

ST PATRICK'S AND ST KEVIN'S PARTNERED PARISHES

St Patrick's and St Kevin's Parishes are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Sunday 13th August 2023



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I'm fascinated by that first step of Peter as he climbed over the side of the boat. He was looking at Jesus, not at the water. His mind was charged with Jesus' invitation: / Come/. So often the way out of depression, fear or anxiety is not a thought or a consideration, but a physical step. I take a risk, and find myself strong enough to walk forward, keeping my eyes on the Lord.

The hand of God is a human hand. Jesus reaches out to guide us, steady us, support us - all the things a touch of the hand can do. Peter found that also in Jesus - when he took his eyes off the Lord on the water, he began to sink. The Lord then held him close. Like Peter, we are always walking on water, putting our trust in Jesus Christ. We trust in him for protection in the most frightening times of life, like at the hour of death. At times we can do nothing for those we love except place them in the hand of God, knowing that God loves them more than we do.

Jesus took some time apart to be at prayer. His time with God did not close him to the world, but inspired him to go to the help of the troubled disciples. The time that I spend at prayer build me up in my relationship with God and strengthens me to act in God's name. "Truly, you are the Son of God". The conclusion in this passage is that Jesus can be found in the boat but can also be found when we are ready to leave the shelter of the boat to find him in the "world".



<https://sacredspace.com/scripture/matthew-1422-33/#:~:text=Jesus%20reaches%20out%20to%20guide,our%20trust%20in%20Jesus%20Christ>

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This weeks Mass Times

Tues : 7:30pm (Assumption BVM)

Wed : 9:15am

Fri : 9:15am Mass

Sat: 9:15am Mass & Benediction

Sun: 9:00 am and 5:00 pm

**First Friday of each month 7-9pm
Mass & Adoration: no 9am Mass**

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This weeks Mass Times

Tues: 9:15 am (Assumption BVM)

Thurs: 9:15am Mass & Benediction

Sat: 6pm (5:30pm reconciliation)

Sun: 10:30 am

**First Friday of each month 9:15am
Mass & Benediction**

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Rosters for Saturday 19th/20th August 2023

Readers		Collection last week	St Kevin's	St Patrick's
St Patrick's	St Kevin's	Church	\$500.70	\$1044.65
Sun. 9am: Philip De Rose and John Murtagh	Sat. 6pm: Rosemary Mc Geoch And David Zammit	Presbytery	\$325.45	\$536.45
Sun. 5pm: Pious Joseph and Leena Pious	Sun. 10.30am: Caroline Gojak	National Vocations Awareness Week		
Morning / Afternoon Tea		6 - 13 August		
9am: Celina and Philip De Rose		Please pray for our priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in our community. Please pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries. Pray also that the saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood, especially from our community.		
5pm: Jane Curtis				

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY IN TO HEAVEN

Please note that Tuesday the 15th August is a Holy Day of Obligation.

On this day there will be Mass at 9:15am at St Kevin's Ormond and there will also be a 7:30pm Mass at St Patrick's Murrumbena.



St Vincent de Paul Society



If you need assistance

Call 1800 305 330

Or please share if you know someone who needs help. Please give them this number.

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK

Sandra Brunton, Terry Nichols, Carin Bradshaw, Martin White, Timothy White, Margaret Van Langenberg; Charmain Pamunuwa, Fred Cutting, Hugh McGill, John Harper, Lizzy Stanley, Rodney Garner, Yvonne Maher, Michael Keane, Bridie Meehan, Graeme Murphy and Richard Parkinson

FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED

Florence Larsen: Her funeral will be at St Patrick's Church, Murrumbena, Friday 18th August at 11am

Join us every Tuesday night: 7.30pm at St Patrick's Church in Murrumbena to pray for the rejuvenation of our Parishes.

- Say the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world.

Our Lady of Fatima, 1917

- The rosary is the most powerful weapon to touch the Heart of Jesus, Our redeemer, who loves His Mother.

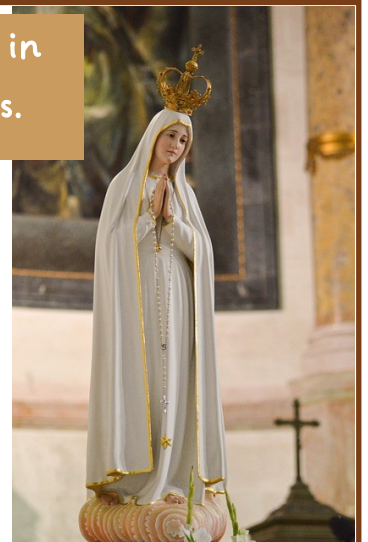
St. Louis Marie Grignion de Montfort

- The Rosary is the weapon for these times.

