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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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year C — 23rd January 2022

REFLECTION

In both the reading from Nehemiah and the Gospel passage, we see the dynamic power of the word of God. Paul's teaching originated as oral proclamation, and like the texts read by Ezra the priest and the one interpreted by Jesus himself, it was first proclaimed aloud. Only later were these proclamations written and handed down from one community to another, from one generation to the next.

The word of God elicits various responses. In the first reading, the people cried out in response: 'Amen, amen! So be it! We hear and we will obey!' From the verses contained in today's gospel, we do not know how those who heard Jesus' interpretation reacted to it. We do know that both audiences listened intently to the sacred words of Scripture. Can we do less? Are we eager to obey? Do we view the law as a treasure, as life-giving? Have we learned to live with each other as members of one body, each member being important and contributing to the total health of the entire body?

Both Ezra and Jesus proclaimed the word of God within the context of a liturgical celebration, a setting similar to the ones wherein most people today hear God's word proclaimed. According to the teaching of Vatican II, the liturgy is described as the source and summit of our lives, and the liturgy of the word is an essential part of that celebration. With the people of Ezra, we are invited to respond: 'Amen, amen! Thanks be to God!'

By Dianne Bergant CSA

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays

St Kevin's: Monday to Friday at 9.15 am

St Patrick's: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 9.15 am

Weekends

St Kevin's: Saturday 6.00 pm and Sunday 10.30 am

St Patrick's: Sunday 8.30 am and Sunday 5.00 pm

Effective first Sunday in February (6th February 2022), the Sunday morning Mass at St Patrick's will be at 9.00 am.

Reading Roster for Next Weekend 29th/30th January, 2022

St Kevin's	St Patrick's
Sat 6.00 pm - Rosemary McGeoch	Sun 8.30am - Joan Krutli
Sun 10.30am - Caroline Gojak	Sun 5.00pm - Pious Joseph and Leena Pious

"CUPPAS" ROSTER—ST PATRICK'S SUNDAY, 30TH JANUARY 2022: 8.30 am: Jill and John Murtagh

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU SIGN IN WITH THE QR CODE AND MASK IS MANDATORY FOR INDOORS

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

First Reading: Neh 8:2-6, 8-10

A reading from the book of Nehemiah

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people—since he stood higher than all the people—Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, 'Amen! Amen!'; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read. Then Nehemiah — His Excellency—and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.' For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law. He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be said: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God!

Psalm: 18:8-10, 15 R. See Jn6:63

R. Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:12-30

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

Just as the human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink. Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. If the good were to say, 'I am not a hand and so I do not belong to the body', would that mean that it stopped being part of the body? If the ear were to say, 'I am not an eye, and so I do not belong to the body', would that mean that it is not a part of the body? If your whole body was just one eye, how would you hear anything? If it was just one ear, how would you smell anything? Instead of that, God put all the separate parts into the body on purpose. If all the parts were the same, how could it be a body? As it is, the parts are many but the body is one. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I do not need you,' nor can the head say to the feet, 'I do not need you.' What is more, it is precisely the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest which are the indispensable ones; and it is the least honourable parts of the body that we clothe with the greatest care. So our more improper parts get decorated in a way that our more proper parts do not need. God has arranged the body so that more dignity is given to the parts which are without it, and so that there may not be disagreements inside the body, but that each part may be equally concerned for all the others. If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt with it. If one part is given special honour, all parts enjoy it. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it. In the Church, God has given the first place to apostles, the second to prophets, the third to teachers; after them, miracles, and after them the gift of healing; helpers, good leaders, those with many languages. Are all of them apostles, or all of them prophets, or all of them teachers? Do they all have the gift of miracles, or all have the gift of healing? Do all speak strange languages, and all interpret them?

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eye-witnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received. Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him. He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written: The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down.

Communion Antiphon: I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

Let's pray in faith, hope and love for the recently deceased:
Ray Blanchfield (relative of Mary Blanchfield), Giovanna Matarazzo (wife of late Giuseppe Matarazzo), Bozidar Kostic (uncle of Marianne Somerville) and Rosalind Nicholls (wife of Terry Nicholls).

Let's also pray for the Sick:

Gabrielle (Patrick Leech's sister), 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)

Communion Ministry Roster—Feb-May 2022

Please check the St Patrick's Notice Board for both, the St Patrick's and St Kevin's Communion Volunteers roster. It is the responsibility of each volunteer to organize communion with the assigned parishioner who is housebound or in Aged Care (Arcare/Claremont Terrace). **NOTE:** Following the distribution of Communion, contact the Emergency Co-ordinator to allow for an update of our records.

Emergency Coordinators:

Feb-April: St Patrick's - Jane Biasuzzo 0411 283 200;

March-May: St Kevin's - Yasmin Miranda 0433 336 483

Distribution of Parish Newsletters

Each Volunteer has been allocated a housebound or former parishioner in Aged Care to distribute the parish Newsletter.

Note: Important details on Notice Board.

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE

Dear Parishioners,

The next batch of Thanksgiving envelopes starting Jan 2022 are now available for collection from the church foyer. 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 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

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St Vincent de Paul Society
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good works

The Murrumbeena Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society provide emergency food and assistance to families and people doing it tough in the Ormond and Murrumbeena 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