

# 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**

**First Sunday of Advent—Year C — 28th November 2021**

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT—REFLECTION



The readings of the First Sunday of Advent set the stages for our reflections on the entire season. They contain a number of promises, all pointing to peace and fulfilment. Each reading depicts a dimension of suffering that was often brought on by the people themselves. The promises are assurances that the end of their suffering was in sight. The promises reveal a loving and provident, a merciful and forgiving God. These are promises full of hope.

The coming of the Lord is clearly a time of expectation, not of fear and trembling. Although the earlier tradition about the Day of the Lord included punishment of the wicked, the focus here is on redemption. The time of expectation may be preceded by apocalyptic signs in the heavens and dismay on earth, but this cosmic shift will bring fulfilment, not destruction. The love and providence, the mercy and forgiveness of God will be made manifest.

What is expected of those who receive the promise? An Advent way of life exhorts us to 'wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ.' This way of life is both simple and profound. It does not necessarily require unusual behaviour on our part, but it calls us to live the usual, unusually well. It affects the everyday events of life; it directs the way we interact with people; it informs the attitudes that colour our judgements and motivations. It is as ordinary as the birth of a child; it is as extraordinary as the revelation of God.

By Dianne Bergant CSA

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**Father's Day Appeal—This Weekend  
(27/28 November 2021)  
(Priests Retirement Foundation)**

Dear Friends,

Pope Francis recently spoke of all the hardworking priests who have tirelessly and honourably given their lives in service of God's people. He compared them to incense "which silently rises up to heaven. Their weariness goes straight to the heart of the Father".

In the short time since I have come to Melbourne, I have already met these same priests among you. On your behalf, I want to thank these humble stewards of God's grace for us.

It has been a wonderful custom in the Archdiocese of Melbourne to allow the faithful of the Archdiocese to show something of their own appreciation through an annual Fathers' Day Appeal. The appeal goes to the care of retired and sick priests by providing suitable accommodation, medical assistance and a comfortable standard of living for them.

Please pray for your priests, as they pray for you!

**Most Rev Peter A Comensoli  
Archbishop of Melbourne**

**(Envelopes are available in the church)**

**Christmas Hampers for the Housebound and Sick**

The Ministry Team to the housebound and sick are planning to distribute small hampers for Christmas. We are planning hampers to be of value around \$25-30.

We are asking parishioners to be generous and assist in providing items which could be used in the hampers. Suggested items are non-perishable food items (for example canned ham), shortbread, toiletries, socks, writing paper etc. Please mark the items for either female or male and place in the containers which you will see at the bottom of the **"Giving Christmas Tree"** which is near the lectern in **St Patrick's Church**.

We would appreciate it if these items can be left no later than Sunday 12th December to enable distribution.

Please also indicate on the clipboard if there are any housebound/sick people whom you may know of and whom we are not aware of at this stage. If you would like to assist with the distribution of the hampers in the week Sunday 12th to Saturday 18th December, please fill in your name and contact details on the lists provided on the note boards in the foyers of both churches, St Patrick's and St Kevin's.

Thank you!

Yasmin Miranda 0433 336 483 / Teresa Leech 0422 923 501  
Ministry to the Housebound and Sick



## REGULAR WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

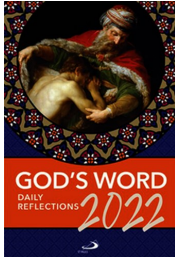
### ST PATRICK'S

9.15am on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays  
On Saturdays: Adoration and Reconciliation after Mass.

### ST KEVIN'S

9.15am on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays  
On Saturdays: Adoration and Reconciliation at 5.30pm

If anyone is interested in purchasing a copy of the book "God's Word—Daily Reflections 2022", please call the parish office Wed-Fri between 10 am-4 pm on (03) 9568 7365. Cost is \$20



## WEEKEND MASS TIMES FOR THE FULLY VACCINATED

DAY	ST PATRICK'S	ST KEVIN'S
Saturday Vigil		6.00 PM
Sunday	8.30 AM & 5.00 PM	10.30 AM



## Advent Reflection:

As we approach Christmas, it's important that we spiritually prepare ourselves. You are invited to take part in the advent preparation program on each Thursday at 7.00 pm for four weeks, which commenced on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November.

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December -7pm: St. Kevin's Church  
 Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December -7pm: Rovira House  
 Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December -7pm: St. Kevin's Church

### Be safe and purchase your Advent & Christmas gifts online at the JAMBEROO ABBEY ONLINE SHOP



## "CUPPAS" ROSTER SUNDAY, 5TH DECEMBER 2021

8.30 am: Alma Rogers  
 5.00pm: Teresa & Patrick Leech

## BAPTISMS AT ST PATRICK'S AND ST KEVIN'S

*Please contact the parish office for information Phone: (03) 9568 7365*

## Reading Roster for Next Weekend— 4th/5th December, 2021

St Kevin's	St Patrick's
Sat. 6pm Vigil— Trish Dargan and Rosemary McGeoch	Sun. 8.30am - John V. Rangam
Sun. 10.30am- Caroline Gojak	Sun. 5.00pm - Pious Joseph

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

Thomas Uil (Father of Michael Uil); Bruce Thompson (Husband of Valerie Thompson), Sr Eileen Jones (Presentation Nun), 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:

Ros and Terry Nicholls (Arcare), Neil Stapleton, Frank Jackson, Han Kwee, Jack Mack, Michael Chew, Kurt Siegermeier, Coleen Parris, Thomas (Fr Siby's Dad), Tessa Keane, Rodney Gardner (grandson of Pat Gardner).



## STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE

Dear Parishioners,

With the easing of restrictions and recommencement of Holy Mass in our Parishes, 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 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.

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Finance Officer

Combined Parishes of St Patrick's and St Kevin's

Last Weekend's Collection (20th/21st November 2021)

	Church	Presbytery
St Kevin's	\$1,433.00	\$204.20
Deaf Appeal	\$ 155.00	
St Patrick's	\$ 984.40	\$271.95
Deaf Appeal	\$ 248.00	

**Entrance Antiphon:** To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

**First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16**

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

See, the days are coming—it is the Lord who speaks—when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah: ‘In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.’

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God!**

**Psalm: Ps 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14. R.v.1**

**R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.**

**Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2**

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

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God!**

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Lord, show us your mercy and love and grant us Your salvation. Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.’

‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

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

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

## Holy Communion Ministry

Dear Volunteers,

Thank you so much for signing up to give Holy Communion to the sick, housebound and in the Aged Care. The session is aimed to equip you with the knowledge of how to give Holy Communion to the sick and in the Aged Care.

**THANK YOU, Bishop Peter Elliott for leading the session on Friday 26th November at 7.00pm.**

**Yasmin Miranda 0433 336 483**

**Teresa Leech 0422 923 501**

## PatCare Ministry

**THANK YOU to all those who attended our induction day on Saturday, November 27th between 11.00 am—1.00 pm.**

**Coordinators:**

**Maria Fernandez 0405327041;**

**Teresa Leech 0422923501**

### ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS!

**THANKS TO ALL VOLUNTEERS, WHO HAVE PROVIDED THEIR FULL VACCINATION CERTIFICATE AND A GENTLE REMINDER TO OTHER VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVEN'T OR ARE AWAITING THEIR CERTIFICATE, TO PROVIDE IT TO THE PARISH OFFICE (FR SIBY) ASAP. (THIS IS MANDATED BY THE GOVERNMENT).**



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)



### Pope's Prayer intention for November 2021

“We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out, will find support and a light that opens them up to life.”  
— Pope Francis”



**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
VICTORIA  
*good works*

The Murrumbidgee Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society provide emergency food and assistance to families and people doing it tough in the Ormond and Murrumbidgee 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 area please contact us on [svdp3163@hotmail.com](mailto:svdp3163@hotmail.com)