Saint Padre Pio

- Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will conquer the world.

Pius IX





He was a serious "face" in London's East End. His drug deals netted him thousands... when he found himself nearly killing a man. What happened next can only be called extraordinary. John Pridmore has spoken to millions around the world about his past and remarkable conversion.

4-6 SEPTEMBER 7.30-8.30pm

St Benedict's Parish, Burwood

301 WARRIGAL RD, BURWOOD

[John Pridmore Melbourne Tour \(jpmelb.com.au\)](http://jpmelb.com.au)

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Catholic Women's League of Victoria & Wagga wagga
Discover the beauty of authentic friendship rooted in faith and deepen your relationship with God. Come join us!

DATE: Saturday 9 September

TIME: 9.00am to 12.15pm

VENUE: St Roch's Parish,

198-200 Burke Rd, Glen Iris

Holy Mass, inspiring talks, time for personal reflection, Adoration, and Confession. **GUEST SPEAKER:** Sr Mary Sarah OP

Register at www.trybooking.com/CJXPT



Next weekend, the 19th/20th August is the
CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.

CatholicCare Victoria delivers programs and services to support families, children, young people and individuals..

The services include counselling and mental health, specialized support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care in hospitals and prisons, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support.

You can donate using the appeal envelope available or donate online at

www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513

JOIN OUR FUNDRAISER RAFFLE

We have made a number board from 1-100.

Simply buy any available number for \$10 each and go into the draw to win.

First prize is \$250 cash, second prize is \$50 cash and third prize is a lovely hamper.

CHARITY - THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

1822 Charity is the theological virtue by which we love God above all things for his own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God.

1823 Jesus makes charity the new commandment.⁹⁶ By loving his own "to the end,"⁹⁷ he makes manifest the Father's love which he receives. By loving one another, the disciples imitate the love of Jesus which they themselves receive. Whence Jesus says: "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love." And again: "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."⁹⁸

1824 Fruit of the Spirit and fullness of the Law, charity keeps the commandments of God and his Christ: "Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love."⁹⁹

1825 Christ died out of love for us, while we were still "enemies."¹⁰⁰ The Lord asks us to love as he does, even our enemies, to make ourselves the neighbor of those farthest away, and to love children and the poor as Christ himself.¹⁰¹

The Apostle Paul has given an incomparable depiction of charity: "charity is patient and kind, charity is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Charity does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Charity bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."¹⁰²

1826 "If I . . . have not charity," says the Apostle, "I am nothing." Whatever my privilege, service, or even virtue, "if I . . . have not charity, I gain nothing."¹⁰³ Charity is superior to all the virtues. It is the first of the theological virtues: "So faith, hope, charity abide, these three. But the greatest of these is charity."¹⁰⁴

1827 The practice of all the virtues is animated and inspired by charity, which "binds everything together in perfect harmony";¹⁰⁵ it is the form of the virtues; it articulates and orders them among themselves; it is the source and the goal of their Christian practice. Charity upholds and purifies our human ability to love, and raises it to the supernatural perfection of divine love.

1829 The fruits of charity are joy, peace, and mercy; charity demands beneficence and fraternal correction; it is benevolence; it fosters reciprocity and remains disinterested and generous; it is friendship and communion: Love is itself the fulfillment of all our works. There is the goal; that is why we run: we run toward it, and once we reach it, in it we shall find rest.¹⁰⁸

Entrance Antiphon: Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

First Reading

A reading from the first book of the Kings (1 Kings 19:9.11-13)

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (Romans 9:1-5)

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 14:22-33)

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

Communion Antiphon: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 15th August

"Venerable Pope Pius XII defined formally as a dogma of Catholic faith in 1950, invoking papal infallibility to proclaim, "that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory." Although the bodily assumption of Mary is not explicitly recorded in Scripture, Catholic tradition identifies her with the "woman clothed with the sun" who is described in the 12th chapter of the Book of Revelation. The passage calls that woman's appearance "a great sign" which "appeared in heaven," indicating that she is the mother of the Jewish Messiah and has "the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars." "It was fitting," St. John of Damascus wrote in a sermon on the assumption, "that she, who had kept her virginity intact in childbirth, should keep her own body free from all corruption even after death," and "that she, who had carried the creator as a child at her breast, should dwell in the divine tabernacles." **The feast of the Assumption is always a Holy Day of Obligation for both Roman and Eastern-rite Catholics, on which they are obliged to attend Mass or Divine Liturgy.**

