

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-First Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year B — 22nd August 2021

REFLECTION

The decisions called for in today's readings are life decisions. The people at the time of Joshua had to decide which god they would worship. The disciples of Jesus had to decide if he was the one who would fulfill their messianic expectations. We have life decisions to make as well. How will we choose?

The choices we make determine the character of our union with God. God called us out of the slavery of sin and protected us throughout the journey of our lives. Jesus walked with us through the challenges of life and performed wonders for us. Why should we look elsewhere? Because we face new challenges. The new demands placed on us may be so great, or the commitment required of us may be so demanding that we feel that we can no longer walk with him. The church may be changing in ways we do not appreciate, or it may not be changing in the ways we believe it should, and so we may feel that we can walk with him no longer.

If we decide to commit ourselves, we will enter into a union with God that is deeper than anything we have previously known. However, this union will be based on faith. We may understand no more than we did in the past, things may be no more to our liking. But, 'to whom shall we go?' Jesus is God's holy one; he has the words of eternal life.

By Dianne Bergant, CSA

PatCare

Hello every one, combined parishes St. Patrick's and St. Kevin's officially launched our "Pat Care ministry" on Wednesday 18 August via Zoom platform. This ministry aims to provide emergency help such as food, driving to clinics, visiting house bound etc. We have a number of dedicated parishioners ready to reach out to any one in need at any time in our parishes. Please reach out our Pat Care Coordinators **Teresa Leech on 0422 923 501, Maria Fernandez on 0405 327 041 or to the parish office on (03)95687365**. Any one in need please feel free to contact Pat Care and your Privacy 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

Holy Mass via Zoom

Due to the ongoing lockdown, Fr Siby is inviting parishioners to join in Holy Mass via Zoom starting on Sunday 22 August at 9am. Holy Mass via Zoom will continue everyday, starting from 22 August at 9am until the lockdown eases.

Please use the following link.

Join the Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88092454140?pwd=Q0dEYkdRZW8vT0JVVXVRaUViciUyZz09>

Meeting ID: 880 9245 4140

Passcode: 803959

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

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

Bishop in Residence: Most Rev Peter Elliott

Deacon: Rev Pselio (Leo) Lemalu

Parish Secretary: Jennifer Bastian (Wed, Thu, Fri),

Finance: Nihal Lawrence (Tue, Wed, Fri)

Principal— St Patrick's Primary School: Jenny Hawkins

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THERE WILL BE NO MASSES THIS WEEKEND AT BOTH CHURCHES DUE TO THE LOCKDOWN

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

Jamberoo Abbey Online Retreat a retreat about Hope

About: This retreat is based on Charles Peguy's Little Girl Hope from the book, "The Portal of the Mystery of Hope" Hope is both a virtue and a mystery. It is desirable yet elusive. Many dismiss it, misunderstand it, shrug it off and turn their backs on it, extolling faith and charity instead. Whilst faith and charity are absolutely critical in these times of uncertainty and fear in society, there is now a need for hope as never before since World War II.

Date: Retreat begins Sunday, September 5, 2021. All videos and texts will be available on our website for as long as you need access.

Details: There are 6 conferences with 2 being uploaded each week. There are also questions for reflection. Take your time as there is no need to complete the 2 conferences within 1 week.

Cost: The cost of the retreat is \$250. Pensioners can apply for a reduced price. See website for details.

Contact: Register online at:
jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats/online-retreats



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

INFORMATION SESSION FOR THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

DO YOU FEEL LIKE BEING CALLED TO SERVE?

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. COME & SEE! An information Session about the Permanent Diaconate **will be held on Saturday, 4th September at 10.00am** at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), East Melbourne. For more information:

Watch: Melbourne's Deacons: <https://youtu.be/q2RhNDbtTS0>

Watch: Pope Francis' 2020 Prayer Intention for Deacons:

<https://youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY>

Read More: <https://www.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate>

Contact: Office of the Permanent Diaconate Ph: 03 9412 335

(Email) diaconate@cam.org.au

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

An opportunity to spend a weekend improving your communication.

This experience gives you the tools to keep your passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living. The weekend we offer is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

Please check our website for more details.

We have two options: An on-line/virtual weekend:

10 -12 September 2021 or

a non-residential weekend: 16 - 17 October 2021

in west Gippsland. (Book early to avoid disappointment)

Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au



Let's pray in faith, hope and love for the recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

One Month Death Anniversary of Maria Gagliardi (children: Nadia, Daniela and Rosemary Gagliardi),

Third Death Anniversary of Anna Holden (Marianne Somerville's Mum); and John Currie (Caroline Gojak's Father).

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

Name: _____

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RETURN TO:

St Patrick's Murrumbena

St Kevin's Ormond

6 Dalny Road

Envelopes : My Pledge will be \$ _____

(Parish: \$..... / Presbytery: \$.....)

Every: week ; month ; quarter ; Annually

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"CDFpay for St Kevin's Parish, Ormond"

Contributions to the Presbytery can be Direct Credited to;

St Patrick's Presbytery BSB: 083 347 A/c: 16891 5271

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Every: month/ quarterly/ annually

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

Entrance Procession

Turn your ear, O Lord and answer me;
 Save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
 Have mercy on my, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

First Reading: Jos 24:1-2. 15-18

A reading from the book of Joshua.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.' The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God!

Psalm: Ps 33:2-3. 16-23. R. v.9

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading: Eph 5:21-32

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

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Jn 6:60-69

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?'

Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before? 'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. 'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon: The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

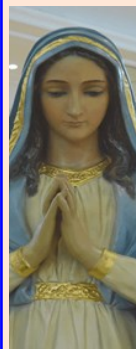
My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly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



Pope's Prayer intention for August 2021

"Let us pray for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel."

Pope Francis' Prayer to the Virgin Mary for Protection from Coronavirus



O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of all People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.