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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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year B — 19th September 2021

REFLECTION

Who are the righteous? This is a question that holds little interest today. We are more concerned with the successful and the famous. We want people to be honest, at least in their dealings with us, but we are more apt to applaud those who are clever. We commend people for making a good deal, for knowing how to get ahead or striking it rich. We extol the beautiful, the strong, the self-assured, those who have made a name for themselves, those who entertain us. We encourage people to be ambitious. Seldom is popularity based on righteousness. Yet righteousness is a pillar of the reign of God. Those who would enter that reign must be gentle and merciful, faithful and sincere, lovers of peace. They must be willing to take the last place, to be the servant of all. The righteous are not often held in high regard. They are often ridiculed and even persecuted. When they are considered a reproach to the standards of society, they may even be put to death. There are times when we might be inclined to envy and resentment, not wanting to feel morally inferior, and we might relish the opportunity of putting the virtue of others to the test. We may say that we want to draw forth their strengths, when we really hope their weaknesses will be revealed and they will prove to be no better than we are. Sometimes the righteous have nowhere else to turn but to Jesus, whose life they are following and into whose death they have been plunged.

By Dianne Bergant, CSA



I am writing this letter to invite you to join Alpha in our combined Parishes. Alpha is an opportunity to explore life, faith and God in a friendly, open and informal environment. I have been thinking of running Alpha in our combined parishes from May this year. An evening commences with a simple meal at 7pm, followed by a song or two, and then a videoed talk. After the talk there is a discussion in small groups on the evening's topic. The evening ends at 9.15pm. Unfortunately, due to the unending lockdown, the restrictions and the uncertainty of the near future, it makes it difficult to gather in person. Therefore, in collaboration with the Archdiocesan Proclaim Team – office for Mission Renewal, I would like to have Alpha information night via Zoom **on Wednesday 22 September from 7.15 pm to 9.15 pm**. On this evening we will run the first of the Alpha sessions – “Is There More to Life than This?” This will give you an opportunity to ‘try before you buy’ so to speak. At the end of this introductory evening, you may indicate whether or not you wish to continue.

Join Alpha on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86514295542?pwd=U0Y3cm8yRit2cXRWWDIKd0ZFRFFmQT09>

Meeting ID: 865 1429 5542

Passcode: 140476

Thank you very much for considering being a part of this exciting new initiative in our parish community.

Yours Sincerely,
Fr Siby John



Daily Holy Mass via Zoom

There will be Holy Rosary at 8.45am, followed by Holy Mass via Zoom. Please use the following link.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82455707826?pwd=cVRKdUxRc2hYY3RHcWZ0ckgvSU93QT09>

Meeting ID: 824 5570 7826

Passcode: 723631

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOCIAL SERVICES SUNDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER 2021



On 19 September 2021, we mark Social Services Sunday within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. On this day we invite all to give thanks and pray for all who stand with and provide support to those who are marginalised and vulnerable within our communities. We recognise with deep gratitude, those working within Catholic Social Services Victoria's 43 member organisations, the 7,000 staff and 17,000 volunteers, who together, serve more than 200,000 people in need each year. We also give thanks for all in our parishes, who are so often at the forefront of providing practical support and care to those in need within their local communities, and beyond.

We call to mind the recent 2021/22 Social Justice Statement – Cry of the Earth Cry of the Poor – released by the Australian Catholic bishops, which reminds us of the social mission of the Church and which urges us to reflect on 'the bigger picture' and to act together on social, economic and ecological issues. Together, we all have a role to play in building a just and equitable society, where all have equal opportunities to flourish and prosper.

Prayer for Wonder and Awe

God of wonders,
you show us your beauty in all created things.
Help us to pay attention:
to the taste of the ocean on our lips,
the warmth of the sun on our hands,
the song of birds in the morning and evening,
the fragrance of the earth after rain,
and to the star that guides us.
Creator God,
we stand in awe of all that you have made.
Fill our hearts with gratitude for every good gift, great and small,
that feeds and forms us,
inviting and enabling us to become people who are fully alive
in your amazing grace. Amen.

(This prayer was provided as part of the 2021-22 Social Justice Statement Cry of the Earth Cry of the Poor).

PatCare

Hello every one, we have a number of dedicated parishioners ready to reach out to any one in need at any time in our parishes. Should anyone need help or assistance, please reach out to our Pat Care Coordinators **Teresa Leech on 0422 923 501, Maria Fernandez on 0405 327 041 or to the parish office on (03)95687365**. Your details will be kept confidential. If you wish to be part this ministry or want to know more about Pat Care you can contact Teresa Leech, Maria Fernandez or Fr Siby.

From Overall coordinator : Teresa Leech

Priest's Retirement Fund

Due to the continuing COVID-19 restrictions and Masses not being able to be said at Parishes, donations to the Father's Day appeal can be made through the Priests Retirement Foundation website via debit, credit card or Paypal where the donor's details are loaded and receipts can be issued.



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 September 2021

"Let us pray that that we may make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in those young people who are resolutely committed to protecting God's Creation."

"Let us hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor."
– Pope Francis"

Let's pray in faith, hope and love for the recently deceased.

John Bowen (brother of Bernadette Gunasekera), Santa Sabato and William McNamara
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:

Han Kwee, Jack Mack, Michael Chew, Kurt Siegermeier, Coleen Parris,
Thomas (Fr Siby's Dad), Denis and Gabrielle (Patrick Leech's siblings), Tessa Keane,
Rodney Gardner (grandson of Pat Gardner).

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE CARD

Dear Parishioners,

Due to the current Lockdown, we understand that Parishioners are unable to use the Thanksgiving Envelopes. However 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.

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Finance Officer

Combined Parishes of St Patrick's and St Kevin's

THE FUTURE OF THE PARISHES IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

'TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL'

Re-Imagining our Local Church as Mission Communities BY ARCHBISHOP PETER COMMENSOLI

As foreshadowed in Archbishop Comensoli's pastoral letter "TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL" dated 22 May 2021, the Melbourne Archdiocese is undergoing a re-structure/re-framing of parishes in the next two to five years.

What is 'Take the Way of the Gospel'? We are being called — laypeople and clergy together — to a renewed sense of our missionary purpose. Exploring and dreaming a missionary way forward lies at the heart of our baptismal call to live out the Gospel. Over the years, our lay people and clergy have identified the need to find new and fresh ways to proclaim the Gospel to our local communities.

The formation of Missions Communities provides us with a process to work together in becoming more missionary. There are three main aims of missions:

1. Effectiveness in sharing the Gospel
2. Vibrancy, vitality, viability
3. Equitable sharing of resources

Archbishop Comensoli has commenced the process of taking the 209 parishes in the Archdiocese and forming approximately 50 to 60 "Missions" in the next two to five years. The Archbishop says there is no fixed definition of what constitutes a Mission, and that it will depend on the needs of the faithful, and proper resourcing both material and financial. But it is envisaged that 5 or 6 parishes will be grouped together to be serviced by at least two priests.

To that end, St. Patrick's Murrumbeena and St. Kevin's Ormond will form part of a "Mission" with other parishes. This is the start of a long-term journey for our local Church in Melbourne. In this early stage, we are invited to begin a conversation within our communities, which will be a starting point for discernment and conversation. At a regional meeting last week, led by the Vicar General, Rev Fr Joe Caddy, and attended by myself and a parishioner from both St. Patrick's and St. Kevin's, we were advised that work will soon commence to determine the correct "grouping of parishes". It is envisaged that all "groupings" will be identified by 2022. Due to Covid 19 restrictions, it may not be possible for us to gather physically to discuss about Church as mission communities.

Therefore, along with the Archbishop, I encourage you to visit the resources on the Archdiocesan website: www.melbournecatholic.org/mission and any questions or reflections should be directed via email to mission@cam.org.au to get know more about reframing of our parishes as missions.

The Archbishop also states, "It is not about change overnight, it is not about parish closures or amalgamations, but a reframing of our thinking, and a resourcing of where our current need is, not where it was, in order to bring renewed life."

I understand there will be many questions about how this is all going to work. The Archdiocese will be providing more information to parishioners in the coming months. I and the parish representatives undertake to keep you abreast of developments as soon as more information becomes available.

Fr Siby

Entrance Antiphon

**I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.**

First Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

A reading from the book of Wisdom

The godless say to themselves, 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God!

Psalm: Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6

R. The Lord upholds my life.

Second Reading: James 3:16—4:3

A reading from the letter of St James.

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness. Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to

know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him. They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon: You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.



The Archdiocese of Melbourne is organising a weekly series over 3 weeks. Refer to details below.

Lockdown Light—Week Two

A weekly series bringing 'light' to this time of lockdown ...
Well and truly done with sourdough starters? Not interested in another DIY project? To help fill the void during lockdown, each week we'll suggest some inspiring content to bring 'light' to this difficult time. Pop on the kettle and check out the recommendations below.

Podcasts for Christian living: Unity in Marriage (Part 1)

In this podcast, Catholic counsellors, Dr Bob Schuchts and Jake Khym discuss how marriage is a union of two broken people, and yet when the love of God is invited in, unity is made possible. Listen at www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving2

Getting to know your Bible: Exploring the Gospels

As Christians, we have four accounts of the life of Jesus, called Gospels. How should we read them?
Getting started: This video by a Franciscan priest looks at how it's possible to understand different Gospel accounts and stories about Jesus. Watch at www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted2

Going deeper: This year, we are reading Mark's Gospel at Mass. This video provides an introduction into the crafting and structure of the Gospel and the portrait of Jesus presented. View here: www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper2