

# 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 Lent — Year C — 13 March 2022**

### REFLECTION

As Abraham travels towards the land of promise, he seeks a sign from the Lord. While he was told that his descendants will number as the stars, he and Sarah are childless and, not unreasonably, they look for assurance that God's promises will be fulfilled. In the awe-inspiring events that follow, he is encouraged to continue the journey as God confirms the promises already made by means of a covenant.

When Jesus journeys towards his own death the disciples stand in similar need of assurance and revelation. On entering the cloud they, like Abraham before them, are filled with terror. It is in this moment of uncertainty and confusion that they hear the Lord's voice calling them to see Jesus as God's chosen one and to listen to his message. Jesus' death is not the end of his journey and mission, rather, it is to be understood as the means by which he makes his saving exodus to the Father.

Located on one of the great trade routes, Philippi was a city of great strategic importance in the Roman Empire. Large numbers of veteran soldiers were settled there in order to secure it for Rome. The word that Paul uses for homeland/commonwealth is precisely the word used to describe such a colony of relocated veterans. In the midst of the changes, uncertainties and journeys of life, Paul reminds his converts of a power greater than Rome—the power of Jesus to transform us and subdue all of creation. It is in Jesus that we find our true home and goal.

Fr Christopher Monaghan CP

### Pope Francis' Envoy in Ukraine

Cardinal Michael Czerny, acting prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, was sent by Pope Francis to Hungary to comfort Ukrainian refugees. He crossed the border in the late afternoon. Accompanying him are two priests involved in the pastoral care of migrants, along with Bishop Ábel Szocska, the Greek Catholic eparch of Nyíregyháza, who offered his car to go "to the other side," to Berehove, a village in Transcarpathia spared by the bombs but which has become one of the main gathering points for refugees.

The eparch makes the sign of the cross before entering. More as a blessing for the mission than out of fear of any danger, given that in recent days he has often gone to visit "the brothers" who assist the fleeing people, bringing food and aid.

While waiting endlessly for his documents to be checked (some of the wording in his Italian passport, for example, was unknown and had to be translated with Google Translate), Cardinal Czerny received news of the bombing of a paediatric hospital in Mariupol.

"Bombing and hospital: these two words in the same sentence already make you shudder. If you then read paediatric... Cardinal Parolin is right; it's unacceptable! We must stop these attacks on civilians," he comments.

The United Nations Refugee Agency said that as of March 5 more than 1.3 million Ukrainians had fled the country since the Russian invasion began February 24; more than 750,000 of them had crossed into Poland and almost 170,000 had crossed into Hungary.



Next week we will celebrate Catholic Education Week, which highlights the education that Catholic schools offer to families and to the community.

Due to the continuing high number of COVID-19 cases, this year's Catholic Education Week will once again be different. The [Catholic Education Week](#) website has several resources to help schools get the most out of the week, including videos, prayers and classroom resources.

Mass of St Patrick for Schools will be held on **Thursday 17 March** at 10.00 am in St Patrick's Cathedral. The Catholic Education Week website will live stream the Mass for those unable to attend.

The Creative Arts Exhibition will be held from Tuesday 15 March to Saturday 19 March at the Catholic Leadership Centre, and I encourage everyone in Catholic education to [book a ticket](#) to experience the extraordinary art on display from our talented young people.

**The Patrick Oration**

St Patrick's Day will again feature Archbishop Peter's Patrick Oration. In his oration last year, Archbishop Peter discussed the importance of renewing our parish life through missionary discipleship, a theme he would develop in more depth in [Take the Way of the Gospel](#).

The oration will be televised on community channel C31 from 7.30 pm on **Thursday 17 March**. It will also be live streamed on the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne [YouTube](#) channel.

**Let's pray for those who have died recently**

**Fr Kevin Mogg AM, who passed away just shy of his 90th birthday, an outstanding leader and pastor in our community for more than 65 years, founding Catholic Social Services Victoria (CSSV);**

**Thomas (Fr Siby's dad) who passed away on Sunday, 6th March 2022.**

*"Missing you very much!  
May you find comfort in  
God's care"*



**and for Lilly D'Souza on the First Anniversary of her death**



*"I miss everything about  
you, Mama, every day!"*

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

Thomas (Fr Siby's Dad), Dena Hooper (Joan Hooper's daughter-in-law) and Yasmin Slater (Joan Hooper's grand-daughter), Margaret McGill, Maria Sheila P Mangubat, Joan & Les Egan, Yvonne Maher, Gabrielle (Patrick Leech's sister), Terry Nicholls (Arcare), Frank Jackson, Han Kwee, Jack Mack, Michael Chew, Kurt Siegermeier, Coleen Perris, Rodney Gardner, Arnold Briones (Brother-in-law of Mercy Patwaran)

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Weekdays**

St Kevin's: Monday to Friday at 9.15 am

St Patrick's: Fr Barry Tobin will celebrate Mass on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 9.15 (Confessions after the Saturday 9.15 am Mass only). **In case of an emergency, please contact Fr Barry on (03) 9555 0460**

**Weekends**

St Kevin's: Saturday 6.00 pm and Sunday 10.30 am

St Patrick's: Sunday 9.00 am and Sunday 5.00 pm

**Reading Roster for Next Weekend 19th/20th March 2022**

St Kevin's		St Patrick's	
Sat 6.00 pm	- Rosemary McGeoch and David Zammit	Sun 9.00am	- Philip De Rose and John Murtagh
Sun 10.30am	- Jube Kunnell	Sun 5.00pm	- Pious Joseph

**"CUPPAS" ROSTER—ST PATRICK'S SUNDAY, 20TH MARCH 2022:** 9am: Jill & John Murtagh; 5pm: Leena & Pious Joseph

## PATCARE

Patcare is an emergency short term service in the areas of visitation to the sick and housebound, providing limited transport and also providing food according to the needs of the parishioner. Currently, we have 8 enthusiastic volunteers and if you feel you may be interested, your service would be much appreciated. The roster allows for flexibility and not too great a demand on your time. Please contact the main or emergency coordinator if you are interested in helping others especially at this difficult period of Covid.

Main Coordinator: Maria Fernandez 0405 327 041

Emergency Coordinator (Feb-April): Cathie Nankervis 0409 140 332.

## Distribution of Parish Newsletters

Each Volunteer has been allocated a housebound or former parishioner in Aged Care to distribute the parish Newsletter. If an aged care facility is in lockdown, it can be left with staff at front door. **Note:** Details re addresses/location of newsletter on noticeboards at both churches. Thank you!

## Communion Ministry Roster—Feb-May 2022

Please check the St Patrick's and St Kevin's Notice Boards for the Communion Volunteers roster. Each volunteer who has been trained is assigned a parishioner in aged care or is housebound. It is the responsibility of each volunteer to contact the parishioner, to keep a record in their record folder of when communion was given and then to notify the coordinators. Thank you to those volunteers who have offered to visit Arcare and Claremont Terrace for a communion service.

**Note:** Communion Service at Arcare is on the First Wednesday of the month at 11.00 am.

Communion Service at Claremont Terrace is on the Second Sunday of the month at 10.30 am.

## Emergency Coordinator for both Parishes

Jane Biasuzzo 0411 283 200;

## St Kevin's (April-May) Main Coordinator:

Yasmin Miranda 0433 336 483

**Today we welcome the children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Baptism on 27th March.**

Francesca Teresa Plant  
Vivian Rose Breda  
Francesca Rose Breda  
Bella Crawford



## Appeal for the people of Ukraine Emergency Relief to aid Refugees

Salesian Missions Australia has launched an Emergency Appeal to aid our Salesians of Don Bosco (SDB's) in Ukraine and surrounding communities to bring aid to refugees. To help support refugees you may wish to donate to the Salesian Missions Australia via:

Mail: Salesian Missions Australia, P. O. Box 264, Ascot Vale, Vic 3032

Give now: <https://www.givenow.com.au/salesianmissionemergencyrelief>

Phone: (03) 9377 6060 (Mon-Thur 9am – 3pm)

Email: [salmiss@salesians.org.au](mailto:salmiss@salesians.org.au)

Donations are tax deductible.



St Vincent de Paul Society  
VICTORIA  
*good works*

The St Vincent de Paul Society has launched emergency flood appeals to assist residents in Queensland and New South Wales with their immediate needs as well as longer-term recovery.

Donations to the Vinnies Queensland Flood Appeal will allow Vinnies' volunteer members to provide flood-impacted families with emergency food, clothing and material aid to keep them going through this extraordinarily difficult time, he said in an email to Vinnies' donors.

[https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Find\\_Help/Flood\\_appeal/](https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Find_Help/Flood_appeal/)

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

There will be **NO Stations of the Cross at St Patrick's on Fridays.** Stations of the Cross will be held at St Kevin's on Fridays after the 9.15 am Mass.

Meditation on Jesus  
For Healing and Wellbeing Of Body & Soul  
(Through gentle postures and breathing exercises)

John 15:4; "Abide in me and I in you".

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March, from 10am – 1pm.

Guided by Fr. Gilbert Carlo SVD  
At: Janssen Spirituality Centre,  
22 Woodvale Road, Boronia, Victoria 3155.

RSVP Tel: 03 9762 6625 or

Email: [enquiries@janssencentre.org](mailto:enquiries@janssencentre.org)

Or

[gilbertcarlo@gmail.com](mailto:gilbertcarlo@gmail.com)



## STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE

Dear Parishioners,

If you have not yet collected your "Thanksgiving" envelopes, please contact the parish office. 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 Murrumbidgee 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

Collections for February 2022:

	Thanksgiving	Presbytery
St Patrick's:	\$2,450.25	\$1,406.55
St Kevin's:	\$2,400.70	\$1,520.90

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**Entrance Antiphon:** Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

**First Reading: Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18**

*A reading from the book of Genesis.*

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendant's he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River,'

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God!**

**Psalm:** 26:1, 7-9, 13-14. R. v. 1

**R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

**Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1**

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians.*

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe. So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God!**

**Gospel Acclamation:** Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son,

hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Gospel: Luke 9:28-36**

*A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.*

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' - He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him'. And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

**Communion Antiphon:** This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased: listen to him.



### Project Compassion Sunday 12 & 13 March 2022



As a person with a disability living in remote India, Biru faced the prospect of a life of poverty and discrimination. With your support, he participated in entrepreneurship training and gained the skills to become financially independent.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help young people succeed in the future and bring stability to vulnerable youth like Anatercia.**



Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au), or by calling 1800 024 413.



Sacred Heart Girls' College

Open mornings:  
9.30 - 10.50am

Thursday 3 March  
Wednesday 16 March  
Thursday 26 May  
Thursday 23 June  
Thursday 21 July  
Thursday 4 August  
Wednesday 17 August  
Thursday 14 September  
Thursday 13 October

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