

# 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 St Patrick's and St Kevin's

**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year B — 5th September 2021**

### REFLECTION—Peter: Earthquaked and then upside down

Here in our Australian democracy we hardly feel the force of the famous gospel passage in which Jesus forewarns his disciples of the high cost of following him. We trivialise the meaning of taking up the cross to make it refer to bearing a chronic ailment, or putting up with a particularly irritating family member or work colleague: 'It/he/she is the cross I have to bear.' No, our Lord was referring to the terrible reality which could be inflicted on his followers, as even happens today: the beheadings by ISIL in Iraq, the rape and enslavement of women in Nigeria, the displacement from homelands in Syria. The True Cross is not to be found in splinters of wood but in the various means by which suffering is inflicted on those whose allegiance to Jesus Christ does not waiver. Peter could not, would not, grasp this. His head was full of political fantasy, easy sovereignty. Jesus rebuked Peter quite savagely: 'Satan, get behind me.' Only after the resurrection, believing that our Lord had conquered the worst that death could do, did Peter follow Jesus to crucifixion, upside down at the base of the Vatican Hill. We could take a moment to pray for and, where possible, give appropriate political support to, our fellow Christians wherever they are persecuted, forced to bear the true cross of suffering. May God give those Christian martyrs victory in the embrace of the resurrection power of Jesus Christ.

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



I am writing this letter to invite you to join Alpha in our combined Parishes. Alpha is an opportunity to explore life, faith and God in a friendly, open and informal environment. I have been thinking of running Alpha in our combined parishes from May this year. An evening commences with a simple meal at 7pm, followed by a song or two, and then a videoed talk. After the talk there is a discussion in small groups on the evening's topic. The evening ends at 9.15pm. Unfortunately, lockdown and restrictions to gather in person, seems not ending in the near future. Therefore, in collaboration with the Archdiocesan Proclaim Team – office for Mission Renewal, I would like to have Alpha information night via Zoom on Wednesday 22 September at 7.30 pm to 9 pm. On this evening we will run the first of the Alpha sessions – "Is There More to Life than This?" This will give you an opportunity to 'try before you buy' so to speak. At the end of this introductory evening, you may indicate whether or not you wish to continue.

"Alpha" was developed by the Anglican Church in response to falling numbers in congregations and a desire to get back to the basics of faith. It has been extremely successful, with over twenty-seven million people from 116 countries having participated over the years, including many thousands in Catholic parishes. It is an interesting, fun and non-threatening way to explore Christianity. There is more information here: <http://Australia.alpha.org/catholic-context/home/>

Any one above 18 years of age (Catholic, non-Catholic, Christian non-Christian or non-believer) are most welcome to join. I will be much grateful if you could reply to me through any of these emails: [murrumeena@cam.org.au](mailto:murrumeena@cam.org.au) or [ormond@cam.org.au](mailto:ormond@cam.org.au) before Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September. I will send the Zoom link in your reply email.

Thank you very much for considering being a part of this exciting new initiative in our parish community.

Yours Sincerely,  
Fr Siby John



### Holy Mass via Zoom

Starting from this Saturday 4 September until Saturday 23 October, there will be Holy Rosary at 8.45am, followed by Holy Mass EVERYDAY via Zoom. Please use the following link. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82455707826?pwd=cVRKdUxRc2hYY3RHcWZ0cGkvSU93QT09>

Meeting ID: 824 5570 7826

Passcode: 723631

### New to St Patrick's and St Kevin's? Connect with Us

Parish Priest: Rev Fr. Siby John SAC ([siby.john@cam.org.au](mailto:siby.john@cam.org.au))

Bishop in Residence: Most Rev Peter Elliott

Deacon: Rev Pselio (Leo) Lemalu

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Communion to the Sick/Housebound

Please inform the parish office with contact information if you, or someone you know, is sick/housebound and wants to receive Holy Communion.



