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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

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year B — 10th October 2021

REFLECTION

The man in this story is described (at the end) as a man of great wealth, so that when Jesus says 'There is one thing you lack', it would have got his attention. But he learnt to his shock that what he lacked was the big-heartedness which would enable him to give up the security and status and power which came with his possessions.

Jesus was not satisfied with the wealthy man's minimalist agenda of keeping the commandments. He is just as dissatisfied with us. We each know what is holding us back from being a wholehearted follower of Jesus Christ. At some stage in our lives, we have known, or know now, or will know, what it is we are hanging onto: the one thing we cannot, will not, give up, the one thing that is so much part of our personality we cannot imagine what it would be like to get rid of it.

There is only one thing that can give you, give me, the courage and trust that is needed. In this Gospel story, and the only time in Mark, it says: 'Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him.' This is not the glare of the critical eye but similar to the gaze of a parent on a newborn child, envisaging and encouraging a beautiful future for that child.

We could take a moment to pray, 'Lord, I know there is something I must give up to enable me to follow you more nearly. Give me the courage which can only come from knowing that you gaze steadily at me and love me.'

(Fr Michael Tate, Honorary Professor of Law, University of Tasmania)



CATHOLIC IDENTITY



Plenary Council 2022

'The agenda of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia calls those attending the assemblies to "develop concrete proposals to create a more missionary, Christ-centred Church in Australia"' (ACBC 2021c), and prioritise time to 'listen to what the Spirit is saying' (Pelicaan 2018). 'The agenda poses 16 questions, grouped into six inter-related themes: Conversion; Prayer; Formation; Structures; Governance; and Institutions. It challenges the members of the Plenary Council to develop "concrete proposals" in response to the questions' (ACBC 2021c).

A journey of disruption: Part of our Plenary Council journey may mean the Holy Spirit disrupts old ways of seeing in order to open our eyes to the new, summoning us to be:

- a more missionary and evangelising Church
- more inclusive, participatory and synodal
- more prayerful and eucharistic
- a humble, healing and merciful Church
- a joyful, hope-filled and servant community
- a Church open to conversion, renewal and reform.

As the Most Reverend Mark Coleridge DSS, Archbishop of Brisbane, describes: '[t]he Plenary Council is a journey into the kind of vision that leads into action ... Our journey is a journey into vision. Jesus opens our eyes and leads us to a new way of seeing' (Archdiocese of Brisbane 2020, p. 1).

Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor: The recently launched Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) Social Justice Statement 2021–22 *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor* (ACBC 2021b) encourages Catholic organisations to accept Pope Francis' invitation towards ecological sustainability. This year, the Social Justice Statement focuses on building the theological foundations of caring for our common home and our human family. It will also serve as a launch pad for the ACBC's seven-year journey towards the *Laudato Si' Goals*, creating a wholly sustainable Australian Church. The Plenary Council is a time of inner conversion, prayer and formation, as we listen deeply to the whisper of the Holy Spirit and to each other. May we too take the time to discern and to listen for the Holy Spirit – calling us to new horizons of hope. As we look towards 2022, the theme of next year's Catholic Education Week, 'The Way of the Gospel', challenges us to find the living Christ in our midst.

(By Lisa Heffernan, Team Leader, Catholic Mission and Identity, Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS))

Daily Rosary and Holy Mass via Zoom in the month of October

You are also encouraged to pray the Rosary daily with your Family

The month of October is devoted to the Holy Rosary. You are welcome to join in the Holy Rosary daily @ 8.45 am, followed by Holy Mass via Zoom. Please use the following link. [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82455707826?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82455707826?wd=cVRKdUxRc2hYY3RHcWZ0ckgvSU93QT09)

Meeting ID: 824 5570 7826

Passcode: 723631



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Virtual Lecture Series

The Catholic Contribution

Professor John Haldane

Professor of Philosophy of Education,
Australian Catholic University (Melbourne)

- **Introduction: What does it mean to be Catholic?**
(Thursday 14 October 4.00pm AEDT)

Other lectures in the series:

- The Jewish/Classical Synthesis
- Rebuilding of the West
- The Church and Society
- Catholic Anthropology and Catholic Education
- Professor Haldane in Discussion

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne and Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) are proud to present *The Catholic Contribution*, a virtual lecture series from Professor John Haldane.

The aim of this series is to understand the nature, development and self-understanding of Roman Catholicism and its contribution to the culture of Europe and beyond, not just historically but through to the present day and into the future.

This means going to its origins in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and the experience of the apostles in making sense of these, as well as in founding communities based upon them, in which those teachings were preserved and transmitted to the wider world.

Turning from the concerns and controversies of the present day to deeper and more enduring matters, the series will explore the Catholic contribution from historical, cultural and philosophical perspectives to build a picture of Catholicism as providing a clear-sighted, realistic and ennobling understanding of human nature.

The first lecture *An Introduction: What does it mean to be Catholic?* will be presented live on Thursday 14 October 4.00pm AEDT. Following this, the remaining lectures will be uploaded to *The Catholic Contribution website*. **For further information and to register** for the first lecture of *The Catholic Contribution* series, please visit macs.vic.edu/au/Haldane. Attendance is free and open to all.



