

# 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**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A - 04 DECEMBER 2022**

## Reflection

Today's readings are like Chaucer's Canterbury Tales. The biblical authors sketch profiles of individuals after whom we can model our lives as we embark on our pilgrimage to eschatological fulfilment. Isaiah depicts the righteous messianic king; Paul provides us with a glimpse of Jesus, the one who ministers to all; and Matthew describes John the Baptist, the prophet who prepared for the Advent of Christ.

The gifts Isaiah attributes to the messianic king are the same gifts that we receive with the anointing of the Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord. The image of the messianic king may have been fulfilled in Jesus, but it is also offered to us as a model after which we can pattern our lives.

Paul declares that Christ came for all. Just as the Canterbury tales describe pilgrims of all backgrounds and characters, so our companions on the pilgrimage come from diverse circumstances. Since the invitation was extended to all, we are expected to welcome all. Some of Chaucer's characters were quite unpleasant, but they were part of the group. Many of the people to whom Jesus ministered were quite unpleasant, but this did not deter him. His example is set before us today.

John the Baptist lived a life of radical self-denial, but he did not require this of others. He preached repentance or change of heart, not a rejection of the circumstances of life. He called for a return to righteousness, to relationships rooted in honesty and respect. He condemned presumption and arrogant reliance on one's religious origin, complacency and the shirking of responsibility, disinterest in the welfare of others.

Dianne Bergant CSA



## MASS SCHEDULE

### Weekdays

St Kevin's:

Tues 9.15 am and

Thurs 9.15am Mass followed by Adoration & Reconciliation.

St Patrick's:

Wed 9.15am Mass;

Fri 9.15 am Mass;

Sat 9.15 am Mass followed by Adoration & Reconciliation.

**Tuesday 6th December 2022:**

**Healing Mass at 12 noon.**

### Weekends

St Kevin's: Sat 6.00 pm

Reconciliation on Sat at 5.30pm.

Sun 10.30 am

St Patrick's: Sun 9am and 5pm

## MELBOURNE OVERSEAS MISSION

Next weekend we will be taking around a collection for the Melbourne Overseas Mission.

## NATIVITY DRAWING FOR CHRISTMAS

Dear Children,

You are warmly invited to draw and colour nativity pictures to hang/stick in our Church.

You can get help from your parents and others.



Please bring them to the Church or to the Presbytery (during office hours) on any day until Sunday, 18th December 2022. Let's make this Christmas more joyful!



You are invited to  
**St Patrick's** and **St Kevin's**  
**CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

To be held at  
**Rovira House**  
**On Sunday 11th December 2022**  
**At 12 noon.**

Please bring along a Share Luncheon Plate.  
 Some Ideas: Casserole, meat platter, salads, prawn platter, quiches  
 etc. Likewise Sweets etc. etc. etc..  
 We look forward to it being a fun afternoon where we will be singing  
 Carols and selling a Raffle ticket, to give you the  
 opportunity to win a prize.



Be prepared to have fun.

PS: A list will be left in each of the foyers, so you can put your name  
 down and what you dish of food you will be bringing.



## A Prayer for the Second Sunday of Advent



In this season of Advent, prepare my heart for the  
 coming of Jesus, our Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
 Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Fill my heart with  
 your peace which passes all understanding. For of the  
 greatness of his government and peace, there shall be  
 no end. Amen.



**THURSDAY,**  
**8TH DECEMBER**  
**IS THE FEAST OF THE**  
**IMMACULATE**  
**CONCEPTION OF THE**  
**BLESSED VIRGIN**  
**MARY**



### ST PATRICK'S CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS Volunteers needed

On Saturday, 10th December, we will be decorating  
 the church for Christmas. We will put up the Christmas tree, set up the  
 Nativity scene and much more. Please come and join us if you have a  
 spare hour.

Time: 1.00 pm  
 Thank you!



### A WORKING BEE THIS SUNDAY 4th DECEMBER TO HELP CLEAN ROVIRA HOUSE



A working bee will be held this Sunday,  
 4th December at Rovira House at 12 noon to help with  
 some cleaning or general tidying.  
 Please come along.

## PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND FOR THOSE WHOSE DEATH ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME



### DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF:

Robert 'Bob' Williamson (Father of Leonie Broman)

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

Baby Grace Patawaran Grinter, Fred Cutting (Cousin of Tom Frost),  
 Hugh McGill (Husband of Margaret McGill), John Harper (Friend of Marian and Stephen Poore),  
 Lizzy Stanley (daughter of Karly & Patrick Stanley), Earl Edwards (Husband of Dorothy),  
 Rodney Gardner, Joan Egan, Yvonne Maher, Terry Nicholls (Arcare), Han Kwee, Jack Mack.



