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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

First Sunday of Lent —Year C — 06 March 2022

REFLECTION

It is said that without the faculty of memory there can be no sense of identity. We don't know who we are or where we are going without knowing where we have been. For the people of Israel, it was critical to remember with gratitude the saving acts of God that had brought them to the land of promise, passing from slavery to freedom.

Today's text from Deuteronomy was Israel's first creed and it played an important role in forming Israel's identity as a people cherished and chosen to be God's people in a unique way.

In the temptation scene, we see Jesus coming to terms with his identity as God's Son. Where was his life going? How was he to live as Son of God? For 40 days the devil searches and probes, entices and challenges. Ultimately, Jesus proclaims that God is the source of his life, the devil's offer of power an illusion, and forcing God's hand is not acceptable for the person of faith.

In writing to the Christian community of Rome, Paul had to deal with the question of the identity of Christians and their relationship to the people of Israel and the Jewish law.

While the people of Israel continued to have a special place in God's plans, Paul knew that the law that had been given to Moses now played a secondary role for Christians. Paul makes it clear that due to God's graciousness both Jews and Gentiles can be saved by means of faith in Jesus.

Fr Christopher Monaghan CP

Begin Lent on the right foot: Here's Pope Francis' message



"In God, no act of love, no matter how small, and no 'generous effort' will ever be lost."

Pope Francis' message for Lent 2022 encourages us: **Let us not grow tired!**

Let us not grow tired of prayer. Let us not grow tired of uprooting evil. Let us not grow tired of doing good! Here is the text of his message.

And don't forget, Ash Wednesday this year will be a day of prayer and fasting for peace in Ukraine.

"Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all" (Gal 6:9-10)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Lent is a favourable time for personal and community renewal, as it leads us to the paschal mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. For our Lenten journey in 2022, we will do well to reflect on Saint Paul's exhortation to the Galatians: "Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity (*kairós*), let us do good to all" (*Gal 6:9-10*).

Pope Francis

Ukraine Bishop asks Catholics to pray for peace and become ambassadors for Christ



More than a thousand people gathered at St Patrick's Cathedral on Ash Wednesday, as Bishop Mykola Bychok CSsR, head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church of Australia, joined Archbishop Peter Comensoli for a Mass specially dedicated to praying for peace in Ukraine. Bishop Mykola expressed gratitude for the community's ongoing prayers and **urged everyone to 'remember Ukraine and her people this Lent'**. In his homily, Bishop Bychok called on those gathered to continue praying for his homeland of Ukraine, and to enter Lent by heeding St Paul's words to become "ambassadors of Christ".

"St Paul exhorts us today in the second letter to Corinthians that 'we are ambassadors of Christ as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God'. "These words are as important to us today as they were when St Paul wrote them.

"We are called to be true ambassadors of God's love, peace and mercy ... Last Wednesday Pope Francis announced 2 March as a day of prayer and fasting for peace in Ukraine. The Holy Father appealed to those 'with political responsibility to examine their consciences seriously before God, who is the God of peace and not of war, who is the Father of all, not just of some, who wants us to be brothers and not enemies'.

"I thank God that I have an opportunity to be here among you today and pray together for peace in Ukraine, as she faces the hideous evil of war, violence, and hostility, from an enemy who is deaf to all pleas for peace, and makes war against a peaceful neighbour, Ukraine, who has done her no wrong, and has only good will toward her. "Ukraine is not Russia's enemy. Please pray for Ukraine as she passes through this terrible trial and suffering."

Is there
more to
life than this

Alpha

Explore more about life, faith and meaning
St. Patrick's and St. Kevin's Alpha starts this Thursday!!
Are you coming?

The Alpha program provides a fabulous opportunity to find out more about God and learn what having faith is all about.

Even if you have never considered something like this before, we encourage you to give it a try!

When: Thursday, 10 March at **7.30pm**

Where: Via Zoom

RSVP: ASAP - email: murrumbeena@cam.org.au or for more information text/call Maria on 0438 088 681.



Project Compassion Sunday 5 & 6 March 2022



Anatercia 12, was struggling to cope with adult responsibilities after her father died. Then she participated in Caritas Australia-supported training and gained access to psychosocial supports.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help youngpeople succeed in the future and bring stability to vulnerable youth like Anatercia.



Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All FutureGenerations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.

