearly describes the event of the resurrection as taking place on "the first day of the week" (Jn 20:1). The day of Christ's resurrection thus takes us back to that first day when God created the world, and at the same time proclaims that a new life, stronger than death, is now dawning for humanity.

Easter is the new creation brought about by the Risen Lord; it is a new beginning; it is life finally made eternal by God's victory over the ancient enemy. (Rome, Easter Sunday 5 April 2026)

Diocesan Solemnity

Anniversary of Dedication of Sacred Heart Cathedral is celebrated this year on Wednesday 15 May. The Cathedral was actually consecrated on the 14 May 1977 by Archbishop Thomas Cahill. We celebrate the day on the 15th, because the Feast of Saint Matthias the Apostle, a universal feast is on the 14th. An anniversary is a feast of the Lord, for the Church is the Body of Christ. It is also a feast of the people of God, as we are the Church, the Body of Christ.

On the Lighter Side

Church parking lots have the best Sunday traffic jams.

Church bulletin jokes travel faster than Sunday homilies.

Faith and laughter go together.



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: Dave Watson, Graziella Grasso

Anniversaries: Pat Hehir, Jennifer & Frances O'Meara, Catherine Shortis, Margaret Myers, Shirley Donohue, Debbie Benton.

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

ROSTERS

Sunday 17 May 8.30am

Commentator – B Elliott

Lector – P Jenner

Special Minister – M O'Shea

Saturday 23 May at 6pm

Commentator – L Ratcliffe

Lector – M Tesoro

Special Minister – L Busch

Sunday 24 May 8.30am

Commentator – J Chant

Lector – C Cabaraban

Special Minister – A Ryan

PLATE AND ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Last weekend Collection: \$ 843.40

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

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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.

A Mother's Day Prayer

All-Loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old. We pray for young mothers, who give life and count little toes and tend to our every need:

May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict:

May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.
Amen

Happy Mother's Day!

CELEBRATING FR UDAY'S ORDINATION

We give thanks to God for the gift of Fr. Uday Kumar Marneni's priesthood as he celebrates 15 years of ordination on Thursday 14 May.

May the Lord bless him abundantly for his faithful service, kindness, and dedication. We pray that God will continue to guide and strengthen him each day in his priestly ministry. Please remember and keep him in your prayers.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

This 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.

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

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

A national day of prayer will be held on Saturday 23 May at 10am – 12 noon at Edis Park. This year's theme is based on Joshua 3:5 (NIV) and is "Consecration". Register here: www.australiaprays.com.au

MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

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 - 9.15am 9-12 Community Liturgy

Thu 21st May - 2.15pm Catholic Education Mass

St Patrick's Tongala

Sat 23rd May - 5pm Mass

Sun 24th May - 8.30am Mass

MOTHER'S DAY

There will be a cuppa after Mass this weekend to celebrate Mother's Day. Please bring a plate to share.

CCR SANDHURST RENEWAL DAY

"Pentecost be refreshed in the Holy Spirit" Saturday 23 May 2026 9:30am – 3:30pm St Brendan's, Shepparton. Catholic Charismatic Renewal Sandhurst invites you to Charismatic Mass celebrated by their Spiritual Chaplain, Fr Arun Korlakanti. Commencing 9:30 am with a Cuppa. Please bring lunch to share. An offering will be taken up. Contact: Brigita: 0412 042 196, Mary 0427 190 282 , or Denise 0407 506 813

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.**

LADIES CUPPA AND CHAT

Ladies you are invited to Cuppa and Chat at Fauna Park Café on Wednesday 13th May at 2pm. If you need a ride, please contact Mary Elliott on 0427 822754.

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, keynotes, seminars and a dedicated youth stream, it's an opportunity not to be missed. More details soon!

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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.

"Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you."
– St. Augustine

Breaking Open the Word

GOSPEL
Jn 14:15-21
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.
I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever,

that Spirit of truth

whom the world can never receive

since it neither sees nor knows him;

but you know him,

because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans;

I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me;

but you will see me,

because I live and you will live.

On that day

you will understand that I am in my Father

and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments

and keeps them

will be one who loves me

and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father,

and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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THE SPIRIT IS WITH US

Last week it was worry. Today it is about loneliness. We know loneliness. We know what it feels like, for example, when someone close to us dies. Grief, sadness and loneliness can be palpable. In today's Gospel, John invites us again to draw closer to Jesus who addresses the loneliness which the disciples (and, at times, ourselves) can experience. When we feel God's apparent silence or absence, when we deal with death or tragedy, Jesus promises 'another Advocate'. This is the promise of his very Spirit that will remain with the disciples when he physically leaves them.

By the time John writes, this is already a reality and Jesus' spirit, the Advocate, the 'Spirit of Truth', is with them and 'forever'. They will not be left orphaned as the Spirit accompanies them in every generation to experience his eternal and real, though non-physical, presence. But there is a second promise that Jesus makes. He will return as he offers an eschatological vision, an insight into the final days, in which the disciples will experience their communion and intimacy with God restored. They will discover a love that is eternal and carry them through those days of loneliness.

This is the promise that we need to hear, especially as we grapple with our experiences of loneliness brought on by grief of our beloved dead or the persistent loneliness of life that surrounds us. Jesus' Advocate, his Spirit, is with us.

Fr Michael Trainor

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / A

FIRST READING

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM

Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20. R. cf. v. 2

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. (or Alleluia!)

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth, / O sing to the glory of his name. / O render him glorious praise. / Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!' **R.**

2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow, / shall sing to you, sing to your name!' / Come and see the works of God, / tremendous his deeds among men. **R.**

3. He turned the sea into dry land, / they passed through the river dry-shod. / Let our joy then be in him, / he rules for ever by his might. **R.**

THE SAVING WORD

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4. Come and hear, all who fear God. / I will tell what he did for my soul: / Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer / nor withhold his love for me. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Pet 3:15-18

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!



**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

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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



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