

St Patrick's

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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 C — 19th December 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT—REFLECTION

“Life In The Womb”



This little gospel story tells us that ‘the baby in Elizabeth’s womb leaped’ and not merely leaped, but leaped ‘for joy’. Is this just poetic hyperbole?

We know that beautiful music can have a wonderful effect on life in the womb. Good vibrations. Here, the presence of Jesus, being carried by Mary in her pregnancy, had a wonderful effect on the life carried by Elizabeth. Very good vibrations.

From the moment of the conception of Jesus, good vibrations reverberated out to all human beings. The good news is that you and I and every human life ever conceived is visited by Our Risen Lord Jesus Christ, and we receive that visit as Original Blessing.

There is a further and consoling truth. Every mother or father who has lost a baby too early needs to know that the same extraordinary sense of Our Lord’s presence was felt by your baby. That Divine Presence conferred a powerful Original Blessing on that little life within the womb, and that same Presence accompanied your baby into the everlasting embrace of Divine Love in Heaven.

We could pause a moment to pray using the very words of Elizabeth, reciting:

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou among women,

and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners

now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

By Dianne Bergant CSA

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU SIGN IN WITH THE QR CODE AND SHOW YOUR PROOF OF VACCINATION

REGULAR WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

ST PATRICK'S
9.15am on Tuesday and Wednesday THIS WEEK ONLY.
NO 9.15 AM MASS ON FRIDAY THIS WEEK.

ST KEVIN'S
9.15am on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.
On Saturdays: Adoration and Reconciliation at 5.30pm

WEEKEND MASS TIMES FOR THE FULLY VACCINATED

DAY	ST PATRICK'S	ST KEVIN'S
Christmas Vigil	As per Mass schedule below	As per Mass schedule below
Sunday	9.00 AM & 10.30AM	10.30 AM

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2021—ST KEVIN'S

Friday 24th December 2021:

7.00 pm: Carols
7.30 pm: Christmas Vigil Mass
Reader: Rosemary McGeoch



11.30 pm: Carols
12.00 am: Midnight Mass
Reader: Caroline Gojak

Saturday, 25th December 2021—Christmas Day

10.30 am: Christmas Day Mass
Reader: Vince Aquende

NO 6.00 PM MASS

Sunday, 26th December 2021

10.30 am: Sunday Mass (Reader: Vince Aquende)

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2021—ST PATRICK'S

Friday 24th December 2021:

6.30 pm: Carols
7.00 pm: Christmas Vigil Mass
Reader: Stephen Poore



9.30 pm: Carols
10.00 pm: Christmas Mass
Readers: Pious Joseph and Teresa Leech

Saturday, 25th December 2021—Christmas Day

9.00 am: Christmas Day Mass
Readers: Maureen Medanis and Joan Krutli

Sunday, 26th December 2021

9.00 am: Sunday Mass (Reader: Stephen Poore)

NO 5.00 PM MASS

"CUPPAs" ROSTER—ST PATRICK'S SUNDAY, 26TH DECEMBER 2021

8.30 am:
5.00 pm: **NO MASS**

BAPTISMS AT ST PATRICK'S AND ST KEVIN'S
Please contact the parish office for
information Phone: (03) 9568 7365

Reading Roster for Next Sunday 26th December, 2021

St Kevin's	St Patrick's
Sat. 25th December — NO 6.00PM MASS	Sun. 9.00am - Stephen Poore
Sun. 10.30am- Vince Aquende	Sun. 26th December—NO 5.00PM MASS

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

Neil Stapleton (brother of Michael Stapleton), Mrs Barbara Brown (Mother of Angela Baptist and Grandmother of Fr. James Baptist), Thomas Uil (Father of Michael Uil); Bruce Thompson (Husband of Valerie Thompson), Sr Eileen Jones (Presentation Nun), Sheila Sullivan.

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:

Ros and Terry Nicholls (Arcare), Frank Jackson, Han Kwee, Jack Mack, Michael Chew, Kurt Siegermeier, Coleen Parris, Thomas (Fr Siby's Dad), Rodney Gardner (grandson of Pat Gardner), Arnold Briones (brother-in-law of Mercy Patwaran)



STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE

Dear Parishioners,

The next batch of Thanksgiving envelopes starting Jan 2022 will be available for collection from the church foyer from this weekend onwards. The 'TAP & GO' donation machines in the Parishes are active for your convenience.

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 Murrumbena 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

Last Weekend's Collection
(11th/12th December 2021)

Church Presbytery

St Kevin's \$ To be advised next week

St Patrick's \$ To be advised next week

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: Micah 5:1-4

A reading from the prophet Micah.

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old.

The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth. Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel. He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God. They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land. He himself will be peace.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God!

Psalm: 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19. R.v.4

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world: You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me.

You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, 'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.' Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 1:39-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with

a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

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

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

St Patrick's:

Tues 21st and Wed 22nd AFTER the 9.15 am Mass and Fri 24th from 9.00am to 10.00 am.

No Mass on Friday 24th December at 9.15am.

St Kevin's:

Mon to Thurs AFTER the 9.15 am Mass

and Friday 24th from 9.00am to 10.00 am.

No Mass on Friday 24th December at 9.15am.

Roster for "Communion to the Housebound/Sick"

A new "Communion" roster will be drawn up beginning February 2022. Please advise of those who are housebound or sick who need to be added to the list. Thank you.

Yasmin 0433 336 483 / Teresa 0422 923 501
Ministry to the Housebound and Sick

Donations towards the purchase of Flowers for our Churches at Christmas

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

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

We are looking for Volunteers to help give out newsletters to our housebound parishioners. Please enter your name on the sheet left in the church foyer. Thank you!



Child Safety is Everybody's Responsibility
For information and Child Safety matters you can contact the Parish Child Safety Committee via celticparishes@gmail.com



Pope's Prayer intention for December 2021

"Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit." — Pope Francis"



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