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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

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year B — MISSION SUNDAY 24th October 2021

REFLECTION

When we set out to follow Jesus, faithful to the promises that we made at baptism to renounce sin and live lives directed by the Spirit, we normally do so with generosity of heart. However, after we have borne the burdens of this decision and realise some of the implications of our commitment, we begin to wonder if it was worth it. We believe that God will generously bless us. Still, would it be so wrong to hope for a little more, especially if we have made significant sacrifices along the way? Of those to whom much has been given, much will be required in return. The closer we are to Jesus, the more we will be expected to mirror him. The great ones in the reign of God, the ones who exercise authority over others, must be the servants of the rest. Parents, teachers, civil authorities, managers of every kind, pastoral leaders must all be servants, as Jesus was a servant. We will also have to drink from his cup of suffering and be baptised into his death. As we draw close to the one who gave his life as an offering for sin, we will find that the same self-sacrifice is being asked of us. When we struggle with the misfortunes that we face because of our commitment to Jesus, we will have him as an inspiration and a model to follow. He can sympathise with our weaknesses, identify with our suffering. We can draw strength from his example and hope from his kindness.

Dianne Bergant CSA



To all the faithful of the Archdiocese of Melbourne

The XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops For a synodal Church: communion, participation, and mission

My dear friends,

It would seem during this time of 'lockdown' and physical isolation, that the impulse to seek ways of hearing each other's voices, of listening deeply and of finding life-giving pathways together, have resonated deeply within each of us. Here in Melbourne, we have begun the journey towards personal and parish renewal; Australia-wide we have only just finished the first Session of the National Plenary Council; and this week we launch, in its local context, the Diocesan Phase of the Synod of Bishops. (The ACBC website has some helpful timelines to note: <https://www.catholic.org.au/synodal> church). Whilst this might seem to be a case of challenging diary management, particularly during this time of uncertainty, there is no 'chance' occurrence of the interweaving between our Take the Way of the Gospel, the Council, and the Synod. At the local, national, and universal levels – the Holy Spirit's compelling call to all the people of God, the Body of Christ in the world, towards paths of profound renewal are reverberating loudly through every facet of our lives. With this letter I launch and invite you as faithful of Melbourne into the synodal journey for the universal Church that was commenced with the official opening of the XVI Ordinary General Synod of Bishops on 10 October. It is now our opportunity to begin engagement in this important two-year convocation that seeks to hear and consider how we are walking together as a synodal Church in our announcing of the Gospel? And what steps the Spirit invites us to take in order to grow in our "walking together"? To do this, the Church is seeking to draw in the participation of the greatest number of people in order to listen deeply and attentively to the living voice of the entire People of God. The purpose of this first phase is consultation at our local level, and the Proclaim Team will be coordinating how we can capture the richness and wealth of our experiences of lived synodality across our Church here in Melbourne. You will be hearing more in the coming weeks, please take some time to read more in preparation: <https://www.synod.va/en.html> I strongly encourage your participation, and there will be varying mechanisms for individual and group submissions. Beautifully, the preparatory document has also encouraged us not to merely think of producing mere documentation of activity – but offer a dialogue, as the Holy Father reminds us, "to plant dreams, draw forth prophecies and visions, allow hope to flourish, inspire trust, bind up wounds, weave together relationships, awaken a dawn of hope, yearn from one another and create a bright resourcefulness that will enlighten minds, warm hearts, give strength to our hands." (Pope Francis 2018) In the opening ceremony last week, Bro Alois, the Superior of the Taizé community, was invited to share some thoughts: "This synodal process comes at a crucial moment when we can see two contradictory developments. On the one hand, humanity is becoming more clearly aware that we are all linked to each other and to the whole of creation. On the other hand, polarisation is growing in the social, political, and ethical domains, causing new divisions in societies, between countries, and even within families. Unfortunately, between our churches and also within them, there is a trend for differences to become polarisations that separate people, at a time when our witness to peace is vital...How can we move Christian unity forward?" This certainly is what we have been asking of ourselves locally, nationally, and now globally. It is not a 'dragging of feet' against the tide – but a joyful embracing of the Holy Spirit's call as to what is possible. Again, there is no 'chance,' we only need to open our ears and hearts.

With every grace and blessing! Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,
Most Rev Peter A. Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne

THE LAST ZOOM MASS WILL BE ON SUNDAY, 24 OCTOBER 2021

You are welcome to join in the Holy Rosary daily @ 8.45 am, followed by Holy Mass via Zoom. Please use the following link.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82455707826?wd=cVRKdUxRc2hYY3RHcWZ0ckgVSU93QT09> Meeting ID: 824 5570 7826 ; Passcode:



Welcome back to God's House

It would be easier for the world to survive without the sun than to do without Holy Mass. ~ St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina

Dear Parishioners,

Welcome back to Parish life. Let's thank God for his abundant mercies and blessings received during this pandemic, more so for our safety and now leading us to freedom. We are grateful to all the frontline workers for their dedicated service that has brought us out of lockdown. I am sure many of you are looking forward to coming back to Mass and worshipping the Lord and receiving the Holy Eucharist.

Will there be Holy Mass this weekend?

Unfortunately, there will be no Masses this weekend. This is because we might have parishioners unvaccinated or half vaccinated, so arrangements need to be made to accommodate all without any discrimination. Therefore, this weekend (23rd and 24th October) we will not open our churches for Holy Mass.

Will there be daily Mass next week?

Yes! There will be daily Mass at 9.15am at St. Kevin's starting Monday, 25 October till Friday 29 October, and starting at St. Patrick's on Tuesday, 26 October, Wednesday Friday and Saturday at 9.15 (No mass on Thursday at St. Pat's)

Who can attend daily/ week day Mass?

A maximum of 10 people only. Your vaccination status is not required - both the vaccinated and unvaccinated are welcome.

Do I need to book for daily Mass?

Yes. To attend Mass at either parish you need to call the parish office and book your attendance. This is to comply with the Government rules. The Parish Office phone number is **9568 7365**. (If your call is not answered please leave a message and phone number and I will call you back).

When will we start weekend Masses?

Good news - next weekend - 30th and 31 October. The arrangements are as follows:

Vigil Mass on Saturday 30th October at 6 pm at St. Kevin's for a maximum of 20 people who are fully vaccinated.

Holy Mass on Sunday 31 October at 8.30 am at St. Patrick's for a maximum of 20 people fully vaccinated.

Holy Mass at 10.30am at St. Kevin's for a maximum of 20 people fully vaccinated.

Holy Mass at 5pm at St. Patrick's for a maximum of 20 people fully vaccinated.

How do I prove I am vaccinated?

Those who wish to attend any weekend Mass are required to produce evidence of your full vaccination either via the QR code linked to the Service Victoria app or by producing a hard copy of your full vaccination certificate. I apologise in advance for the difficulties this may cause parishioners, but unfortunately the requirement to prove vaccination status is mandated by the State Government and failing to comply will lead to a \$100,000 fine. Please I ask that you don't get upset if a volunteer parishioner asks you for your full vaccination certificate. This is an important part of our Covid Management Plan and will enable us to maximize the number of people able to attend Mass.

How do I attend Mass on the weekend?

You will need to book online. **You will find the link to the online booking in next weekend's parish newsletter (Friday 29th October).**

What if I don't have a mobile phone or computer?

There will be 5 seats reserved for those who have no access to online booking. You will need to call the parish office and make your booking. **The Parish office phone number is 9568 7365.**

Will there be Holy Mass for the unvaccinated or half-vaccinated?

Yes, of course - you will definitely be able to attend Holy Mass. But you will need to call me, and I will make alternative arrangements, that is, different Mass times. The Parish office phone number is 9568 7365.

And finally, a request from me:

As our parishes open up to the public, **we need volunteers to welcome and monitor that the Parish is fulfilling the Government health directives. To that end, we need at least one parishioner every day, in both our parishes, to check vaccination status and assist with QR registrations.**

Without volunteers it will be difficult for us to open the church. So, I would really appreciate when you call to book for Mass, if you could indicate your readiness to help with this task.

PLEASE NOTE: WEARING OF MASKS IS MANDATORY FOR AGES 12 YEARS AND ABOVE.

Fr Siby

MANDATORY VACCINATIONS FOR PARISH EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS

All religious workers, that is, people (paid and volunteers) who work at or in connection with a place of worship will be subject to Mandatory Vaccination (Workers) Directions.

Religious workers in our Parishes would typically perform (but not limited to) roles such as Parish Secretary, Bookkeeper, sacristans, volunteers, musicians and domestic support.

The following key dates apply:

**By 15 October all workers need to be vaccinated or show that they have a booking for vaccination by 22 October 2021 – latest booking for first dose
26 November 2021 – latest booking for second dose.**

In order to continue working, workers must provide a hard copy of Vaccine information to the Parish engaging them. The Parish must hold this information in confidence and not disclose it to any person except as required by law.

This is not an easy issue to navigate, and the Archdiocese will continue to monitor and communicate any updates to government requirements.

Reading Roster for Saturday 30th/Sunday 31st October

St Kevin's:

Sat 6.00pm: Volunteers required

Sun 10.30am: Caroline Gojak

St Patrick's:

Sun 8.30am: Volunteers required

Sun 5.00pm: Pious Joseph

REMEMBERING OUR BELOVED ONES ON REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

In the month of November, we will remember our loved ones who died. Please provide any photos of loved ones who died this year (from November 2020), that you would like to be displayed on our Remembrance Board by Tue 28 October, to ormond@cam.org.au or murrumbeena@cam.org.au as a JPG file or you can drop photo in the parish office. Please also provide any names that you would like added to the Remembrance Book.

PatCare Ministry—Going Forward

Patcare is a short term (3 months emergency ministry) in the areas of providing transport, food and visitation to aged care facilities / housebound. Given the current situation of lockdown and the impact of Covid -19, thank you to all volunteers so far, who in the next couple of weeks will be provided with the necessary information required by the Archdiocese for the ministry to begin formally. We welcome any new volunteers from either parish so we can assist a greater cohort of parishioners. We look forward in anticipation, to hearing from you. Please contact CO- ORDINATORS MARIA FERNANDEZ 0405327041 Or TERESA LEECH 0422923501 or the PARISH OFFICE (03)95687365 if you have any queries or would be happy to volunteer. Thankyou.

2021 Walter Silvester Memorial Lecture: 'Truth, Treaty and Transformation'

free online public lecture presented by Jason Kelly and Frank Brennan SJ AO on Tuesday, 26 October 2021 at 5.30-7pm [AEDT]
No registration required.

Click here to join: <https://acu.zoom.us/j/84877950748>

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Children's Week—23 to 31 October 2021

The theme this year is '*Children have the right to choose their friends and safely connect with others*', drawn from Article 15 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. Information technology is now used in virtually every home in Australia. The Archdiocese of Melbourne has produced a number of useful resources on many aspects of child protection, including online safety.

[Protecting God's Children resource](#) and [suggested reading list](#);
['Feel Safe and Be Safe at Our Church' poster](#)
['Electronic Communication including Social Media' fact sheet](#)
[Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy](#)

Let's pray in faith, hope and love for the recently deceased.

Sheila Sullivan, John Bowen (brother of Bernadette Gunasekera), Santa Sabato and William McNamara

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM, MAY THEIR SOULS REST IN PEACE, AMEN.



Let's also pray for the Sick:

Neil Stapleton, Frank Jackson, Han Kwee, Jack Mack, Michael Chew, Kurt Siegermeier, Coleen Parris, Thomas (Fr Siby's Dad), Denis and Gabrielle (Patrick Leech's siblings), Tessa Keane, Rodney Gardner (grandson of Pat Gardner).

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE CARD

Dear Parishioners,

Due to the current Lockdown, we understand that Parishioners are unable to use the Thanksgiving Envelopes. However 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 Murrumbeena 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

Thank you and God Bless you and your Families.

Nihal Lawrence

Finance Officer

Combined Parishes of St Patrick's and St Kevin's

Entrance Antiphon

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

The Lord says this:

Shout with joy for Jacob! Hail the chief of nations!

Proclaim! Praise! Shout: The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel! See, I will bring them back from the land of the North and gather them from the far ends of earth; all of them: the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour: a great company returning here.

They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble. For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God!

Psalm: Ps 125. R. v.3

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon:

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

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email: admin.mmhc@sosj.org.au
Ph: (03) 9926 9300—for enquiries

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Pope's Prayer intention for October 2021
Intention for evangelization - Missionary disciples
"We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel."
— Pope Francis"



Child Safety is Everybody's Responsibility
For information and Child Safety matters you can contact the Parish Child Safety Committee via celticparishes@gmail.com



St Vincent de Paul Society
VICTORIA
good works

The Murrumbeena Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society provide emergency food and assistance to families and people doing it tough in the Ormond and Murrumbeena Areas. **For assistance Ph: 1800 305 330**
If you know someone who needs help give them this number.
Also the Conference is looking for Volunteers to ensure this good work continues. If you have some spare time and feel you would like to help in this area please contact us on svdp3163@hotmail.com



Lockdown Light
A weekly series bringing 'light' to this time of lockdown...

The Archdiocese of Melbourne is organising a weekly series over the weeks in lockdown. Refer to details below.

Lockdown Light—Week Seven

A weekly series bringing 'light' to this time of lockdown ...
Well and truly done with sourdough starters? Not interested in another DIY project? To help fill the void during lockdown, each week we'll suggest some inspiring content to bring 'light' to this difficult time. Pop on the kettle and check out the recommendations below.

Podcasts for Christian living: Theology of the Body and Healing

In this podcast, Catholic therapists, Dr Bob Schuchts & Jake Khym discuss how we can glorify God in and through our bodies. Using St John Paul II's Theology of the Body, they look at ways we can receive healing and peace. Listen here: www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving7

Getting to know your Bible: How do Scripture and Tradition work together?

Getting started: Why do we believe in things like the Trinity, purgatory or even what books make up the Bible? They all form part of Sacred Tradition. In this 3-minute video, hear how Scripture and Tradition work together in the life of the Church. Watch at: www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted7

Going deeper: Written for Catholic teachers, this short article 'Catholic Teaching on Sacred Scripture' explains the role and importance of both Sacred Scripture and Tradition in our understanding of the revelation of God. View here: www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper7