

# 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**

**The Epiphany of the Lord —Year C — 2nd January 2022**

## REFLECTION

### Stars and Seekers after Truth

Unlike the writers of the horoscope columns in our newspapers, these Wise Men were scholar astrologers, probably from Syria or Iraq. They believed that the stars controlled the destiny of human beings, but they were the Hebrew scriptures to be led to the amazing discovery of a star-child in Bethlehem. They knelt before this baby, that the stars did not control *this* infant, baby which caused the night sky to the deadly schemes of Herod, and then a different way'. They were on a Child. Who can doubt that the Holy Spirit is prompting each and every one to



As a person responds to this prompting and tries to lead a good humane life, then the Church teaches that the Holy Spirit can draw them into the saving life of God. Thus, billions in China and India who have never heard the Gospel, can be saved. But, such persons do not savour the fullness of Truth as we do with the privilege of having the scriptures and the sacraments. Where it is possible, we are obliged to offer them the road map to the Truth.

We can take a moment to affirm our faith in the baby in the manger as the One of whom Dante spoke: 'the Love which moves the sun and other stars'. Come, let us adore him.

(By Fr Michael Tate, Hon Professor of Law, University of Tasmania)

### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

DAY	ST PATRICK'S	ST KEVIN'S	DAY	ST PATRICK'S	ST KEVIN'S
Monday 3rd Jan	<b>NO MASS</b>	9.15 AM	Saturday Vigil		6.00 PM
Tuesday 4th Jan	9.15 AM	9.15 AM			
Wednesday 5th Jan	9.15 AM	9.15 AM	Sunday	8.30 AM	10.30 am
Thursday 6th Jan	<b>NO MASS</b>	9.15 AM			5.00 PM
Friday 7th Jan	9.15 AM	9.15 AM			

### Reading Roster for Next Weekend 8th/9th January, 2022

St Kevin's	St Patrick's
Sat 6.00 pm - Yasmin & Ashani Miranda	Sun 8.30am - Kathleen Thompson & Marianne Somerville
Sun 10.30am - Vince Aquende	Sun 5.00pm - Kevin Pious

**"CUPPAS" ROSTER—ST PATRICK'S SUNDAY, 1ST JANUARY 2022:** 9.00 am: Marita & Geoff Bolling; 5pm: Leena & Pious Joseph

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU SIGN IN WITH THE QR CODE AND MASK IS MANDATORY FOR INDOORS**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

The Glory to God in the highest is sung or said.

**First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God!**

**Psalm:** 71:1-2, 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11

**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

**Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God!**

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!**

**We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12**

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.' Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star

they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

The Creed is said.

**Communion Antiphon: We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.**

**Let's pray in faith, hope and love for the recently deceased: Mrs Rosalind Nicholls**

*ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO HER O LORD AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HER, MAY HER SOUL REST IN PEACE, AMEN.*

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

**Terry Nicholls (Arcare), Frank Jackson, Han Kwee, Jack Mack, Michael Chew, Kurt Siegermeier, Coleen Parris, Thomas (Fr Siby's Dad), Rodney Gardner (grandson of Pat Gardner), Arnold Briones (brother-in-law of Mercy Patwaran)**

**STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE**

Dear Parishioners,

The next batch of Thanksgiving envelopes starting Jan 2022 are now available for collection from the church foyer. 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 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

**Collection for last Weekend (Christmas) 24th, 25th & 26th December 2021**

	<u>Church</u>	<u>Presbytery</u>
<b>St Kevin's</b>	<b>\$1,196.10</b>	<b>\$1,533.90</b>
<b>St Patrick's</b>	<b>\$1,480.15</b>	<b>\$1,629.10</b>

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



**Pope's Prayer intention for January 2022**

**For true human fraternity**

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution. May their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.



**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