

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

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C - 28 AUGUST 2022

Reflection

The goodness of God is seen in the extravagant generosity with which God gives gifts. This is described in the psalm in the boundlessness and universal scope of God's generosity. Like the rain that falls on the entire landscape, the blessings of God are showered on all. These blessings are true gifts. They have not been earned, nor can they be repaid. God's openness is also seen in the reading from the Letter to the Hebrews and in the gospel. All are invited to approach the heavenly city; the heavenly banquet will be open to the poor and to those who have no way of repaying.

Only the humble can receive the gifts of God. Only those who can admit their neediness are open enough to realise that God's blessings are gifts freely given, not compensation for a job well done. Without a humble spirit we are unable to receive gifts as gifts. This is either because we are too proud or we do not know how to receive with the open hearts of children, who never think that they must return in kind. This is the kind of humility recommended by Sirach. This is the kind of humility possessed by the disadvantaged pictured in the gospel.

As we have received from the bounty of God, so we are called to give to others. Only those who have received with a humble spirit can give with the generosity of God, for they know that they do not deserve God's goodness and they do not require anything in return.

Dianne Bergant CSA



MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays

St Kevin's: Mon to Fri 9.15 am
Thurs 9.15am Mass followed by Adoration.

St Patrick's: Tues, Wed; 9.15am
No morning Mass at St Patrick's this Friday 2/9/22
Sat 9.15 am Mass followed by Adoration and Reconciliation.

Weekends

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

St Patrick's: Sun 9.00 am and 5.00 pm

Confession on Saturdays after 9.15 am Mass



THIS SUNDAY IS "SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY"

This year's Social Justice Statement, **Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse**, invites us to engage with a complex and confronting social reality. It explores the roots of violence and abuse, honours the voices of victims, offers a social and theological exploration of the reality of violence, especially against women and children, and invites us to develop relationships in all parts of our lives 'marked by equality and reciprocity rather than domination and violence, respect and freedom rather than coercion and control.' We welcome this urgent call from our Church to deepen our faith through full and frank discussion and dialogue, advocacy and action. If the content of the Statement raises issues or concerns for you, please refer to the Getting Help page in the Statement for a list of support channels, or speak to a trusted friend, your GP, your parish priest or parish pastoral worker.

Access the Statement <https://bit.ly/SJS22-23>.

More information: ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace,
www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or Tel (02) 62019845.

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PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM



Dear Parishioners,

In May last year, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli wrote to us about “the uncertainty that the future holds in our current circumstances. He stated, “The Gospel we have given our lives to is seriously challenged by cultural shifts, by social disinterest, by pandemic-induced loss, and by a very painful history”.

Leadership in twenty-first-century organisations, including parishes, is becoming more and more complex. Factors such as safeguarding, workplace law, declining church attendance, aging leadership and an aggressively secular culture make our traditional model of parish leadership—of the priest who lives alone, ministers alone and makes decisions alone—increasingly untenable and ineffective.

My focus going forward as your Parish Priest is to revitalise our parishes, so they continue to flourish and grow, and to make them more missionary so they are vibrant communities of faith. But I can't do it on my own!

Just as Saints Peter, James and John became the “leadership team” of Our Lord, I too need such a team. To that end after a short period of formation and consultation by Parish Animation Team from the Archdiocese, I have chosen Jane Lama, Pious Joseph, Maureen Medaris, and Caroline Gojak to form a Senior Leadership Team (SLT). This team (SLT) will provide leadership and guidance - to work closely with me, support me, and assist me with the decision making and implementation of the day to day running of the parish. I am so very grateful to each one of them for agreeing to take on this role and for their passion, faith, love and commitment to the revitalisation of our parishes. You will hear more from the leadership team in due course, and you will hear more about the formation of a new Parish Pastoral Council for the combined parishes. But I just wanted to let you know of this news, and to ask for your prayers as we embark on a great journey of new initiatives, new programs and renewal for St. Patrick's and St. Kevin's.

Fr. Siby John SAC
Parish Priest



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

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



**St Vincent de Paul Society
(Ormond or Murrumbena)**

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

Saturday, 3 September, 2 - 4pm - National Intercessions for Australia – ‘Rosary to the Shores’

All are invited to gather to pray Rosary and the Chaplet to the Divine Mercy, or other prayers in unity with other communities for Australia on Saturday, 3 September at 2-4 pm at Port Melbourne Beach near Station Pier [Melway 57 A4] or Edithvale Beach, Sinclair Ave., Edithvale [Melway 92 K9]. You are welcome to bring pictures of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Divine Mercy picture, or St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. It is a special opportunity for us to intercede for our nation on the Feast of St Gregory the Great and be witnesses of faith to many walkers who may be also present there. If you are unable to join us at the beach please unite in prayer at your local parish. Praying on the coast has been initiated by Poland and followed by Britain and Ireland with great support. Our nation needs many prayers and we appreciate your support. Please refer to our webpage at www.auip.org.au or email us at auip@tpg.com.au. “Where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there among them.” (Matt 18:20)



Next Sunday, 4th September, "Father's Day", we will have a special envelope collection for the Priests Retirement Foundation



Father's Day Appeal—Sunday, 4th September 2022

The Priests Retirement Foundation runs the Father's day appeal annually on the first Sunday of September, Father's Day. Appeal envelopes will be available in your Church in the first week of September. The donations received go towards the cost of supporting our retired priests, a cost of approximately \$3m annually.