REMEMBERING OUR BELOVED ONES ON REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

First Sunday in November, we will remember our loved ones who died. Please provide any photos of loved ones who died this year (from November 2020), that you would like to be displayed on our Remembrance Board by Tue 28 October, to ormond@cam.org.au or murrumbeena@cam.org.au as a JPG file or you can drop photo in the parish office. Please also provide any names that you would like added to the Remembrance Book.



**Our St Patrick's Church
has been vandalised
yet again !!!
The Police have visited
the site.**

2021 Walter Silvester Memorial Lecture: 'Truth, Treaty and Transformation'

free online public lecture presented by
Jason Kelly and Frank Brennan SJ AO
on Tuesday, 26 October 2021 at 5.30-7pm [AEDT]
No registration required.

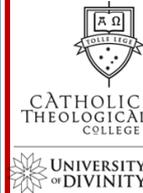
Click here to join: <https://acu.zoom.us/j/84877950748>

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Catholic Theological College

free online Open Day Information Session "Minor Thesis and Higher Degrees by Research"

Wednesday 13 October at 7pm

This session will outline how to get started.

Book via our website:

<https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/open-days/>

Let's pray in faith, hope and love for the recently deceased.

Sheila Sullivan, John Bowen (brother of Bernadette Gunasekera), Santa Sabato and William McNamara

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM, MAY THEIR SOULS REST IN PEACE, AMEN.



Let's also pray for the Sick:

Frank Jackson, Han Kwee, Jack Mack, Michael Chew, Kurt Siegermeier, Coleen Parris,
Thomas (Fr Siby's Dad), Denis and Gabrielle (Patrick Leech's siblings), Tessa Keane,
Rodney Gardner (grandson of Pat Gardner).

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE CARD

Dear Parishioners,

Due to the current Lockdown, we understand that Parishioners are unable to use the Thanksgiving Envelopes. However Thanksgiving Contributions can be Direct Credited to the Parish Bank Accounts as follows; Please indicate your Thanksgiving Envelope number as your reference.

St Patrick's Church Murrumbeena BSB: 083 347 A/c: 66364 4763
St Patrick's Presbytery BSB: 083 347 A/c: 16891 5271

St Kevin's Church Ormond BSB: 083 347 A/c: 64473 7358
St Kevin's Presbytery BSB: 083 347 A/c: 18207 5969

Thank you and God Bless you and your Families.

Nihal Lawrence
Finance Officer
Combined Parishes of St Patrick's and St Kevin's

Entrance Antiphon

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

First Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

I prayed, and understanding was given me;
I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.
I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones;
compared with her, I held riches as nothing.
I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer,
for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand,
and beside her silver ranks as mud.
I loved her more than health or beauty,
preferred her to the light,
since her radiance never sleeps.
In her company all good things came to me,
at her hands riches not to be numbered.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God!

Psalm: Ps 89:12-17. R. v.14

R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

The word of God is something alive and active; it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another, 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said, 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

PatCare Ministry—Going Forward

Patcare is a short term (3 months emergency ministry) in the areas of providing transport, food and visitation to aged care facilities / housebound. Given the current situation of lockdown and the impact of Covid -19, thank you to all volunteers so far, who in the next couple of weeks will be provided with the necessary information required by the Archdiocese for the ministry to begin formally. We welcome any new volunteers from either parish so we can assist a greater cohort of parishioners. We look forward in anticipation, to hearing from you. Please contact **CO- ORDINATORS MARIA FERNANDEZ 0405327041 Or TERESA LEECH 0422923501** or the **PARISH OFFICE (03)95687365** if you have any queries or would be happy to volunteer. Thankyou.



**Pope's Prayer intention for October 2021
Intention for evangelization - Missionary disciples**

"We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel."
— Pope Francis"



Child Safety is Everybody's Responsibility

For information and Child Safety matters you can contact the Parish Child Safety Committee via celticparishes@gmail.com



St Vincent de Paul Society
VICTORIA
good works

The Murrumbidgee Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society provide emergency food and assistance to families and people doing it tough in the Ormond and Murrumbidgee Areas. **For assistance Ph: 1800 305 330**
If you know someone who needs help give them this number.
Also the Conference is looking for Volunteers to ensure this good work continues. If you have some spare time and feel you would like to help in this area please contact us on svdp3163@hotmail.com



The Archdiocese of Melbourne is organising a weekly series over the weeks in lockdown. Refer to details below.

Lockdown Light—Week Five

A weekly series bringing 'light' to this time of lockdown ...

Well and truly done with sourdough starters? Not interested in another DIY project? To help fill the void during lockdown, each week we'll suggest some inspiring content to bring 'light' to this difficult time. Pop on the kettle and check out the recommendations below.

Podcasts for Christian living: How to keep our kids Catholic

In this episode of The Word on Fire show, Bishop Robert Barron and Brandon Vogt discuss what helps children retain their faith into young adulthood. Listen at: www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving5

Getting to know your Bible: Science and the Bible: Are they opposed?

Getting started: In this video, Bishop Robert Barron firmly debunks the common claim that science and religion are diametrically opposed. Watch at www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted5a and visit www.reasonfaithscience.com for further resources.

Going deeper: This video skilfully explores a Catholic understanding of the Book of Genesis' account of creation through a tapestry of voices. View here www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper5