

# St Patrick's

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# St Kevin'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**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A - 11 DECEMBER 2022**

## Reflection

Half way through Advent we pause for a moment to celebrate Gaudete Sunday, a Sunday for rejoicing. Isaiah paints a picture of regeneration. The desert that once seemed to be dead is now bursting with life; eyes that lacked sight, ears incapable of capturing and holding sound, limbs without strength, and tongues devoid of speech are all given new life. There will be no death in that age of fulfilment, no limitations, no mourning. As we move deeper and deeper into the reality of God's presence in our midst, we will discover the meaning of true fulfilment.

John the Baptist is a standard for judging the privilege of entering here and now, the kingdom of heaven. He was the herald of the coming of Jesus, the one who prepared for him, but John himself died before the death and resurrection of Jesus opened the flood gates of the eschatological tide. By comparison, even the least in the kingdom of God is far greater than this prophetic herald. John also serves as a model of patience in suffering. His circumstances teach us that moving toward eschatological fulfilment is not without cost.

Just as Matthew presents us with the example of John the Baptist, so James describes the patience required of those who await the age of fulfilment. That age of fulfilment will dawn in its time; all we can do is discharge our responsibilities regardless of how demanding they might be, and wait for that day patiently, convinced that it will come in God's due time.

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.

### 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

This weekend we will be taking around a collection for the Melbourne Overseas Mission. Please donate generously to this cause.

## 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!

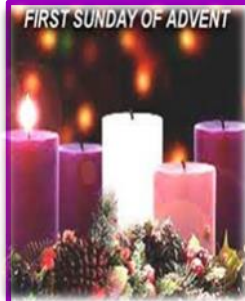


**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL AT THE  
St Patrick's and St Kevin's  
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON  
At Rovira House  
This Sunday 11th December 2022  
At 12 noon.**

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 sing-  
ing Carols and selling a Raffle ticket, to give you the  
opportunity to win a prize.



Be prepared to have fun.



## A Prayer for the Third Sunday of Advent



God above, be with us in each and every moment of each and every day so that we remain blameless and worthy of your coming. Help us, Lord, not to dampen the joy of others. Remind us this week to rejoice always and to pray without ceasing. Amen.

Is there more to life than this

Alpha

Thank you to all those who attended the Alpha Program. Special thanks to the Leaders, Maureen Medaris, Vince Aquende, Caroline Gojak, Yasmin Miranda, Maria Lusby and Joe Elias.



**THANK YOU TO THE VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED DECORATE ST PATRICK'S CHURCH YESTERDAY.**

**YOUR HELP IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!**



The Parish Leadership Team



**AGAIN, THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO HELPED AT THE WORKING BEE LAST SUNDAY!**



**LET US REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR THOSE WHO  
HAVE DIED**



### 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 18th December 2022**

9.00 am: Jill and John Murtagh

5.00 pm: Janet Curtis

## ROSTER



**READER'S ROSTER — Saturday 17th/Sunday 18th December 2022**

**St Kevin's**

**St Patrick's**

Sat. 6pm Vigil – Rosemary McGeoch and David Zammit

Sun. 9.00am - Philip De Rose and John Murtagh

Sun. 10.30am - Caroline Gojak

Sun. 5.00pm - Teresa and Patrick Leech

Parish Offerings 3rd/4th Dec

**St Kevin's**

**Patrick's**

Church

\$705.00

\$690.00

Presbytery

\$520.00

\$455.00

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2022—ST KEVIN'S



### Christmas Midnight Mass, Saturday 24th December 2022:

11.00 pm: Carols  
11.30 pm: Christmas Midnight Mass

### Christmas Day, Sunday, 25th December 2022

10.30 am: Christmas Day Mass

**NO 6.00PM MASS ON SAT, 24TH DECEMBER.**

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2022—ST PATRICK'S



### Christmas Eve, Saturday 24th December 2022:

6.00 pm: Carols  
6.30 pm: Christmas Mass

### Christmas Day, Sunday, 25th December 2022

9.00 am: Christmas Day Mass

**NO 5.00 PM MASS**



You've got a lot to give beyond Christmas gifts.

In January you can prepare for mission at home or abroad.

Palms Australia has trained Australians to live and work within cultures and communities overseas since 1961. Now four days of that training will be available for parishioners interested to assist harness the diverse gifts of our community and make it stronger.

**At Home:** Palms' Neighbours Without Borders program (January 7 – 11) will "focus on building communities that are welcoming to all, with particular attention to those on the margins of society and the church" as urged by the recent Plenary Council.

**Overseas:** Completing a further four days (January 12 – 15) will prepare you to meet one of the many requests Palms has from communities in Africa, Asia and the Pacific who need educators; health professionals; administrators and others to assist build on the strengths of their people who otherwise have little opportunity for training.

Enquire about Palms Orientation for mission via [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au) or call 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567.

### Catholic Theological College Online Information Session



CATHOLIC  
THEOLOGICAL  
COLLEGE



Join us and learn about your study options. It is possible to participate in most units of study at CTC without leaving home.

**Monday 5 December at 7.30pm (AEDT)**

Register via our website:  
[ctc.edu.au/open-days](http://ctc.edu.au/open-days)

For more information contact:  
[jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au](mailto:jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au)

## 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.

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.

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

### 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 :...../.....

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
(Ormond or Murrumbeena)  
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: **Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.**

FIRST READING: *Isaiah 35:1-6, 10*

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult,  
let the wasteland rejoice and bloom,  
let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil,  
let it rejoice and sing for joy.  
The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it,  
the splendour of Carmel and Sharon;  
they shall see the glory of the Lord,  
the splendour of our God.  
Strengthen all weary hands,  
steady all trembling knees  
and say to all faint hearts,  
'Courage! Do not be afraid.  
'Look, your God is coming,  
vengeance is coming,  
the retribution of God;  
he is coming to save you.'  
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
the ears of the deaf unsealed,  
then the lame shall leap like a deer  
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy,  
for those the Lord has ransomed shall return.  
They will come to Zion shouting for joy,  
everlasting joy on their faces;  
joy and gladness will go with them  
and sorrow and lament be ended.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God!**

PSALM: Ps 145:6-10. R. see Is 35:4

**Lord, come and save us.**

SECOND READING: *Jas 5:7-10*

*A reading from the letter of St James*

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

**The word of the Lord.**

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: Mt 11:2-11

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the

deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: **Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.**



### Pope Francis' Message for Advent 2022

Pope Francis said that St. John the Baptist reminds us that Advent is a privileged time to turn back toward God — something it is never too late to do.

"And let us remember one thing: with Jesus, there is always the possibility of beginning again. It's never too late". "

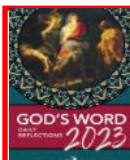
Let us listen to John the Baptist's appeal to return to God," he continued. "And let us not let this Advent go by like days on the calendar, because this is a moment of grace, a grace for us too, here and now."

"There is always the possibility to begin again. Be courageous," the pope urged, adding that Jesus "is near to us and this is the time of conversion."

### 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.