

# 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

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year B — 26th September 2021**

### REFLECTION

The question of legitimacy of ministry is not a new one. There is a certain amount of tension between the institutional and the charismatic aspects of the church. To say that one is Spirit-driven and the other is not is to misunderstand Jesus' promise to remain with the church until the end of time. God normally calls ministers through the structures of the community. The authorities of the church are usually the ones who make the ultimate decisions about the needs of the church, how these needs are to be met, and who is to meet them. That is one of the responsibilities of their office. However, God calls in other ways as well. A solid biblical tradition maintains that the Spirit is not confined to human structure or custom. We see this in the judges, the prophets, and even the early kings. The Pentecost story describes the coming of the Spirit upon all people – sons and daughters, young and old, slaves and free. When God calls it is up to us to recognise that call and to test its spirit. Perhaps the primary criterion we have for judging is the biblical measure: By their fruits you shall know them. Today we also see that those who benefit from exploitation of the vulnerable will reap the fruits of their sin. This warning stems from the belief in the justice of God. Just as we believe that God will not allow the righteous to go unrewarded, so we are confident that neither will the wicked escape punishment. **Dianne Bergant, CSA**



**Vincent de Paul** was born on 24 April 1581. Commonly known as **Saint Vincent de Paul**, he was a French Catholic priest who dedicated himself to serving the poor. In 1622 Vincent was appointed a chaplain to the galleys. After working for some time in Paris among imprisoned galley slaves, he returned to be the superior of what is now known as the Congregation of the Mission, or the "Vincentians" (in France known as "Lazaristes"). These priests, with vows of poverty, chastity, obedience, and stability, were to devote themselves entirely to the people in smaller towns and villages. Vincent was zealous in conducting retreats for clergy at a time when there was great laxity, abuse, and ignorance among them. He was a pioneer in clerical training and was instrumental in establishing seminaries, and founder of the Congregation of the Mission and Daughters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul. Vincent died in Paris on 27 September 1660. In 1705, the Superior General of the Congregation of the Mission requested that the holy process of Vincent's canonization be instituted. On 13 August 1729 he was declared blessed by Pope Benedict XIII. He was canonized nearly eight years later by Pope Clement XII on 16 June 1737.

In 1737, Vincent's feast day was included in the Roman Calendar for celebration initially on 19 July. In 1969, the date of his memorial was revised in the General Roman Calendar to 27 September (the date of his death).

The St Vincent De Paul Society was named after Saint Vincent de Paul and follows his teachings and compassion for people in need. Saint Vincent de Paul is the international patron of the Society.

### Daily Holy Mass via Zoom

There will be Holy Rosary at 8.45am, followed by Holy Mass via Zoom. Please use the following link.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82455707826?pwd=cVRKdUxRc2hYY3RHcWZ0ckgvSU93QT09>

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MIGRANTS & REFUGEES SUNDAY, 26TH SEPTEMBER 2021

*"Towards an Ever Wider We"*



The 107th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2021 will be celebrated on September 26th—"Migrants and Refugees Sunday". Pope Francis said he has devoted his Message of the theme, *Towards An Ever Wider "We"*, in order to "indicate a clear horizon for our common journey in this world." He states: *"The encounter with migrants and refugees of other denominations and religious, represents a fertile ground for the growth of open and enriching ecumenical and interreligious dialogue. Today's migration movements offer an opportunity for us to overcome our fears and let ourselves be enriched by the diversity of each person's gifts. Then, if we so desire, we can transform borders into privileged places of encounter where the miracle of an ever wider "we" can come about"*.

Pope Francis urges us to see and respond to the plight of millions of people across the world who are forced to flee their homeland due to persecution or the catastrophic effects of climate change. The Pope says, *"Many are being devoured in conditions that make it impossible to survive..."*

### Prayer

*Holy, beloved Father, your Son Jesus taught us that there is great rejoicing in heaven whenever someone lost is found, whenever someone excluded, rejected or discarded is fathered into our "we", which thus becomes ever wider.*

*We ask you to grant the followers of Jesus, and all the people of goodwill, the grace to do your will on earth.*

*Bless each act of welcome and outreach that draws those in exile into the "we" of community and of the Church, so that our earth may truly become what you yourself created it to be: the common home of all our brothers and sisters.*

*Amen (Pope Francis)*

## 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 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.

## DAILY ROSARY & HOLY MASS IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER VIA ZOOM



The month of October is devoted to the Holy Rosary. 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?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82455707826?pwd=cVRKdUxRc2hYY3RHcWZ0ckgvSU93QT09)

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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)

### 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:

**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 Murrumbena 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**

All that you have done to us, O Lord,  
you have done with true judgement,  
for we have sinned against you  
and not obeyed your commandments.  
But give glory to your name  
and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

**First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29**

A reading from the book of Numbers

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again. Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God!**

**Psalm: Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9**

**R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.**

**Second Reading: James 5:1-6**

A reading from the letter of St James.

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God!**

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!**

Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth.  
**Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us. 'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you

belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward. 'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

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

**Communion Antiphon: Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.**

**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.**



**Pope's Prayer intention for September 2021**

"Let us pray that that we may make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in those young people who are resolutely committed to protecting God's Creation."

*"Let us hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor."*



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

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

**Lockdown Light—Week Three**

*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: Making the most of lockdown**

In this blog post, local Melbourne mum of six, Kate Moriarty, shares some fun and creative ideas to help families make the most of their time together in lockdown. Find out more at

[www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving3](http://www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving3)

**Getting to know your Bible: Opening up the Old Testament**

*Getting started:* This video by Bible Snap brings you the Old Testament in 8 minutes, with a comprehensive overview of where the books and people fit in the timeline of history.

Watch at [www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted3](http://www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted3)

*Going deeper:* Exodus is one of the key books of the Old Testament. Hear about the pivotal events in Exodus from a range of other Christian Biblical scholars and theological experts in this 10-minute video. View here: [www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper3](http://www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper3)