## ROSTER



ST PATRICK'S CUPPA'S ROSTER — Sunday 11th December 2022

9.00 am: Marianne Somerville & Kathleen Thompson

5.00 pm: Leena & Pious Joseph

## ROSTER



READER'S ROSTER — Saturday 10th/Sunday 11th December 2022

### St Kevin's

### St Patrick's

Sat. 6pm Vigil – Rosemary McGeoch

Sun. 9.00am - Kathleen Thompson & Marianne Somerville

Sun. 10.30am - Jube Kunnel

Sun. 5.00pm - Kevin Pious

Parish Offerings 10th/11th Dec	St Kevin's	Patrick's
Church	\$795.40	\$558.00
Presbytery	\$461.20	\$358.20



## ST ANTHONY'S GLEN HUNTLY CHRISTMAS DAY TAKEAWAY DINNER 2022

St Anthony's Parish Glen Huntly will once again be offering a 3 course lunch on Christmas Day, 25<sup>th</sup> December. The meal will be **TAKEAWAY** only but there is an option to have home delivery in the local area for those who cannot collect. You can contact the Parish directly, as indicated below. Feel free to pass the invitations around. There is no charge for the meal but help would be welcome.

Please collect a green form to offer both goods and physical assistance.

Christmas Dinner will be served from St Anthony's Parish Hall, 164-168 Neerim Rd, Caulfield East on Christmas Day between 12 noon and 1.30 pm.

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](mailto: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 0432 087 494 or email [stanthony.christmasdinner@gmail.com](mailto:stanthony.christmasdinner@gmail.com)



### CHRISTMAS HAMPERS 2022



Thank you so much to the parishioners of St Kevin's, St Patrick's and the St Patrick's School Communities for responding so generously to our request for items for the Christmas hampers for the Aged Care and Housebound residents in our communities.

The greater parish communities have also been most helpful in assisting with the extras needed in organizing the hampers. Thank you. The hampers will be delivered to ArCare, Claremont Terrace, Brimlea and Bupa Aged Care facilities. In addition, the most generous communion ministers will deliver the hampers to the housebound and sick whom they have most diligently served with communion visitation this year. We also acknowledge the carers of the housebound and sick who have been so faithful in their time and love demonstrated towards their family. Any items deemed unsuitable for distribution will be delivered to St Vincent de Paul's shop in Oakleigh, so your generosity is certainly appreciated by many. Thanks again!

Teresa, Jane Lama and Yasmin

### Communion Ministry 2022



It is important to acknowledge the outstanding contribution of our Communion Ministers this year! Words do not adequately express the immense appreciation shown by residents who are housebound, sick, or in aged care, who have been receiving Holy Communion or partaking in regular Communion Services this year. A report will be formalised with feedback from each communion minister in the next couple of weeks. This will contain reflections/suggestions moving forward into 2023. It will be available to each minister.

Please note, there will be a break from the Communion Ministry over January and a new roster will be developed from Feb to June 2023.

Thank you to Jennifer, Parish Secretary, who has been diligent in passing on the names of those relatives who send information regarding their loved ones who would like to receive communion by a minister.

This communion is important if we are to endeavour to meet the needs of those in the communities.

Fr Siby, of course, has also provided Holy Mass each month at the aged care facilities which has been greatly appreciated. We hope that 2023 will see less disruption due to Covid, so that this important ministry can continue and expand.

Yasmin (St Kevin's) and Teresa (St Patrick's)



### St Vincent de Paul Society (Ormond or Murrumbena)

If you need assistance Ph: 1800 305 330 If you know



### BAPTISMS AT ST PATRICK'S AND ST KEVIN'S

Please contact the parish office for information on  
Tel: (03) 9568 7365.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: **O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.**

FIRST READING: *Isaiah 11:1-10*

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse,  
a scion thrusts from his roots:  
on him the spirit of the Lord rests,  
a spirit of wisdom and insight,  
a spirit of counsel and power,  
a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.  
(The fear of the Lord is his breath.)  
He does not judge by appearances,  
he gives no verdict on hearsay,  
but judges the wretched with integrity,  
and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land.

His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless,  
his sentences bring death to the wicked.  
Integrity is the loincloth round his waist,  
faithfulness the belt about his hips.  
The wolf lives with the lamb,  
the panther lies down with the kid,  
calf and lion cub feed together  
with a little boy to lead them.  
The cow and the bear make friends,  
their young lie down together.  
The lion eats straw like the ox.  
The infant plays over the cobra's hole;  
into the viper's lair  
the young child puts his hand.  
They do no hurt, no harm,  
on all my holy mountain,  
for the country is filled with the knowledge of the  
Lord as the waters swell the sea.  
That day, the root of Jesse  
shall stand as a signal to the peoples.  
It will be sought out by the nations  
and its home will be glorious.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God!**

PSALM: Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17. R. cf. v.7

**Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.**

SECOND READING: Rom 15:4-9

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans*

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: Mt 3:1-12

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: **Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.**

## HEALING MASS

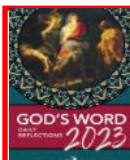
**Tuesday, 6th December, we will have a Healing Mass at St Patrick's at 12 noon.**



## Donations towards the purchase of Flowers for our Churches at Christmas

**If St Kevin's parishioners wish to donate towards the purchase of flowers for Christmas for St Kevin's Church, please give your donations to Salome.**

**If St Patrick's parishioners wish to donate towards the purchase of flowers for Christmas for St Patrick's Church, please give your donations to the parish office.**



## GOD'S WORD "DAILY REFLECTIONS 2023"

**Cost \$19.95**

**We encourage you to order this book. Please write your name, contact number and the number of copies required on the list in the church foyer.**