

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

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C - 2 OCTOBER 2022

Reflection

In our struggles to be faithful disciples, we frequently must endure periods when we feel abandoned by God. When we have been intent on serving God with genuine devotion, such times are particularly trying, for one would expect that God would not withdraw consolations. When this happens, the broken heart and the strained spirit cry out to God in complaint: How long? Why? We have all been worn down by life, tempted to give up, too weary to go on.

Faith in God is a gift for which we pray. It enables us to accomplish marvellous feats; with it we can move mountains. As unprofitable servants, we do not earn it; we have no right to claim it as our own. We are the ones from whom faithful service will be expected. We will be sent to plough the fields and tend the sheep. We will be called to serve at table.

The faith that is ours has been mediated to us through the community. We have heard about God and about Jesus from others, from our parents and families, from our teachers and those who preach, from those with whom we work and play. Faith comes from God, but through the mediation of the community. Timothy received faith from his mother and grandmother. It was strengthened in him through the imposition of Paul's hands and through his preaching of the word of God. Furthermore, what Paul taught had first been handed down to him from those who preceded him.

Dianne Bergant CSA



MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays

St Kevin's:
Tues 9.15 am and
Thurs 9.15am Mass followed by
Adoration and Reconciliation.

**St Patrick's: Wed and Fri 9.15am
and Sat 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
5.00 pm**

WELCOME TO THE NEW SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, MRS JOANNE SOULSBY

We warmly welcome Mrs Joanne Soulsby and we wish her every success in her new role as Principal of St Patrick's Murrumbeena.

WE WISH MOST REV BISHOP PETER ELLIOTT "A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY" FOR OCTOBER 1 !!



"HAPPY BIRTHDAY" BISHOP ELLIOTT!!

With Best Wishes and Blessings from Fr Siby and the Parishioners of St Kevin's and St Patrick's.

We pray that God will bestow abundant Blessings upon you today and always!



PARISH THANKSGIVING / STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Dear Parishioners

I recently came across this quote and thought I'd share it with you:

“Isn't it strange how a 20-dollar bill seems like such a large amount when you donate it to the Church, but such a small amount when you go shopping?”

The world today desperately needs to hear the Good News of mercy, hope and joy that is at the heart of the Gospel. Archbishop Peter A Comensoli has invited us to take up our baptismal call and embrace the opportunity to rekindle the Spirit burning within us, and recreate our parishes as vibrant and viable expressions of faith.

Take the Way of the Gospel, was launched last year in response to Pope Francis' call in *Evangelii Gaudium* – (The Joy of the Gospel). The recent ABS census data reporting the decline in the number of people identifying as Christian, and the experience in most of our parishes of the decline in the number of people participating in the sacraments, means that we have to find new ways of doing things, and new ways of missionary renewal.

The pandemic has taken its toll in many ways, and even in this “COVID-normal” phase, many of us are still affected, whether in terms of health, well-being, family, employment arrangements or financial circumstances. Mass attendance is yet to return to the numbers that regularly gathered before the pandemic struck in 2020. This has had its inevitable impact on revenue gathered through Sunday Mass collections.

We are just about to commence our third Alpha program, and our new ministries such as our Baptism Preparation program, continue to go from strength to strength. We have to budget for regular utilities bills, routine maintenance and the inevitable repairs when something breaks or fails. The Thanksgiving program is also essential for providing funds to support the activities of our many and varied ministries in liturgy, music, pastoral care and outreach projects, these initiatives could not happen without your regular financial contribution.

We are deeply thankful for the sustained generosity of so many past and present parishioners in establishing the foundations from which we now work. The last parish Thanksgiving campaign was nine years ago. In that time, cost of living and inflation have increased substantially. We now ask YOU, our current contributors, to consider your capacity to maintain or if practicable increase your regular contribution, in line with your circumstances. We would especially like to reach out to those parishioners who are not part of our Parish Stewardship/Thanksgiving program and encourage you to consider making a meaningful pledge of financial support. Any financial support you provide, no matter how small, will have a direct impact on the renewal initiatives that we hope to undertake and will have a significant impact on our parish life and its future.

Forms to contribute to our two collections in a planned and regular way, either by direct debit or by a set of weekly envelopes, are available from the Parish Office and in the foyer.

Let us embrace the opportunity to rekindle the Spirit burning within us, and recreate our combined parishes as vibrant and viable expressions of faith in the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

Fr Siby John SAC
Parish Priest



**You are welcome to attend St Patrick's and St Kevin's "Share Get-Together" lunch
At Rovira House
On Sunday, 23rd October 2022
At 12.30 pm**

Everyone is welcome including guests and children. A share lunch is where you come along and provide a shared prepared meal. For example, a pasta dish, rice, casserole, cold meats, salads (hot foods to be pre-cooked), desserts.

If you are able to attend, please write your name on the list provided in the church foyer, with your choice of share food.

Looking forward to sharing!

Marianne Somerville, Coordinator

Is there more to life than this

Alpha

Alpha at St. Patrick's and St. Kevin's

Commencing on Tuesday, 4 October at 7pm at
Rovira House

Alpha is back! Our second program for this year is commencing on **Tuesday, 4 October** with a "Come and See" session at Rovira House, 5 Dalny Road, Murrumbena. This is a significant event for our parishes, and we would love you to consider registering for our first session.

What is Alpha? It's an opportunity to take some time out from the fever of modern life and explore more about life, faith and meaning. It's also a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow parishioners and new people. Even if you have never considered something like this before, we encourage you to give it a try. We really hope you can join us. To register or to find out more email: alphamurrumbena@gmail.com or text/call Maria on **0438 088 681**.



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER 2022 *A Church open to everyone*

We pray for the Church, ever faithful to and courageous in preaching the Gospel. May the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity, and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

MARCH FOR THE BABIES

Parishioners are invited to attend this year's "March for the Babies" on Saturday, 8th October commencing at 1pm starting at the corner of Spring Street and Wellington Parade.

This is an annual reminder of the babies lost to abortion in Australia each year and a public appeal to our parliaments to restore their human right to be born alive.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY In Faith, Hope and Love, let us pray for repose of the souls of ...



Bishop Emeritus Hilton Forrest Deakin

Rocco Coluccio (Husband of Rosa Coluccio and Father of Gregory and Lisa),
Gerald Murphy (Uncle of Dean Parkinson),
Regina Bowling (Cousin of Melissa Parkinson),
Simon King (Son of Annette and Michael King),
Ernest Perris (Husband of Colleen Perris).

PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE DEATH ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME

DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF Margaret Poore
(Mother of Stephen Poore, Jane Lama and Margaret Steenholdt)



PRAY FOR THE SICK



Roy Bowry (Nephew of Salome Wiley); John Harper (Friend of Marian and Stephen Poore);
Lizzy Stanley (daughter of Karly & Patrick Stanley);
Earl Edwards (Husband of Dorothy); Helmut and Cheryl Grosser (Parents of Dr Olivia Grosser-Ljubanovic);
Rodney Gardner, Margaret McGill, Joan Egan, Yvonne Maher, Terry Nicholls (Arcare), Han Kwee, Jack Mack.

ROSTER



CUPPA'S ROSTER — Sunday 9th October 2022

9.00 am: Marianne Somerville & Kathleen Thompson

5.00 pm: Leena & Pious Joseph

ROSTER



READER'S ROSTER — Saturday 8th/Sunday 9th September 2022

St Kevin's

St Patrick's

Sat. 6pm Vigil – Jim Dargan and family

Sun. 9.00am - Kathleen Thompson & Marianne Somerville

Sun. 10.30am - Jube Kunnel

Sun. 5.00pm - Maureen Medaris

Parish Offerings 24th/25th Sept

St Kevin's

St Patrick's

Church

\$342.70

\$793.10

Presbytery

\$230.10

\$499.15

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Within your will, O Lord, all things are established and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

FIRST READING: Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4
A reading from the prophet Habakkuk
 How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save?

Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said, 'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

The word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God!

PSALM: 94:1-2. 6-9. R.v.8
If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy
 I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

The word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God!


GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, Alleluia!
The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 17:5-10
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
 The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you. 'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper

laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'

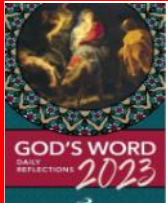
The Gospel of the Lord.
R. Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.



Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima visits St Anthony's Church, Glen Huntly from Wednesday 28 September to Sunday 9 October

Main Celebration is on Saturday 8 October: 6pm Vigil Mass (Procession around the Church).




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.

YOUR "THANKSGIVING" ENVELOPES FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2022 ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP FROM CHURCH FOYER THIS WEEKEND.



BAPTISMS AT ST PATRICK'S AND ST KEVIN'S
 Please contact the parish office for information on Tel: (03) 9568 7365.



St Vincent de Paul Society (Ormond or Murrumbidgee)
 If you need assistance Ph: 1800 305 330 If you know someone who needs help give them this number.

FIRST FRIDAY, 7TH OCTOBER MASS AND ADORATION AT

ST KEVIN'S CHURCH 9.15 AM Mass and Adoration

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH:
 Mass 7.00 pm
 Adoration 7.30-10.00pm

PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO morning Mass at St Patrick's on Friday, 7th October 2022.