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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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year C — 06 February 2022

REFLECTION

Fish in the Sea of Divine Life



Peter was a fisherman. Jesus had been brought up in a carpenter's household. Jesus tells Peter when and how to fish. This gets under Peter's skin. He tells Jesus a few facts of life about night fishing on the Lake of Gennesaret. But, he gives in to this landlubber's directive and casts out the nets and hauls in a very good catch.

Jesus wants to come into the rhythm of our ordinary workaday lives. Surprising things may then happen. You may be commissioned by Our Lord Jesus Christ to become 'fishers of men', fishers of human beings. But don't fishermen fish the fish out of the sea and kill them?

Is being caught up in the net of Christianity to be a deadening experience? Having this in mind, St Luke used a word for netting fish for an aquarium. We who have been caught up in the net of Christianity are meant to be more alive than ever, 'fully alive'. The best analogy I can think of is the stranding of pods of whales, thrashing around in the shallows, barely existing, doomed unless saved. People go down and put slings under them and haul them into deeper water.

We could pause a moment to thank God that we have been guided into the life-giving waters of baptism, and for the strength to help others swim into the Oceanic depths of Divine Love.

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

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 8.30 am and Sunday 5.00 pm

Effective this Sunday, 6th February 2022, the Sunday morning Masses at St Patrick's will be at 9.00 am.

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



AN EXCERPT FROM HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS' 2022 MESSAGE FOR THE THIRTIETH WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

February 11, 2022

"Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful" (Lk 6:36).
Standing beside those who suffer on a path of charity

Dear brothers and sisters,

Thirty years ago, Saint John Paul II instituted the World Day of the Sick to encourage the people of God, Catholic health institutions and civil society to be increasingly attentive to the sick and to those who care for them.

We are grateful to the Lord for the progress made over the years in the particular Churches worldwide. Many advances have been made, yet there is still along way to go in ensuring that all the sick, also those living in places and situations of great poverty and marginalization, receive the health care they need, as well as the pastoral care that can help them experience their sickness in union with the crucified and risen Christ. May the Thirtieth World Day of the Sick—whose closing celebration, due to the pandemic, will not take place as planned in Arequipa, Peru, but in Saint Peter's Basilica in the Vatican—help us grow in closeness and service to the sick and to their families.

The theme chosen for this Thirtieth World Day of the Sick, *"Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful" (Lk 6:36)*, makes us first turn our gaze towards God, who is 'rich in mercy' (Eph 2:4); he always watches over his children with a father's love, even when they turn away from him.

Jesus' invitation to be merciful like the Father has particular significance for healthcare workers. I think of all those physicians, nurses, laboratory technicians, the support staff and the caretakers of the sick, as well as the numerous volunteers who donate their precious time to assist those who suffer. Dear healthcare workers, your service alongside the sick, carried out with love and competence, transcends the bounds of your profession and becomes a mission. Your hands, which touch the suffering flesh of Christ, can be a sign of the merciful hands of the Father. Be mindful of the great dignity of your profession, as well as the responsibility that it entails.

Let us thank the Lord for the progress that medical science has made, especially in recent times; new technologies have made it possible to prepare therapies that are of great benefit to the sick; research continues to make a valuable contribution to eliminating old and new pathologies; rehabilitative medicine has greatly expanded its expertise and skills. None of this, however, must make us forget the uniqueness of each patient, his or her dignity and frailties.

Patients are always more important than their diseases, and for this reason, no therapeutic approach can prescind from listening to the patient, his or her history, anxieties and fears. Even when healing is not possible, care can always be given. It is always possible to console, it is always possible to make people sense a closeness that is more interested in the person than in his or her pathology. For this reason, I would hope that the training provided to health workers might enable them to develop a capacity for listening and relating to others.

