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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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year B — 17th October 2021

REFLECTION

When we set out to follow Jesus, faithful to the promises that we made at baptism to renounce sin and live lives directed by the Spirit, we normally do so with generosity of heart. However, after we have borne the burdens of this decision and realise some of the implications of our commitment, we begin to wonder if it was worth it. We believe that God will generously bless us. Still, would it be so wrong to hope for a little more, especially if we have made significant sacrifices along the way?

Of those to whom much has been given, much will be required in return. The closer we are to Jesus, the more we will be expected to mirror him. The great ones in the reign of God, the ones who exercise authority over others, must be the servants of the rest. Parents, teachers, civil authorities, managers of every kind, pastoral leaders must all be servants, as Jesus was a servant. We will also have to drink from his cup of suffering and be baptised into his death. As we draw close to the one who gave his life as an offering for sin, we will find that the same self-sacrifice is being asked of us. When we struggle with the misfortunes that we face because of our commitment to Jesus, we will have him as an inspiration and a model to follow. He can sympathise with our weaknesses, identify with our suffering. We can draw strength from his example and hope from his kindness.

Dianne Bergant CSA



Australian Dioceses Prepare for Synod Launch

This Sunday, October 17, the Church in Melbourne joins the rest of the world in the diocesan launch of the 2021-2023 Synod on Synodality. It marks the beginning of an intentional process of mutual listening that will span two years and engage the people of God in a journey of communion, participation and mission. As the vademecum (handbook) for the Synod states: 'This rediscovery of the synodal roots of the Church will involve a process of humbly learning together how God is calling us to be as the Church in the third millennium.'

The theme "**For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission**" is a journey that Pope Francis has invited the entire Church to take together. "Celebrating a Synod means walking on the same road, together," the Pope said in his homily. That path of walking together will see dioceses conduct local consultations that inform national reports that will help shape preparations for the Synod of Bishops, including the drafting of its *instrumentum laboris* or working document. There will also be regional consultations for episcopal conferences, with Australian bishops to meet with members of the New Zealand, Pacific Island and Papua New Guinea/Solomon Islands bishops conferences to prepare for the 2023 gathering in Rome.

Locally, the first General Assembly of the Plenary Council concluded on October 10, where Church renewal and synodality was at the forefront of discussion.

As we look towards the second Assembly in July 2022, now is the perfect opportunity for us to build on the current momentum for renewal and support the Diocesan phase of the Pope's 2021-2023 Synod.

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

The month of October is devoted to the Holy Rosary.

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

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?wd=cVRKdUxRc2hYY3RHcWZ0cWZ0ckgvSU93QT09>

Meeting ID: 824 5570 7826

Passcode: 723631





Plenary Council Closing Address By The Most Rev Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, President of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia

“As we come to the conclusion of this first general assembly of the fifth plenary council of the catholic church in Australia, I would like to like to call us back to the words of Pope Francis which shaped the direction of the agenda which has guided our encounters this week. In a sense, the Pope’s words might almost be for us, a way of discerning both our individual engagement with the assembly this week, and our journey together. Pope Francis often reminds us that “synodality” means ‘walking together’. We have been walking together this week and in rejoicing in that and thanking God for that, we can also ask ourselves how well have we avoided the danger perhaps of walking alone or only in a small group of like-minded people. So let us listen again to those words of Pope Francis:

I dream of a missionary option, that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything so that the churches customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules language and instructions can be suitable channelled for the evangelisation of today’s world, rather than for herself preservation.

Many times this week we have been reminded that the church does not exist for its own sake, but rather exists to help bring about the kingdom of God. As I remarked in the Homily of the solemn opening Mass of the Plenary Council, we, the Church, are called to be together “a sign and an instrument of communion with God and of unity among all people”. This week, we have been trying to discern together how we, the Church, can become more fully a clear, unambiguous, and effective sign of this communion. We have done this because we are sure that it is as the People of God, the body of Christ in the world that we can be God’s instrument for the establishment of God’s kingdom. All week we have been exploring together possible ways of re-casting ourselves, re-positioning ourselves, the Church in Australia for this mission. And this exploration can and must continue. Together we have lived through what has been an inspiring and challenging and sometimes unsettling week for many of us. We have heard of the joy of belonging to the Church and to the hope it brings into the lives of many, but we have to touch the pain of those who have suffered and continue to suffer through the engagement with the church. As we respond to all this, we are called, I believe, to heed the words of St Paul, who tells the Christians in Philippi and us: you must have in you the same mind that was in Christ Jesus. Through the rich variety of experiences this week, and all the challenges and sometimes the frustrations we have faced, we have been deeply engaged in the work and the art of discernment. This has called us to embrace the sometimes quite demanding idea that the voice of God may indeed be heard in the voices of others even when they jar with us or at times unsettle us. We have learned through practice and will continue to learn through practice to listen deeply and carefully, certainly in a respectful way, which can be demanding enough, but also in an open-hearted, a large-hearted way, which can be more demanding still. In all of this, we are perhaps, tentatively at times, charting a new way forward, the way of synodality. As we do move forward in the next nine months and beyond, we will have to discern carefully in what ways and to what extent we can and must work together, holding in creative tension many different and contrasting voices and where it might be that God is pointing us in a particular direction and we are all called to follow together.

Today, we draw to a close the first phase of the celebration of the Fifth Plenary Council of the Church in Australia. This week has been a culmination of many years of preparation for this important event in the life of the Lord’s church here in this land. And as has been mentioned just before my address, we owe an enormous debt of gratitude to everyone who has been and will continue to be with us, a part of the journey, because we are, indeed, a people who must and do rely on each other in order to build the kingdom of God.

This period of celebration of the Plenary Council is also a journey which will last for nine months. Although we will all now need to take some well-deserved rest in whatever ways that might be possible for us in the midst of the realities of our daily lives, we do not stand still. The journey continues and will call for our engagement in many different ways. Certainly, after whatever time we can take for rest and renewal, we will need to remain open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit who will lead us more deeply into all that we have shared together this week. We remain, together, members of this solemn assembly and will remain so until the end of the second and final assembly in July next year. We await indications from the Steering Committee as to how the work of this week will be carried on in the months to come and in what ways we will be invited to continue in our role as members of the Council. The bonds we have forged and the trust we have established will serve us well as these months unfold.

At his Last Supper Jesus promised to send his Holy Spirit to the community of his first disciples and as he died on the cross we are told in John’s gospel, that he breathed out his spirit over the infant church gathered at the foot of the cross in the person of the Mother of Jesus, and the beloved disciple. In a sense we, too, have found ourselves gathered at the foot of the cross this week because, as again John’s Gospel reminds us, Jesus was lifted up so that all the scattered children of God would be gathered into one. We have experienced this gathering, this oneness, throughout this week, sometimes as a powerful reality and sometimes as a dream for which we are longing and which is so often only imperfectly realised. It is a oneness, a communion, that as it grows will enable us to throw everything we are and have into the great task of bringing the light of Christ into the dark and lonely places of our world and of our own lives. This week we have not been alone, notwithstanding the isolation which has been forced upon many of us because of Covid. We have been accompanied by the prayers of our brothers and sisters in the community of faith who are looking to us with so much hope. It is these brothers and sisters to whom we will now return. We have carried their hopes and dreams into our plenary assembly. We will continue to walk with them as we share our experience of the Plenary Council with them and as we reflect with them on the ever present and pressing question: what do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?

As we conclude our time together this week, I want to offer you the same thought I shared with you at the beginning of our assembly. The Lord Jesus is always with us. The Lord Jesus remains faithful and **true** and He says to us, as he said to his first disciples, “Take courage, I am with you. Do not be afraid.” With these words, and in accordance with Article 28 of the Statutes and Regulatory Norms of the Plenary Council, I hereby adjourn this First General Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of the Catholic Church in Australia and I summon all members to resume for the Second General Assembly of the Plenary Council in Sydney on the 4th of July 2022. May God, who has begun the good work in us, bring it to fulfillment. Thank you!”

(The Closing Address can be viewed on this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nPx8Dg4i0hA>)



Helping Our Children to Connect Safely

Running from 23 to 31 October 2021, Children's Week is a national celebration recognising the talents, skills, achievements and rights of children. To celebrate Children's Week, the Archdiocese of Melbourne is highlighting the issue of online safety with parents, carers, parish leaders, staff and volunteers, and with the children in our parishes. Our hope is that we might support efforts to keep children safe as, increasingly, they use digital technology to connect to activities in their parish, and with their peers and family.

Children's Week is a national celebration recognising the talents, skills, achievements and rights of children, and offering an opportunity to consider the social conditions that affect the lives and future of our children. The theme this year is **'Children have the right to choose their friends and safely connect with others'**, drawn from Article 15 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Children and young people are at the heart of our parishes in the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, and Children's Week is an opportunity to reflect on how this is expressed in our communities—how we support our children and young people, ensuring that they feel safe and able to grow in their faith.

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[Protecting God's Children resource](#) and [suggested reading list](#);
['Feel Safe and Be Safe at Our Church' poster](#);
['Electronic Communication including Social Media' fact sheet](#)
[Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy](#)

REMEMBERING OUR BELOVED ONES ON REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

In the month of 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.



Laughter may seem like all fun and games, but it has some serious benefits too. Every time you laugh, whether it's a giggle or a guffaw, your brain is flooded with a cocktail of endorphins and serotonin. The former helps kill pain, and the latter gives you a jolt of happiness. When you laugh, the heightened activity in your heart, lungs and circulation also helps to boost your immune system and further lift your mood. And the best part about it is you don't need to go to the doctor to get new laughter prescriptions: you just need to hone in on your sense of humour. Using laughter as your guide, you can actually train your sense of humour to find the good in trying situations, making them easier to navigate. And by building on what you already find funny and keeping your mind open to new LOL-worthy experiences, you can profoundly contribute to your wellbeing.

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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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:

Neil Stapleton, 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

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 NAB Bank Accounts; 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

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

First Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering. If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done. His soul's anguish over he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God!

Psalm: Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him, 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.' When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them: 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon:

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

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 / household. 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



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

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

Lockdown Light—Week Six

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: The irreplaceable role of parents

The role of parents cannot be underestimated. And while parents have a natural role—to protect and provide—we can sometimes forget the irreplaceable role parents have in the spiritual and emotional lives of their children. Find out more here: www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving6a

Getting to know your Bible: Understanding Mary in the Bible

Getting started: Why do Catholics call Mary their Mother? Isn't that taking away some of the respect due to Jesus and giving it to Mary? Om the cpntrar. Om tjos vodep. Fr Mike Schmitz discusses how a relationship with Mary can strengthen our faith life. Watch at: www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted6

Going deeper: How are Mary and the Ark of the Covenant from Exodus connected? What relevance does that have today? In this video, Dr Brant Pitre explores Mary's role as the new Ark of the Covenant—the dwelling place of the Lord on earth. View here: www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper6