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

Welcome to the Combined Parishes of St Patrick's and St Kevin's

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A -18 DECEMBER 2022

Reflection

Despite all of the excitement associated with eschatological fulfilment, despite all of the assurance we have that it will be an experience of peace and abundant life, the mystery for which we long requires the risk of faith. Despite all of the times that we have celebrated the Nativity, we still do not have full comprehension and understanding. Still we are invited to enter deeply into the event that is before us. Will we step into a life of deeper faith and commitment, or will we merely participate in the external celebration of the feast? Only we can decide, and only we will really know the decision that we make.

The circumstances of our lives influence the way we live out our faith. As Christians, we are called to devote ourselves to the service of Christ. Our primary commitment must be to Christ and to the way of being human that he has shown us. We must be committed to what enriches life and not to what diminishes it. We must be committed to the good of people and not to the hoarding of things. We may not be official heralds of the gospel, but we proclaim our faith in the way we live our lives, in the kindness with which we treat others, in honesty of our business transactions. We proclaim the gospel when we stand for justice, when we forgive those who have offended us, when we show compassion to those who suffer. As we step into the eschatological age, we are called to recommit ourselves to genuine Christian living.

Dianne Bergant CSA



MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays

St Kevin's:

Tues 9.15 am and
Thurs 9.15am Mass followed by
Adoration & Reconciliation.

St Patrick's:

Wed 9.15am Mass;
Fri 9.15 am Mass;
Sat 9.15 am Mass followed by
Adoration & Reconciliation.

Weekends

St Kevin's: Sat 6.00 pm
Reconciliation on Sat at 5.30pm.
Sun 10.30 am

St Patrick's: Sun 9am and 5pm

Please refer to our Christmas
Mass Schedule on Page 2.



THANK YOU EVERYONE

**OUR SHARED CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!**



**WE THANK ALL THOSE WHO SUPPORTED IT TO MAKE THIS EVENT A
VERY ENJOYABLE AFTERNOON FOR EVERYONE.**

Fr Siby John and the Parish Leadership Team

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2022—ST KEVIN'S



Christmas Midnight Mass, Saturday 24th December 2022:

11.00 pm: Carols

11.30 pm: Christmas Midnight Mass

Reader: **Caroline Gojak**

Christmas Day, Sunday, 25th December 2022

10.30 am: Christmas Day Mass

Reader: **Veronica Delafosse**

NO 6.00PM MASS ON SAT, 24TH DECEMBER.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2022—ST PATRICK'S



Christmas Eve, Saturday 24th December 2022:

6.00 pm: Carols

6.30 pm: Christmas Mass

Reader: **Teresa and Patrick Leech**

Christmas Day, Sunday, 25th December 2022

9.00 am: Christmas Day Mass

Reader: **Marianne Somerville**

NO 5.00 PM MASS ON SUN, 25TH DECEMBER.

Every time we go to confession, God embraces us.

- Pope Francis

Dear parishioners,

One of the most important things to do this Advent season is to go to confession – because going to confession is one of the best ways to prepare for Christmas. Let's prepare our hearts – not just our homes, our food, our lighting, our Christmas decorations – no, let's prepare our hearts.

If it has been a long time since you have been to confession, you may feel afraid, bewildered or even intimidated at the prospect of returning to the confessional after such a long period away from it. But don't be daunted – just come.

When one finishes Confession one leaves free, grand, beautiful, forgiven, candid, happy. This is the beauty of Confession!

- Pope Francis

Confession Times This Week		
	St. Patrick's	St. Kevin's
Tuesday, 19 December		9.45 am to 10. 30 am
Wednesday, 21 December	9.45 am to 10. 30 am	
Thursday, 22 December		9.45 to 10. 30 am 6.00 pm to 8 pm
Friday, 22 December	9,45 am to 10. 30 am 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm	
Saturday, 24 December	9 am to 10 am	

NB: You are welcome to go to St. Anthony's, Glen Huntley for Reconciliation on Monday 19th December. There will be reconciliation from 7. 00 pm to 8.00 Pm. with more than 4 priests.



St Vincent de Paul Society
(Ormond or Murrumbidgee)

If you need assistance Ph: 1800 305 330 If you know



**BAPTISMS AT ST PATRICK'S AND
ST KEVIN'S**

Please contact the parish office for information on
Tel: (03) 9568 7365.

NATIVITY DRAWING FOR CHRISTMAS



Thanks to all those children who contributed their beautifully coloured Nativity Drawings which have been put up for display in our Church!



A Prayer for the Fourth Sunday of Advent



Bestir, O Lord, Thy might, we beseech Thee, and come; and with great power come to our aid, that, by the help of Thy grace, that which is hindered by our sins may be hastened by Thy merciful forgiveness. Amen.

NEED TO DISPOSE OF A VEHICLE?



Disposal of a car from a deceased estate, or when a family member has had to relinquish their licence or go into residential care, can be a challenging process - getting a roadworthy, taking photos to advertise on the internet, cleaning and polishing, taking calls (if they come), even garaging it until a prospective buyer turns up (if indeed they do!).



If you need to dispose of a vehicle either from a deceased estate or which is no longer required, please consider gifting it to the "Lifeboat Geelong Foundation", a registered charity with tax deductible status which for nine years has been providing pastoral and practical support to nearly 150 victims / survivors of church-related sexual abuse. Many of these suffer post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and have limited or no employment. A donated vehicle could vastly improve their quality of life.

If you would like to explore the possibility of gifting a potentially suitable vehicle to "Lifeboat", please contact Fr. Kevin Dillon (0421 777 360, or frkdillon@outlook.com.au) or Adam Kaali (0411 486 605, or adam-kaali@hotmail.com).



LET US REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

RECENTLY DECEASED:

LET US PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF:

FR LEO LONG, A MUCH LOVED FORMER PARISH PRIEST OF ORMOND, WHO DIED IN IRELAND RECENTLY, AND FOR

FR JOSEPH PATRICK HYNAN WHO PASSED AWAY YESTERDAY 14TH DECEMBER IN CAMBERWELL.



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Julie White (Wife of Martin White); Timothy White (Father of Melissa Parkinson);

Baby Grace Patawaran Grinter, Fred Cutting (Cousin of Tom Frost),

Hugh McGill (Husband of Margaret McGill), John Harper (Friend of Marian and Stephen Poore), Lizzy Stanley (daughter of Karly & Patrick Stanley), Earl Edwards (Husband of Dorothy), Rodney Gardner, Joan Egan, Yvonne Maher, Terry Nicholls (Arcare), Han Kwee, Jack Mack.



ROSTER



ST PATRICK'S CUPPA'S ROSTER — Saturday 24th/Sunday 25th December 2022

Sat 6.30 pm Christmas Vigil Mass: Teresa & Patrick Leech

Sun 9.00 am Christmas Day: Marianne Somerville

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READER'S ROSTER — Saturday 24th/Sunday 25th December 2022

St Kevin's

St Patrick's

Sat 24th Christmas Vigil Mass 11.30pm : Caroline Gojak

Sat 24th Christmas Vigil Mass 6.00pm: Teresa & Patrick Leech

Sun 25th Christmas Day Mass 10.30 am: Veronica Delafosse

Sun 25th Christmas Day Mass 9.00am: Marianne Somerville

Parish Offerings 10th/11th Dec

St Kevin's

Patrick's

Church	\$778.00	\$435.70
Presbytery	\$550.00	\$525.60
Melbourne Overseas Mission	\$312.00	\$214.30

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 7:10-14

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No', Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.' Then Isaiah said:

'Listen now, House of David:
are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men

without trying the patience of my God, too?

The Lord himself, therefore,

will give you a sign.

It is this: the maiden is with child

and will soon give birth to a son

whom she will call Immanuel,

a name which means "God-is-with-us".'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God!

PSALM: Ps 23:1-6. R. see. Vv. 7. 10

Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

SECOND READING: Rom 1:1-7

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God, who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, Alleluia!

A virgin will give birth to a son; his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mt 1:18-24

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your

wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.



Pope Francis' Message for Advent 2022

Pope Francis said that St. John the Baptist reminds us that Advent is a privileged time to turn back toward God — something it is never too late to do.

"And let us remember one thing: with Jesus, there is always the possibility of beginning again. It's never too late". "

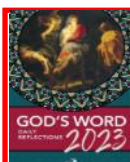
Let us listen to John the Baptist's appeal to return to God," he continued. "And let us not let this Advent go by like days on the calendar, because this is a moment of grace, a grace for us too, here and now."

"There is always the possibility to begin again. Be courageous," the pope urged, adding that Jesus "is near to us and this is the time of conversion."

Donations towards the purchase of Flowers for our Churches at Christmas

If St Kevin's parishioners wish to donate towards the purchase of flowers for Christmas for St Kevin's Church, please give your donations to Salome.

If St Patrick's parishioners wish to donate towards the purchase of flowers for Christmas for St Patrick's Church, please give your donations to the parish office.



GOD'S WORD "DAILY REFLECTIONS 2023"

Cost \$19.95

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