The Foundation's mission is to provide complete care to the retired clergy within the Archdiocese of Melbourne, due to either age or sickness. This includes, but is not limited to the provision of suitable accommodation and health care and medical out of pocket costs.

Priests are not employees of the Archbishop or the Parish so they are not eligible for Superannuation. Like everyone else in the workplace, priests provide for their retirement by contribution 12.5% of the weekly presbytery collection to the Foundation. In the last financial year, the Foundation spent \$4.375 million "caring for those who cared" - our retired priests.

Today, the Foundation in conjunction with the Archdiocese of Melbourne, cares for about 90 retired priests. It is anticipated that over the next five years, there will be an average of 5 priests retiring each year. It will cost the \$3m annually, to support these priests in various places and in varying degrees of care, from low care to high care.

The physical and mental wellbeing of all retired priests is continually overseen by two highly qualified nurses also funded by the Foundation. The Foundation depends on your support.



**Inner Healing & Forgiveness through Meditation on Jesus
September 16 – 17, 2022**

Prayer & Meditation through gentle postures and breathing in the Holy Spirit, heals body, mind and soul).

Gospel of John 17:11; "Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me..."

Retreat begins at 5.30pm on Friday 16th September and concludes at 4.30pm on Saturday 17th of September.

Guided by Fr. Gilbert Carlo SVD Contact: At 22 Woodvale Road, Boronia, Victoria 3155.

RSVP Tel: 0424202191 or Email: gilbertcarlo@gmail.com



I acknowledge the Boonwurrung and Wotwot people of the Kulin Nation as the traditional custodians of the land on which I live and work. I pay my respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging and extend that respect to the First Nations Peoples of other communities with whom I connect.

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Interludes of Your Making - Spiritual Journaling' (via Zoom), Saturday 10 September 2022, 10am-3pm

(You are invited to step aside for a personal interlude - a day to be supported as you quietly listen to your heart and allow the Spirit within to lead you gently forward. Through intervals of creative expression and private reflection, individuals can foster new ways of attuning, sensing and articulating inner experiences. Playful use of mixed media expands the contemplative attentiveness. A focused process facilitates a gentle unfolding of self-understanding and meaning. Spiritual journaling will enable participants to notice emerging possibilities, capture otherwise fleeting insights and ponder a path of growth and change. This is a private, companioned journey with no necessity to share. You can enter into your process at your own pace. No art experience is necessary. The outcome will be fresh awareness of your inner self. Led by Margaret Trainor, qualified in spiritual direction and art therapy. Cost \$60. Book and pay via www.heartoflife.melbourne, email secretary@heartoflife.melbourne.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY
In Faith, Hope and Love, let us pray for repose of the souls of ...

Ernest Perris (Husband of Colleen Perris); Regina Rowling (Cousin of Melissa Parkinson); Alan Patrick Murtagh (Brother of John Murtagh);



PRAY FOR THE SICK

18-month-old Lizzy Stanley (daughter of Karly & Patrick Stanley); Earl Edwards (Husband of Dorothy); Helmut Grosser (Father of Dr Olivia Grosser-Ljubanovic); Gabrielle and Denis (Sister and Brother of Patrick Leech); Rodney Gardner, Margaret McGill, Joan Egan, Maria Sheila P Mangubat, Yvonne Maher, Terry Nicholls (Arcare), Han Kwee, Jack Mack, Coleen Perris.



ROSTER



CUPPA'S ROSTER—Sunday 4th September 2022

9.00 am: Marianne Somerville

5.00 pm: Teresa and Patrick Leech

ROSTER



READER'S ROSTER—Saturday 3rd/Sunday 4th September 2022

St Kevin's

St Patrick's

Sat. 6pm Vigil – Rosemary McGeoch

Sun. 9.00am - Joan Krutli

Sun. 10.30am - Vince Aquende

Sun. 5.00pm – Kirsten Warboys and Maureen Medaris

Parish Offerings 27/28th August	St Kevin's	St Patrick's
Church	\$ 638.80	\$606.85
Presbytery	\$423.90	\$491.80
CatholicCare Victoria	\$521.00	\$325.00

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: **Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.**

FIRST READING: Sir 3:17-20, 28-29
A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus
My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.
The word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God!

PSALM: 67:4-7. 10-11. R. v. 11
God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

SECOND READING: Heb 12:18-19, 22-24
A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.
The word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia, Alleluia!**
Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Lk 14:1. 7-14
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.' Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

The Gospel of the Lord!
R. Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: **How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.**



Father's Day In Our Parishes

Next Sunday, 4th September 2022, all fathers are invited to the 9am Mass at St Patrick's or the 10.30 am Mass at St Kevin's followed by a fellowship "cuppa".

FIRST FRIDAY, 2ND SEPTEMBER MASS AND ADORATION AT

ST KEVIN'S CHURCH 9.15 AM Mass and Adoration

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH:
Mass 7.00 pm
Adoration 7.30-10.00pm

PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO morning Mass at St Patrick's on Friday, 2nd September 2022.

MASK-WEARING IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED



Due to the high numbers of COVID and Flu cases in Victoria, the Government and the Archdiocese are strongly encouraging us to wear masks indoors and in crowded settings.

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.