Let's also pray for the Sick:

Thomas (Fr Siby's Dad), Dena Hooper (Joan Hooper's daughter-in-law) and Yasmin Slater (Joan Hooper's grand-daughter), Margaret McGill, Maria Sheila P Mangubat, Joan & Les Egan, Yvonne Maher, Gabrielle (Patrick Leech's sister), Terry Nicholls (Arcare), Frank Jackson, Han Kwee, Jack Mack, Michael Chew, Kurt Siegermeier, Coleen Perris, Rodney Gardner, Arnold Briones (Brother-in-law of Mercy Patwaran)

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays

St Kevin's: Monday to Friday at 9.15 am

St Patrick's: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 9.15 am

Weekends

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

St Patrick's: Sunday 9.00 am and Sunday 5.00 pm

Reading Roster for Next Weekend 12th/13th March 2022

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PATCARE

Patcare is an emergency short term service in the areas of visitation to the sick and housebound, providing limited transport and also providing food according to the needs of the parishioner. Currently, we have 8 enthusiastic volunteers and if you feel you may be interested, your service would be much appreciated. The roster allows for flexibility and not too great a demand on your time. Please contact the main or emergency coordinator if you are interested in helping others especially at this difficult period of Covid.

Main Coordinator: Maria Fernandez 0405 327 041

Emergency Coordinator (Feb-April): Cathie Nankervis 0409 140 332.

Distribution of Parish Newsletters

Each Volunteer has been allocated a housebound or former parishioner in Aged Care to distribute the parish Newsletter. If an aged care facility is in lockdown, it can be left with staff at front door.

Note: Details re addresses/location of newsletter on noticeboards at both churches. Thank you!

Communion Ministry Roster—Feb-May 2022

Please check the [St Patrick's](#) and [St Kevin's](#) Notice Boards for the Communion Volunteers roster. Each volunteer who has been trained is assigned a parishioner in aged care or is housebound. It is the responsibility of each volunteer to contact the parishioner, to keep a record in their record folder of when communion was given and then to notify the coordinators. Thank you to those volunteers who have offered to visit Arcare and Claremont Terrace for a communion service.

Note: Communion Service at Arcare is on the First Wednesday of the month at 11.00 am.

Communion Service at Claremont Terrace is on the Second Sunday of the month at 10.30 am.

Emergency Coordinator for both Parishes

Jane Biasuzzo 0411 283 200;

St Kevin's (April-May) Main Coordinator:

Yasmin Miranda 0433 336 483



Appeal for the people of Ukraine Emergency Relief to aid Refugees

Salesian Missions Australia has launched an Emergency Appeal to aid our Salesians of Don Bosco (SDB's) in Ukraine and surrounding communities to bring aid to refugees. To help support refugees you may wish to donate to the Salesian Missions Australia via:

Mail: Salesian Missions Australia, P. O. Box 264, Ascot Vale, Vic 3032

Give now: <https://www.givenow.com.au/salesianmissionemergencyrelief>

Phone: (03) 9377 6060 (Mon-Thur 9am – 3pm)

Email: salmiss@salesians.org.au

Donations are tax deductible.



The St Vincent de Paul Society has launched emergency flood appeals to assist residents in Queensland and New South Wales with their immediate needs as well as longer-term recovery. Donations to the Vinnies Queensland Flood Appeal will allow Vinnies' volunteer members to provide flood-impacted families with emergency food, clothing and material aid to keep them going through this extraordinarily difficult time, he said in an email to Vinnies' donors. https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Find_Help/Flood_appeal/

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

There will be Stations of the Cross at both churches on Fridays during Lent after the 9.15 am Mass.

Meditation on Jesus
For Healing and Wellbeing Of Body & Soul
(Through gentle postures and breathing exercises)

John 15:4; "Abide in me and I in you".

Saturday 19th March, from 10am – 1pm.

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

RSVP Tel: 03 9762 6625 or

Email: enquiries@janssencentre.org

Or

gilbertcarlo@gmail.com



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Entrance Antiphon: When he calls on me, I will answer him: I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God!

Psalm: 90: 1-2, 10-15. R. v. 15

R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Second Reading: Romans 10: 8-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek; all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him into a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him. 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

Communion Antiphon: One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.



Sacred Heart Girls' College

Open mornings:
9.30 - 10.50am

- Thursday 3 March
- Wednesday 16 March
- Thursday 26 May
- Thursday 23 June
- Thursday 21 July
- Thursday 4 August
- Wednesday 17 August
- Thursday 14 September
- Thursday 13 October

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