The World Day of the Sick is also a good occasion to focus our attention on centres of care. Down the centuries, showing mercy to the sick led the Christian community to open innumerable "inns of the good Samaritan", where love and care can be given to people with various kinds of sickness, especially those whose health needs are not being met due to poverty or social exclusion or to the difficulties associated with treating certain pathologies. In these situations, it is children, the elderly and those who are most frail who most often pay the price. Merciful like the Father, countless missionaries have combined the preaching of the Gospel with the construction of hospitals, dispensaries and care homes. These are previous means whereby Christian charity has taken visible shape and the love of Christ, witnessed by that of his disciples, has become more credible. I think especially of people in the poorest areas of our planet, where it is sometimes necessary to travel long distances to find treatment centres that, albeit with limited resources, offer what is available. We still have a long way to go; in some countries, access to adequate care remains a luxury. We see this, for example, in the scarcity of available vaccines against Covid-19 in poor countries; but even more in the lack of treatment for illnesses that require much simpler medicines.

Dear brothers and sisters, to the intercession of Mary, Health of the Infirm, I entrust all the sick and their families. United with Christ, who bears the pain of the world, may they find meaning, consolation and trust. I pray for healthcare workers everywhere, that, rich in mercy, they may offer patients, together with suitable care, their fraternal closeness.

To all I cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing.

Francis

**11TH FEBRUARY
FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES
WORLD DAY OF THE SICK**



February 11 is the anniversary of the first apparition of Mary to Bernadette Soubirous. Thirty years ago, Saint John Paul II instituted the World Day of the Sick on this day of the solemnity of our Lady of Lourdes to sensitize the people of God, catholic health institution and civil society for the attention of the sick and all those who take care of them.

Pope Francis message for the World Day of the Sick reinforces the mission of hospitalizing, welcoming and accompanying the sick in Lourdes.

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 to those volunteers.

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.

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

Ray Blanchfield (relative of Mary Blanchfield), Giovanna Matarazzo (wife of late Giuseppe Matarazzo), Bozidar Kostic (uncle of Marianne Somerville) and Rosalind Nicholls (wife of Terry Nicholls).

We also pray for Godwin Brown (father of Angela Baptist) on his Death Anniversary.

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:

Thomas (Fr Siby's Dad), Rosemary McGeoch, 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 Parris, Rodney Gardner (grandson of Pat Gardner), Arnold Briones (brother-in-law of Mercy Patwaran)



Chaplaincy Appeal 2022

Next weekend is the Chaplaincy Appeal in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Each year a special collection is conducted in all parishes for the purpose of supporting the vital work of our Catholic chaplains. The Chaplains support thousands of Victorians every year in hospitals, prisons and youth justice centres, and those living with HIV/AIDS. Your gift can help people find comfort and hope as they go through some of their darkest hours and times of need. **Please give generously.** You can donate using the envelopes available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.



Scan the QR code to donate online.
Or visit: www.catholiccarevic.org.au/chaplaincy-appeal
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This Sunday we welcome the families of the children who will be receiving Baptism on 27th February 2022 at St Patrick's Church.

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. Thank you to Melissa and Dean for offering to sing at the latter. A new training session for about 8 volunteers will be offered when Fr Siby returns from India.

Emergency Coordinator for both Parishes

Jane Biasuzzo 0411 283 200;
St Kevin's (April-May) Main Coordinator:
Yasmin Miranda 0433 336 483

Readers if you are unable to keep to your rostered Saturdays/Sundays, please notify the office a week beforehand. Thank you!

Reading Roster for Next Weekend 12th/13th February, 2022

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

"CUPPAS" ROSTER—ST PATRICK'S SUNDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY 2022: 8.30 am: Miriam Will; 5.00pm: Leena & Pious Joseph

Entrance Antiphon: O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

First Reading: Is 6:108

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings.

And they cried out to one another in this way,

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said:

'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips

and I live among a people of unclean lips,

and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:

'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:

'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?'

I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God!

Psalm: 137:1-5. 7-8. R. v.1

R. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:1-11

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point. When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

Communion Antiphon: Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

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

Collections for January 2022:

	Thanksgiving	Presbytery
St Patrick's:	\$3,072	\$1,800
St Kevin's:	\$3,515	\$1,647

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