



KYABRAM CATHOLIC PARISH

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Pentecost Sunday ~ Year A

Sunday 24 May 2026



Readings for
this week:

Acts 2:1-11

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

John 20:19-23



Readings for
next Sunday:

Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

John 3:16-18



Liturgy Jottings

Liturgy and Politics II

The liturgy is the full public worship of God by the church as mystical body of Christ (SC, 7), principally the celebration of the sacraments. By word and symbol, it encounters the Lord who died and rose in human history and will return in glory. The liturgy is therefore a powerful source of transformation and understanding for persons and communities (SC, 5–10, 47–48, 59). The faithful are enriched with divine life and transformed for worship and service as God's holy people. The church's mandate is to teach, preach forgiveness, and witness reconciliation to all nations until the end of time (Mt 28:18–20). The liturgy thus has decidedly temporal and political effects and implications. The church is part of the human community and must proclaim the gospel, defend the God-given dignity of each person and promote justice and peace in the human community.

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Looking at the Readings

Unlike most feast days the event of Pentecost is not found in the Gospel but in the first reading. The Acts of the Apostles starts with the Ascension of the Lord and the starting of the mission of the apostles and their communities. The reading begins with: "On the day of Pentecost ..." The day was a pre-existing feast day in the life of the Jewish nation and faith. Fifty days after the Passover and now fifty days after the Lord's Resurrection.

The Gospel does include an account of the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles – even prior to Pentecost. This tells us several things. The Spirit comes at any time – not dependent on the calendar or our timetable. The Spirit comes for a variety of purposes. After the resurrection Jesus came among them, said: "Peace be with you!" He breathed on them and said: "Receive the Holy Spirit." He brings peace and the authority to forgive sins. (John 20:19-23) The Spirit comes to give strength and the ability to communicate (Acts 2) and the Spirit comes to give us a variety of gifts (1 Cor 12:3-7).

Quote for the Day

"Enrich your soul in the great goodness of God: The Father is your table, the Son is your food, and the Holy Spirit waits on you and then makes His dwelling in you." — *St. Catherine of Siena*

Pope Leo XIV Pentecost Homily

Brothers and sisters, the Spirit also opens borders between peoples. At Pentecost, the Apostles spoke the languages of those they met, and the confusion of Babel was finally resolved by the harmony brought about by the Spirit. Whenever God's "breath" unites our hearts and makes us view others as our brothers and sisters, differences no longer become an occasion for division and conflict but rather a shared patrimony from which we can all draw, and which sets us all on journey together, in fraternity. Pentecost renews the Church and the world! May the strong wind of the Spirit come upon us and within us, open the borders of our hearts, grant us the grace of encounter with God, enlarge the horizons of our love and sustain our efforts to build a world in which peace reigns.

(*St Peter's Sunday, 8 June 2025*)

On the Lighter Side

A husband and wife are sitting in church. The preacher notices that the husband has fallen asleep and says to the wife, "Wake your husband up!" The wife answers, "You're the one who made him fall asleep, you wake him up!"



PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

Recently Deceased: Fiorina Abbate

Anniversaries: Molly John

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

ROSTERS

Sunday 31 May 8.30am

Commentator – C Goode

Lector – R Chapman

Special Minister – M Di Petta

Sunday 7 June 8.30am

Commentator – L Sorbello

Lector – **Help required**

Special Minister – A Brunt

Saturday 13 June at 6pm

Commentator – J Harris

Lector – **Help required**

Special Minister – L Moran

PLATE AND ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Last weekend Collection: \$ 1229.00

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

PARISH DETAILS

PARISH PRIEST

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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.

MULTICULTURAL/PENTECOST MASS PENTECOST/MULTICULTURAL MASS

Our annual Pentecost/Multicultural Mass will be celebrated this Sunday followed by international cuisine in the gathering space after Mass. This is a great occasion to experience, cherish and celebrate the richness that all cultures have and to celebrate the birthday of the church when God the Father sent the Holy Spirit upon the disciples.

MENS GROUP GATHERING

You are warmly invited to join a men's group gathering on Tuesday 2nd June from 5pm to 7pm. Come along for fellowship, conversation and connection. Dinner will be provided. RSVP Fr Uday, Carl 0406665925 or John Lilford 0407 859636.

PROMULGATION OF RESOURCES FOR PARISH PLANNING

Pentecost Sunday at 11am Mass in Sacred Heart Cathedral Bendigo, Fr Brian Boyle, Diocesan Administrator will promulgate resources to assist parishes in preparing a Parish Mission and Pastoral Plan.

The resources, prepared by the Office of Mission and Pastoral Life, focus on renewal and aim to assist parishes to intentionally plan for a future in line with the Diocesan Strategic Mission and Pastoral Goals.

Online sessions to "unpack" these resources will be held on 3 and 4 June. It is recommended that Parish Leaders participate in one of the four online sessions, in which Geoff Gowdie, Assistant Director of Mission and Pastoral Life will walk participants through the parish planning process and these resources.

To register for an online "unpacking the Parish Planning Process" session, please go to Trybooking: <https://www.trybooking.com/DMJYF>

MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Sat 23rd May - 5pm Mass

Sun 24th May - 8.30am Mass

Weekly Masses

Tue 26th May - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 28th May - 11.30am Carrier Commissioning Ceremony Brigidine Centre

Sun 31st May - 8.30am Mass

Weekly Masses

Tue 2nd June - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 4th June - 10am Anointing Mass

Sun 7th June - 8.30am Mass

Sun 7th June - 11.30am Mass Tongala

Weekly Masses

Tue 9th June - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 11th June - 9.15am 5-8 Community Mass

Sat 13th June - 5pm Mass

Sun 14th June - 8.30am Mass

Weekly Masses

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 or call 03 5852 1026 or kyabram@sandhurst.catholic.org.au. For more information please speak to Mary Zobec or Annette Ryan.

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 soon!

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.

INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2028

“We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song!” — Pope John Paul II
More than a one-time event, Eucharist 28 is a national journey of renewal, beginning in our own hearts and parishes. This Easter, we saw our churches filled with new life as many were welcomed into the faith. The invitation now is to keep that flame alive: to encounter Christ in the Eucharist every week as we prepare for a global celebration of the Eucharist and a Papal Mass celebrated in Sydney by Pope Leo XIV. Find out more and register at eucharist28.org.

Lebanon Emergency Relief Appeal

The situation in Lebanon remains extremely fragile – over 1.1 million people displaced nationwide. Stand with the people of Lebanon today.

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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.

“As the sun surpasses all the stars in lustre, so the sorrows of Mary surpass all the tortures of the martyrs.” – St. Basil the Great

Breaking Open the Word

it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

In 20:19-23
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

As the Father sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit.

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Fr Michael Trainor

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34. R. v. 30

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (or Alleluia)

1. Bless the Lord, my soul / Lord God, how great you are! / How many are your works,
O Lord! / The earth is full of your riches. R.

THE SAVING WORD

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2. You take back your spirit, they die, / returning to the dust from which they came. / You send forth your spirit, they are created; / and you renew the face of the earth. R.

3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever! / May the Lord rejoice in his works! / May my thoughts be pleasing to him. / I find my joy in the Lord. R.

SECOND READING

1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so

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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