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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 of Advent—Year C — 12th December 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT—REFLECTION



We are at the midpoint of Advent. Today we celebrate *Gaudete* Sunday. The principal theme of the day is joy. According to Paul, joy is one of the fruits of the Spirit (cf. Gal 5:22). Such joy is a religious sentiment, not emotional happiness. Along with gratitude, it is the heart's response to God's goodness. Zion is told to shout for joy because it has been saved by God from its enemies and because God is in the midst of the people. The psalm response proclaims the same message; the reading from Philippians announces that the Lord is near. This is cause for joy.

Advent is a time for joy, not primarily because we are anticipating the anniversary of the birth of Christ, but because God is already in our midst (Immanuel). The readings for this Sunday assure us that God is with us, not as a judge but as a Saviour. We rejoice over the saving acts of God that make us confident of God's care and unafraid of whatever may cross our paths. We rejoice in the peace of God that surpasses all understanding. Advent joy is like the delight that fills a woman who has just given birth, even if it occurred in the throes of birthpangs. Advent joy springs from the realisation that the presence of God in our midst can so transform our lives that the promises of peace and security will be fulfilled. Advent joy is the way we live in the tension between already and not yet.

By Dianne Bergant CSA

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



ST ANTHONY'S GLEN HUNTLY CHRISTMAS DAY TAKEAWAY DINNER 2021



Christmas is a time when families come together to celebrate the Birth of Christ but this can sometimes be difficult, as we have recently seen, in 2020 and 2021.

So this year, for our 29th Dinner, we are offering a traditional Christmas Day **TAKEAWAY** Dinner, available for collection at St Anthony's Hall between 12 and 1.30pm on Christmas Day. Or, if you live locally and are not able to come and collect a meal, we are happy to deliver to you at home.

If you would like to enjoy a delicious meal, please fill out a yellow invitation.

If you know someone else who would like a meal, pass this invitation on to them.

If you would like to help with the Christmas Dinner, please fill out a green form.

Both yellow and green forms can be collected from the church foyers of **St Kevin's Ormond and St Patrick's Murrumbena** or at the front door of the Parish House, 74 Grange Road. All completed forms can be returned via email stanthony.christmasdinner@gmail.com or left at the following locations:

- Tony's Café at St Anthony's Hall, 164 Neerim Road Carnegie on Tuesdays between 12.30 and 1.30 and on Thursdays between 3 and 5.30pm;
- St Anthony's Parish House, 74 Grange Road, Glen Huntly in an envelope marked Christmas Dinner

For more information please contact us on 9401 6336 or 0432 087 494.

Appropriate COVID 19 safety measures will be in place.

Christmas Hampers for the Housebound and Sick

Thank you so much for the generosity of parishioners at St Patrick's, St Kevin's and the school community of St Patrick's school for providing such a diverse range of goods for the Xmas hampers. They will be distributed next week by volunteers and are sure these will be greatly appreciated!

Yasmin 0433 336 483 / Teresa 0422 923 501



Volunteers for the Aged Care

We are hoping that in 2022 there will be greater clarity and opportunity to visit aged care facilities as well as the opportunity for including a communion roster for residents. Fortunately, this year, a communion service will be held at Claremont Terrace on December 19th. Thank you to those involved.

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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.

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REGULAR WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

ST PATRICK'S

9.15am on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays
On Saturdays: Adoration and Reconciliation after Mass.

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
Saturday Vigil		6.00 PM
Sunday	8.30 AM & 5.00 PM	10.30 AM

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2021—ST KEVIN'S

Friday 24th December 2021:

7.00 pm: Carols
7.30 pm: Christmas Vigil Mass

11.30 pm: Carols
12.00 am: Midnight Mass



Saturday, 25th December 2021—Christmas Day

10.30 am: Christmas Day Mass

Those of "Unknown Vaccination Status" are requested to join the 10.30 am Mass at St Patrick's (maximum 50 people).

NO 6.00 PM MASS

Sunday, 26th December 2021

10.30 am: Sunday Mass

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2021—ST PATRICK'S

Friday 24th December 2021:

6.30 pm: Carols
7.00 pm: Christmas Vigil Mass

9.30 pm: Carols
10.00 pm: Christmas Mass



Saturday, 25th December 2021—Christmas Day

9.00 am: Christmas Day Mass
10.30 am: Christmas Day Mass for those of "Unknown Vaccination Status only" (maximum 50 people)

Sunday, 26th December 2021

9.00 am: Sunday Mass
10.30 am: Mass for those of "Unknown Vaccination Status only" (maximum 50 people)

NO 5.00 PM MASS

"CUPPAS" ROSTER—ST PATRICK'S SUNDAY, 19TH DECEMBER 2021

8.30 am: Ghislaine Lefeburn
5.00pm: Janet Curtis

BAPTISMS AT ST PATRICK'S AND ST KEVIN'S

Please contact the parish office for information Phone: (03) 9568 7365

Reading Roster for Next Weekend— 18th/19th December, 2021

St Kevin's	St Patrick's
Sat. 6pm Vigil— Rosemary McGeoch and David Zammit	Sun. 8.30am - Philip De Rose and John Murtagh
Sun. 10.30am- Caroline Gojak	Sun. 5.00pm - Teresa Leech

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 Sunday 19th December 2021. 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
(4th/5th December 2021)

	Church	Presbytery
St Kevin's	\$1,271.00	\$475.75
St Patrick's	\$1,506.60	\$404.00

Entrance Antiphon: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah.

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,
Israel, shout aloud!

Rejoice, exult with all your heart,
daughter of Jerusalem!

The Lord has repealed your sentence;
he has driven your enemies away.

The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst;
you have no more evil to fear.

When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem:
Zion, have no fear,

do not let your hands fall limp.

The Lord your God is in your midst,
a victorious warrior.

He will exult with joy over you,

he will renew you by his love;

he will dance with shouts of joy for you

as on a day of festival.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God!

Psalm: Is 12:2-6. R.v.6

**R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is
the great and Holy One of Israel.**

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

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

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

**The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to
bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them

all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Communion Antiphon: Say to the faint of heart:
Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will
come, and he will save us.**



Advent Reflection:

As we approach Christmas, it's important that we spiritually prepare ourselves. You are invited to take part in the last evening of the advent preparation program on:

Friday 17th December -7pm: St. Kevin's Church

**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**

**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