

# 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**

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD - YEAR A - SUNDAY 1 JANUARY 2023**

## Reflection

Liturgically, the Octave of Christmas commemorates: the Solemnity of the Mother of God; the day designated for prayers for global peace; and the beginning of the New Year. Though the shepherds gain insight into the presence of God by seeing this holy family, it is Mary who holds all these things in her heart. She is the one who ponders the significance of these mysterious events. Mary becomes for Christians an inspiration of contemplation and reflection. She inspires us to consider deeply the significance of events, lest we go blandly through life without meaning or direction. She inspires us to fidelity to the practices of our faith, practices which are the disciplines of soul that lead the community to a clearer focus on God's presence in human affairs.

The theme of peace appears today on many levels. Its meaning, 'fullness of life', bursts forth in every one of the readings. The ancient prayer or blessing of peace is an appropriate start for the New Year. It resonates well with the angels' wish for people of good will. Peace is also our inheritance in Christ. As adopted children of God, we have been given the freedom to live in a godly manner, calling God our *Abba*. Right relationships in the covenant activity of God are the pathways of peace. The beginning of a New Year is a good time to reach out to others and to pray for God's blessing of peace for each dimension of human encounter.

Dianne Bergant CSA



### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Weekdays

**St Kevin's:**  
Tues 9.15 am and  
Thurs 9.15am Mass followed by  
Adoration and Reconciliation.

**St Patrick's:** Wed and Fri 9.15am  
and 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



**We wish you all God's  
Blessings for the New  
Year!**

**May the peace of God  
reign in our hearts, in  
our homes and in the  
world at large!**

### PARISH OFFICE ON HOLIDAYS

**Our Parish Office will remain closed from  
2nd January 2023 to 31st January 2023 and  
will reopen on Wednesday, 1st February  
2023. There will be NO Newsletters during  
this period.**





## Pope's World Peace Day message: There is light even in our darkest hour

Pope Francis releases his message for the World Day of Peace to be celebrated on 1 January 2023, and recalls that all crises are interconnected and that we must not forget any of them, but work for the good of humanity.

The Holy Father's message, opens with a quotation from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians (5:1-2).

“Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.”

Thus, the Pope recalls that the Apostle Paul encouraged the Thessalonian community to remain steadfast. Likewise he says, “when tragic events seem to overwhelm our lives, we are called to keep our hearts open to hope and to trust in God, who makes himself present, accompanies us with tenderness, sustains us in our weariness and, above all, guides our path.”

“The pandemic seems to have upset even the most peaceful parts of our world, and exposed any number of forms of fragility.”

Three years later, he stresses, “the time is right to question, learn, grow and allow ourselves to be transformed as individuals and as communities” reminding us, as he has done before, that “we never emerge the same from times of crisis: we emerge either better or worse.”

This experience has made us all the more aware of the need for everyone, including peoples and nations, to restore the word “together” to a central place in our lexicon. Only the peace that comes from a fraternal and disinterested love can help us overcome personal, societal and global crises.

### 2023 DAILY MASS BOOKS

As from January 2023 onwards, we have discontinued the printing of the Weekday Readings.

The 2023 Daily Mass Books are available for use in the Church. Please ensure to put them back in the pews before you leave the church.

**THANK YOU TO THOSE PARISHIONERS FROM BOTH CHURCHES WHO DONATED TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS.**



## ROSTER



READER'S ROSTER — Saturday 7th/Sunday 8th January 2023

St Kevin's	St Patrick's
Sat. 6pm Vigil – Rosemary McGeoch	Sun. 9.00am - Marianne Somerville & Kathleen Thompson
Sun. 10.30am - Vince Aquende	Sun. 5.00pm - Kevin Pious

Parish Offerings 24th/25th Dec	St Kevin's	St Patrick's
Church	\$922.50	\$1,690.90
Presbytery	\$1,052.60	\$2,084.35

Thank you so much for your generous contribution to the Parishes and Presbytery!



**LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Julie White (Wife of Martin White); Timothy White (Father of Melissa Parkinson);  
Baby Grace Patawaran Grinter, Margaret Van Langenberg; Charmaine;  
Fred Cutting (Cousin of Tom Frost), Hugh McGill (Husband of Margaret McGill),  
John Harper (Friend of Marian and Stephen Poore),  
Lizzy Stanley (daughter of Karly & Patrick Stanley), Earl Edwards (Husband of Dorothy),  
Rodney Gardner, Joan Egan, Yvonne Maher, Terry Nicholls (Arcare), Han Kwee, Jack Mack.



**LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND FOR THE**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:**

**FR LEO LONG, A MUCH LOVED FORMER PARISH PRIEST OF ORMOND, WHO DIED IN IRELAND RECENTLY,**

**AND FOR**

**FR JOSEPH PATRICK HYNAN WHO PASSED AWAY RECENTLY.**

**DEATH ANNIVERSARY: CLIVE VAN LANGENBERG (HUSBAND OF MARGARET VAN LANGENBERG)**



**STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE CARD**

Dear Parishioners,

Thanksgiving Contributions can be Direct Credited to the Parish Bank Accounts as stated below.  
Please indicate your Thanksgiving Envelope number as your reference.

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**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
(Ormond or Murrumbena)  
If you need assistance Ph: 1800 305 330 If you know someone who needs help give them this number.



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



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: **Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King, who rules heaven and earth for ever.**

FIRST READING: **Nm 6:22-27**

*A reading from the book of Numbers*

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Say this to Aaron and his sons: "This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel, You shall say to them:

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace."

This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.'

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God!**

PSALM: **66:2-3, 5. 6. 8. R. v.2**

**May God bless us in his mercy.**

SECOND READING: Gal 4:4-7

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians*

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father', and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave any more; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; now he speaks to us through His Son. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: Luke 2:16-21

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**R. Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ!**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: **Jesus Chris is the same yesterday, today, and for ever.**



**Prayer to Mary, Mother of God**

Mary, Mother of God my mother, Queen of Peace, ask your Son Jesus to give me the gift of peace. Pray for me for peace; peace in my heart, peace of mind and of soul, peace in my family, peace with all whom I meet, the peace of Jesus.

I put all my hopes in thee, all my salvation. Receive me as thy servant and cover me with the mantle of thy protection, thou the Mother of mercy!  
**Amen**

**A Prayer for World Peace**

(a prayer poem for peace on earth and world unity)

Dear Father of all,

Help us to see the world through your eyes, without dividing lines,

To see just land and water, mountains, trees and skies.

Help us to lay aside our class and skin, our background and race,

To know our shared humanity, to see a brother or sister in every face.

Help us to wear forgiveness, to lay down our pride and pain.

To see first to understand, Lord, may peace and reconciliation reign.

Help us to feel your compassion so we can freely forgive.

May we weave new threads of trace and cause seeds of hope to live.

Help us to play our own small part, with acts of kindness and of care.

May we arise as your children and seek out what is just and fair.

Cause us to make new bonds of trust with neighbours near and far.

And so to fashion a world where peace comes to Earth in this hour.

(Written by Julie Palmer)