

# ST PATRICK'S AND ST KEVIN'S COMBINED PARISHES

St Patrick's and St Kevin's Parishes are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults

Sixth Sunday of Easter Year A

14th May 2023



## Parallel Truths- by Fr Michael Tate

Today's Gospel speaks of an advocate. This translates a Greek word: '*paraclete*'. Our Lord says: 'I will send you *another Paraclete* to be with you forever.' Our Lord was a *Paraclete*, and he would send *another*. What does this strange sounding word mean? Here is a hint. We all know that parallel lines run, well, parallel. They run alongside each other. A *paraclete* is a person who stands alongside someone and pleads their case. That is how our Lord Jesus Christ saw himself. His role was not to condemn but to plead the case for mercy and compassion, to be the intercessor *par excellence*. Our Lord promises another *Paraclete* dwelling within us, individually and as the body of Christ's disciples, the Holy Spirit advocating our cause, assisting us to live Truth-fully by the measure of the One who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. This *Paraclete* particularly assists us by acting as the Spirit of Truth. We could pause for a moment to thank God for the two *Paracletes*, constantly pleading our case before the Throne of Mercy.

## Reflection- by Dianne Bergant CSA

We live in hope because we have been blessed with the opportunity of participating in the exaltation of Jesus. This hope is based on promises: the promise that we will not be left orphaned when Jesus returns to his Father; the promise that we will be comforted by the Spirit whom Jesus will send. It is trust in God that enables us to live in this world as if the promises have already been fulfilled, for in fact, it is precisely such living that fulfils them. We have not celebrated the Ascension, and yet all three readings speak of the Spirit. The same Spirit, who quickened the resurrected life of Jesus, enlivens us. This Spirit strengthens, comforts, guides and inspires us. Life in the Spirit requires that we conform our lives to the commandments of God, not in a legalistic or constraining way but out of love. The love that comes to us through the Spirit will then overflow into the lives of others, and we will be agents of God's love in the world. The Spirit given by Christ is mediated through the laying on of hands. This still happens in our day in the gentle touch of friends, in the loving touch of parents, in the healing touch of those who cure both the body and the spirit. The liturgical year is preparing us for the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, and Jesus is preparing us for life in the Spirit here on earth. This is the reason for our hope.



## NEW TO OUR PARISH? CONNECT WITH US

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## Rosters for Saturday 20th/Sunday 21st May 2023

### The annual Mass attendance

#### Parishioner count

This year, the 13-14 May, 20-21 May and 27-28 May: have been selected by the Archdiocese to assess attendance rates in Churches across Melbourne.

There will be someone counting attendance numbers during these Masses

#### Readers

##### St Kevin's

Sat. 6pm Vigil: Rosemary Mc Geoch and David Zammit

Sun. 10.30am: Caroline Gojak

##### St Patrick's

Sun. 9am: Philip De Rose and John Murtagh

Sun. 5pm: Teresa Leech  
And Patrick Leech

#### Tea for St Patrick's

9am: Celina and Philip De Rose

5pm: Janet Curtis

### LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK

Martin White, Julie White, Timothy White, Baby Grace Patawaran Grinter, Margaret Van Langenberg; Charmain Pamunuwa, Fred Cutting, Hugh McGill, John Harper, Lizzy Stanley, Earl Edwards, Rodney Garner, Yvonne Maher, Michael Keane, Bridie Meehan, Graeme Murphy and Richard Parkinson, Mary Farwell, and June Sullivan.



### LET US PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

The recently deceased: Jack Mack, Lucia Sidoti and the memorial of the anniversary of Marie Ellen Lusby, Catherine Flynn, Andrew Flynn and Les Egan

## MASS SCHEDULE

### St Kevin's:

Tuesday 9.15 am

Thursday 9.15am Mass followed by Adoration and Reconciliation.

Saturday 6.00 pm (Reconciliation at 5.30pm)

Sunday 10.30 am

### St Patrick's:

Wednesday and Friday 9.15am

Saturday 9:15am Mass followed by Adoration and reconciliation

Sunday 9.00 am and 5.00 pm

### Fatima Centre :

Monday to Saturday 12pm Rosary daily at 11:30am

#### Collection last week St Kevin's St Patrick's

Church	\$517.30	\$761.70
Presbytery	\$401.50	\$536.45

Thank you for your ongoing support

#### Direct Credit to Bank Account

St Patrick's Church	BSB: 083 347 A/c: 66364 4763
St Patrick's Presbytery	BSB: 083 347 A/c: 16891 5271
St Kevin's Church	BSB: 083 347 A/c: 64473 7358
St Kevin's Presbytery	BSB: 083 347 A/c: 18207 5969

Stewardship Pledge Cards Available at Parish Office



# HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

You are warmly invited to join us for a special morning tea after morning Mass at both St Patrick's and St Kevin's Church to celebrate Mother's Day



## A PRAYER FOR ALL MOTHERS

Lord Jesus Christ, You chose to put yourself: tiny, needy and helpless: into the nurturing and watchful hands of a human mother. Since then, every act of mothering, both physical and spiritual, in every time and every corner of the world recalls Mary's. Inspired by this example, we, too, honour our mothers and mother figures today. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers and nurturers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, honour them always with a spirit of profound respect..

We ask this in your holy name. **Amen.**



May, the Month of Mary

"Whatever you ask in the Rosary will be granted".



## Join us in praying the Rosary!

Every Tuesday night at 7.30pm at St. Patrick's, Murrumbena.

We are asking Our Lady to intercede to bring transformation and renewal to our two parishes and our school community. Consider giving just 30 minutes of your day to join us as we storm heaven!

The Rosary Team  
Jane, Maria, Leena and Pious

## WORLD YOUTH DAY FUNDRAISER

Raffle tickets are now on sale for \$10 until 28th May.

To support **Roch and Francis** to go to World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal



Please give generously to help support this life changing experience

## DO YOU FEEL LIKE BEING CALLED TO SERVE?

The **Permanent Diaconate** is open to single and married men who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers.

An Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on **Saturday 3 June 2023**, 10:00 -11.45 am at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), 278 Victorian Parade, East Melbourne. Ph. 03 9412 3357 / Email [diaconate@cam.org.au](mailto:diaconate@cam.org.au)

Archdiocese of Melbourne permanent diaconate webpage:

<https://vocations.melbournecatholic.org/about/what-is-a-vocation/permanent-diaconate>

## St Vincent De Paul Society (Ormond and Murrumbena)

If you need assistance or if you know someone who needs help. Please contact **1800 305 330**



St Vincent de Paul Society  
*good works*



## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER — YEAR A — SUNDAY 14TH MAY

**Entrance Antiphon:** Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

### **First Reading**

#### **A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8. 14-17**

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

**Responsorial Psalm:** (R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

### **Second Reading**

#### **A reading from the first letter of St Peter**

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

### **Gospel Reading**

#### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

### **Communion Antiphon**

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.