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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**

**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year B — 7th November 2021**

## REFLECTION

### The Widow's Mite



This is the most commonly misunderstood passage in the Gospels. It is usually read in a 'pat on the back' tone of voice, commending the widow for her generosity. But it should be read with the tone of white hot anger which Jesus had displayed against the money dealers whom he expelled from the temple only days earlier.

This vulnerable widow was exploited and brainwashed by the scribes and temple authorities so that she gave 'all she had to live on'. She was left destitute, unable to afford the necessities of life.

On the contrary, Jesus wanted to create a band of followers who would look after widows and orphans. Look at Acts 4:32-37 to see that in operation. In fact, deacons were created in the early Church precisely to care for non-Jewish widows.

The message for the Church from this Gospel story is that it must never exploit the religious fervour of the poor to build up its own resources. Pope Francis is emphasising that the flow must be the other way if we are to be authentic Christians.

We could pause a moment to pray that, imitating the earliest Christian communities, our parish practises true concern for the marginalised and vulnerable, ensuring that they have all the necessities of life in all its dimensions.

Fr Michael Tate, Honorary Professor of Law, University of Tasmania)

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

## Pope Francis' Message to World Leaders at the UN Climate Summit in Glasgow

Pope Francis told world leaders attending a United Nations climate summit on Tuesday that “now is the time to act, urgently, courageously, and responsibly.”

In a message read out at the meeting in Glasgow, Scotland, on Nov. 2, the pope stressed the urgency of efforts to protect the environment.

“Now is the time to act, urgently, courageously and responsibly. Not least, to prepare a future in which our human family will be in a position to care for itself and for the natural environment,” he said in the message delivered by Cardinal Pietro Parolin, head of the Holy See delegation to the 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference (**COP26**).

Pope Francis has sought to galvanize efforts to protect the environment since his election in 2013. He issued the **encyclical** *Laudato si'* in 2015, ahead of the U.N. Climate Change Conference in Paris, which negotiated the **Paris Agreement**.

The Glasgow summit is encouraging governments to achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement and the **U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change**.

In the message dated Oct. 29 and addressed to Alok Sharma, president of COP26, the pope said that he had hoped to attend the meeting held on Oct. 31 to Nov. 12, but it “was not possible.”

“As the Glasgow Conference begins, all of us are aware that it has the vital task of demonstrating to the entire international community whether there really exists a political will to devote ... greater human, financial and technological resources to mitigating the negative effects of climate change and assisting the poorer and more vulnerable nations most affected by it,” the pope said.

“At the same time, we realize that this task has to be undertaken in the midst of a pandemic that for almost two years has devastated our human family. COVID-19 has brought immense tragedies in its wake, but it has also taught us that, if we are to succeed in overcoming the pandemic, there is no alternative: all of us must play a part in responding to this challenge.”

The pope said that the construction of the post-pandemic world must begin with “the recognition of past mistakes.”

“Something similar could be said of our efforts to tackle the global problem of climate change,” he commented. “There is no alternative. We can achieve the goals set by the Paris Agreement only if we act in a coordinated and responsible way. Those goals are ambitious, and they can no longer be deferred. Today it is up to you to take the necessary decisions.”

“COP26 can and must offer an effective contribution to the conscientious construction of a future in which daily actions and economic and financial investments can genuinely protect the conditions that ensure a dignified and humane life for the men and women of today and tomorrow, on a ‘healthy’ planet.”

The pope said that the world was facing an “epochal change” in which richer countries had a duty to lead in climate finance, decarbonization, the promotion of a **“circular economy,”** and helping vulnerable countries mitigate the impact of climate change.

He noted that the Vatican City State was committed to achieving net-zero emissions by 2050. He also recalled that he and other religious leaders signed a **joint message** at the Vatican on October 4 **appealing** for countries to “achieve net-zero carbon emissions as soon as possible.”

The pope said: “The wounds inflicted on our human family by the COVID-19 pandemic and the phenomenon of climate change are comparable to those resulting from a global conflict.”

Catholic News Agency, Vatican City, Nov 2, 2021 / 13:00 pm

### “CUPPAS” ROSTER SUNDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER 2021

Miriam and Will

### 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– 13th/14th November, 2021

St Kevin's	St Patrick's
Sat. 6pm Vigil– Yasmin Miranda	Sun. 8.30am - Marianne Somerville
Sun. 10.30am- Jube Kunnel	Sun. 5.00pm – Kevin Pious

## REGULAR WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

### ST PATRICK'S

9.15am on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays

### ST KEVIN'S

9.15am on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays

## WEEKEND MASS TIMES FOR THE FULLY VACCINATED

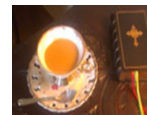
DAY	ST PATRICK'S	ST KEVIN'S
Saturday Vigil		6.00 PM
Sunday	8.30 AM & 5.00 PM	10.30 AM

### PatCare Ministry—Going Forward

Patcare is a short term (3 months emergency ministry) in the areas of providing transport, food and visitation to aged care facilities / housebound. Given the current situation of lockdown and the impact of Covid-19, thank you to all volunteers so far, who in the next couple of weeks will be provided with the necessary information required by the Archdiocese for the ministry to begin formally. We welcome any new volunteers from either parish so we can assist a greater cohort of parishioners. We look forward in anticipation, to hearing from you. Please contact **CO- ORDINATORS MARIA FERNANDEZ 0405327041 Or TERESA LEECH 0422923501 or the PARISH OFFICE (03)95687365** if you have any queries or would be happy to volunteer. Thankyou.

## Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre (MMHC)

'Çuppa with Mary' - MMHC is reopening for parishioners on Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Nov from 9 am – 5 pm. Come visit the Museum that tells Mary and the SOSJ's story, do a walking tour of the Mary MacKillop Heritage trail and Mary's place of birth. Special times have been set aside for Parish groups to have a 'Çuppa with Mary', which includes a presentation, tour and prayer reflection in the Chapel where Mary prayed, at a cost of \$20 per person. Contact Kate on 9926 9300 for a group booking.



'Advent with Mary MacKillop' - The Education Team at MMHC will be delivering an online Advent reflection program consisting of 4 one-hour sessions that will be held on Wednesdays from 7 - 8pm on 24th November and the 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> December. The sessions will be based on the Advent readings and will be combined with reflections on St Mary of the Cross. Each session will incorporate aspects of the program *Blessed*. To register click [here](#). Access to sessions will be via a Teams link provided by MMHC after registering, where participants would be able to join using a computer, tablet or smart phone. It would be much appreciated if you would consider donating \$7.50 per session or \$25 for the 4 sessions.



**Mary MacKillop Gift shop & SOSJ Calendar 2021**— With Christmas coming up, please consider supporting the work of the Sisters of St Joseph by purchasing a [2022 Josephite Calendar](#) (\$8) and or a present from the [Museum Gift Shop](#) (communion & confirmation gifts, devotional items, Vatican Library collection, rosary beads, holding crosses, candles, cards, statues, crucifixes, books and Peruvian handmade items).



**Accommodation Specials** - With Melbourne opening up again, events like the Boxing Day Test and Australian Open will be big draw cards! Book your next stay at the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre Accommodation in the heart of Melbourne. Please contact Kate on 9926 9300.

## ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS!

**A GENTLE REQUEST THAT ALL VOLUNTEERS WHO HELP AT OUR PARISHES ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A COPY OF THEIR FULL VACCINATION CERTIFICATE TO FR SIBY. THEY WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIALLY. (THIS IS MANDATED BY THE GOVERNMENT).**

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

Sr Eileen Jones (Presentation Nun), Ann Moodie (cousin of Teresa Leech), Sheila Sullivan, John Bowen (brother of Bernadette Gunasekera), Santa Sabato and William McNamara



### Let's also pray for the Sick:

Neil Stapleton, Frank Jackson, 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

Dear Parishioners,

With the easing of restrictions and recommencement of Holy Mass in our Parishes, 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

**Entrance Antiphon:** Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

**First Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16**

A reading from the first book of Kings.

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives', she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,  
jug of oil shall not be emptied,  
before the day when the Lord sends  
rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God!**

**Psalm: Ps 145:7-10. R. v.2**

**R. Praise the Lord, my soul!**

**Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God!**

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!  
Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs. Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Mark 12:38-44**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

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

**Communion Antiphon: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.**



Child Safety is Everybody's Responsibility

For information and Child Safety matters you can contact the Parish Child Safety Committee via [celticparishes@gmail.com](mailto:celticparishes@gmail.com)



**Pope's Prayer intention for November 2021**

"We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out, will find support and a light that opens them up to life." – *Pope Francis*



**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
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The Murrumbena Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society provide emergency food and assistance to families and people doing it tough in the Ormond and Murrumbena 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](mailto:svdp3163@hotmail.com)