Child Safety is Everybody's Responsibility  
For information and Child Safety matters you can contact the Parish Child Safety Committee via [celticparishes@gmail.com](mailto:celticparishes@gmail.com)

## PatCare

Hello every one, we have a number of dedicated parishioners ready to reach out to any one in need at any time in our parishes. Should anyone need help or assistance, please reach out to our Pat Care Coordinators **Teresa Leech on 0422 923 501, Maria Fernandez on 0405 327 041 or to the parish office on (03)95687365**. Your details will be kept confidential. If you wish to be part this ministry or want to know more about Pat Care you can contact Teresa Leech, Maria Fernandez or Fr Siby.

From Overall coordinator : Teresa Leech

## CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY, 12TH SEPTEMBER 2021



This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday (formerly Child Protection Sunday) on the second Sunday of September. Safeguarding Sunday seeks to acknowledge and apologise for the immense damage caused by priests, religious and lay people within Catholic contexts. It makes a commitment to practices and protocols that create and maintain safe environments for all people. It invites people to pray for those harmed by abuse directly and indirectly.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: [www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday)

## Priest's Retirement Fund

Due to the continuing COVID-19 restrictions and Masses not being able to be said at Parishes, donations to the Father's Day appeal can be made through the Priests Retirement Foundation website via debit, credit card or Paypal where the donor's details are loaded and receipts can be issued.



## Weekly Vaccination for our Soul

This tough and extended lockdown has been extremely hard for all of us. Many suffer physically, mentally and spiritually. We are getting exhausted. Many are losing hope and finding it hard to carry their burden alone. In Mt. 11: 28 Jesus said "come to me, all you who are weary and overburdened, and I will give you rest". Therefore, you are invited to join a Zoom meet on every Tuesday until lock down is eased, to watch videos that will nurture us spiritually and support us emotionally. A time to sharing and hear from each other and feel bonded as parish community. Time 7.30 Pm to 8.30 Pm every Tuesday. Started on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September. Zoom link same as Holy Mass Link

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

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:

Sandra Brunton, Vera Oberzing, 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,

During this Covid Pandemic, we all are facing many challenges in our daily lives while disconnected with our regular religious worship pattern and our inability to attend Holy Mass. However, we need to continue praying to our Lord to save the world from this pandemic.

During the last few months' the Parish Thanksgiving contributions have reduced substantially, especially Offerings to the Presbytery to meet the cost of utilities and sustenance of the Parish Priest. I am therefore encouraging Parishioners to consider making an offering towards the Presbytery during this lockdown period.

Contributions can be made to the following Bank Accounts';

**St Patrick's Presbytery**      BSB: 083 347 A/c No: 16891 5271

**St Kevin's Presbytery**      BSB: 083 347 A/c No: 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 Procession**

**Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.**

**First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me.

The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God!**

**Psalm: Ps 114:1-6. 8-9. R. v.9**

**R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.**

**Second Reading: James 2:14-18**

A reading from the letter of St James.

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead. This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God!**

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!**

**My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Mark 8:27-35**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get

behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**Communion Antiphon: How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.**

**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.**



**The 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration of 9/11**

Today, let us remember and honour the memory of the 3000 victims who died in the 9/11 attacks and the survivors. May God bring comfort and healing to all those affected by this disaster.



**The Archdiocese of Melbourne is organising a weekly series over 3 weeks. Refer to details below.**

**Lockdown Light—week one**

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**

**Quality podcasts navigating marriage and family life**  
**Parenting as a team**

This podcast from the Messy Family Project gives some great practical advice on how couples can be truly in sync with one another and parent together with unity, respect and God's grace. Listen at [www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving1](http://www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving1)

**Getting to know your Bible**

**Resources to help you explore the Bible**

**How to read the Bible**

**Getting started:** In this short video, Fr Mike Schmitz shares several reasons we should pick up our Bible again, see it with fresh eyes and allow it to transform our lives. Watch at [www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted1](http://www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted1)

**Going deeper:** In this video, Bishop Robert Barron looks at different approaches to understanding Scripture and how we can use them to hear God speaking to us today. View here [www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper1](http://www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper1)