

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

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A – SUNDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2023

REFLECTION

At times it seems we have rewritten the 'Golden Rule' to say: Do unto others before they can do unto you! In saying this we are not encouraging each other to do good, but to be defensive. Jesus tells us to go the extra mile, turn the other cheek, outdo ourselves in generosity and rise above the fray. He is not suggesting that we allow ourselves to be abused, but that we not perpetuate the antagonism out of which the mistreatment arose. He is not advocating passivity, but he is saying that we should not retaliate. Jesus is describing what we today would call active non-resistance, the attitude taught by Gandhi and Martin Luther King.

We are familiar with the answer to the question: Who is my neighbour? We usually interpret it to mean those we do not particularly like. It is important to love them, to be kind to them, to help them when they are in need. But these are not the people whom Jesus is talking about in today's reading. He tells us that the neighbours whom we are to love are those people who do not like us. We are to love those who deliberately exclude us from their social circles, who talk about us behind our backs. We are to love those who make us feel that we are not good enough for them, those who resent us for our accomplishments. We are to love those who exploit us or do us harm. This is indeed a radical teaching.

By Dianne Bergant CSA



BISHOP ELLIOTT'S GOLDEN JUBILEE OF PRIESTHOOD

Dear Bishop Elliott, we the parishioners of St. Kevin's Ormond and St. Patrick' Murrumbeena, wish to congratulate you on your Golden Jubilee of Priesthood. We thank you for all your support given to me and to the parishioners over the years and we are immensely grateful to you. We continue to pray for your good health and happiness. May the Eternal Shepherd who found you worthy to be his minister may continue to bless you. Congratulations

PLEASE NOTE MASS SCHEDULE FOR LENT

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Weekdays

St Kevin's: Tues 9.15 am
Thursday 9.15 am Mass followed by Adoration and Reconciliation
Friday 9.15 am Mass followed by Stations of the Cross

St Patrick's: Wed 9.15 am
Fri 7.00 pm Mass followed by Stations of the Cross
Saturday 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 5.00pm

ASH WEDNESDAY – 22ND FEBRUARY

ST PATRICK'S - Holy Mass at 9.15 am and
Holy Mass at 7.00 pm

ST KEVIN'S - Holy Mass at 9.15 am

Remember that
you are dust



And to dust you
shall return

ALPHA PARTICIPANTS “GET TOGETHER”

During 2022 the combined parishes of St Kevin's and St Patrick's successfully ran two full *ALPHA* programs. The first being in March, via Zoom due to Covid lockdown and then again in September. More than 20 participants took part each week in September. Many participants have reported experiencing a feeling of spiritual renewal, increase in closeness to Our Lord, a feeling of friendship and camaraderie. Parishioners from St Anthony's also joined us, and will be implementing *ALPHA* this year.

We will run the program again in 2023, and we warmly invite you to take part in this renewal program.

For those who attended in 2022, we will be holding a “**get together**” on **Tuesday 7th March**, so please keep this date free. You will receive further information via email.

Sit spiritus dei vobiscum. Caroline Gojak (PLT)

EARTHQUAKE DISASTER IN SYRIA AND TURKEY

Please pray for those who have died or have been injured in the earthquake disaster in Syria and Turkey. Bishop Robert Rabbat's Syrian Earthquake Appeal flyer on how you can donate to the people affected by this disaster will be distributed next week.

ROSARY EVERY TUESDAY AT ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

7.30-8.00pm every Tuesday at St Pat's Church. Please join us as we storm heaven to pray for the rejuvenation of our parishes at Ormond and Murrumbena and our private intentions.



LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK

**Julie White, Timothy White, Baby Grace Patawaran Grinter, Margaret Van Langenberg;
Charmaine, Fred Cutting, Hugh McGill, John Harper, Lizzy Stanley, Earl Edwards, Rodney
Gardner, Yvonne Maher, Terry Nicholls, Jack Mack and Michael Keane**



LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME AND THE RECENTLY DECEASED

Han Kwee, Fr Joe Butcher SAC, Sr Rosaleen pbvm, Cathy Young

ROSTERS - READER'S ROSTER – SATURDAY 25th/SUNDAY 26th FEBRUARY

ST KEVIN'S	ST PATRICK'S
Sat 6pm – Maria O'Hagan	Sun 9.00 am - Sebastian
Sun 10.30 am – Vince Aquende	Sun 5.00 pm – Janet Curtis

ST PATRICK'S MORNING TEA ROSTER – SUNDAY 26th FEBRUARY

	Sun 9.00 am – Monika and Frank Mensen
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Parish Offerings 11 th /12 th Feb	St Kevin's	St Patrick's
Church	741.00	\$672.15
Presbytery	495.65	\$476.40

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

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.

RETURN TO:
St Patrick's Murrumbena
St Kevin's Ormond
6 Dalny Road
Murrumbena VIC 3163

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Postcode _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

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

We have "Tap and Go" devices at each Church where you can scan your Credit or Debit Card and contribute \$10 per TAP to the Presbytery Account.

Or... Credit Card

Please debit my Credit Card with the sum of: \$ _____

Allocation : (Parish \$...../ Presbytery \$.....)

Every: month quarterly half-year year

Name on Card: _____

Mastercard Visa Expiry:/.....

Credit Card Number:

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I understand that this authority may be cancelled in writing at my option.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Ps 12:6 **O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.**

FIRST READING: Lv 19:1-2. 17-18

A reading from the book of Leviticus

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.

"You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord."

The Word of the Lord

R: Thanks be to God

PSALM: Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8

The Lord is kind and merciful.

SECOND READING: 1 Cor 3:16-23

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia!

**Whoever keeps the word of Christ,
grows perfect in the love of God.**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mt 5:38-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

The Gospel of the Lord

R: Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: **I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.**