

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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year B — 3rd October 2021

REFLECTION

In marriage, the couple does not merely receive a sacrament, they become one. They become an outward sign of the love of God. They are able to open themselves to each other in love, because God has first loved them. When they become one in marriage, they create something new, something that is a sign of the creative power of God. This in no way minimises the passionate love that they may have, or the unselfishness with which they give themselves to each other. Rather, it underscores the origin of that passion and the model of that unselfishness. We are brothers and sisters of Christ in more than one way. First, through his incarnation, he became one of us, a little lower than the angels. He shared our human existence; he knew the highs and lows of human life. Then he redefined family relationships, claiming that blood bonds were no longer the determinant for establishing kinship. Instead, those who hear the word of God and keep it, those who commit themselves to God in faithful discipleship, are his brothers and sisters. Marriage and other forms of discipleship make religious demands on us. Because we are taking a step into the unknown, they require a profound act of trust – trust in ourselves, trust in each other and, most importantly, trust in God. They also expect openness on our part – openness to give and openness to receive. Unfortunately we associate these characteristics with unpretentious children. While children may possess them because they are innocent, adults must repossess them because we have been recreated in Christ.

Dianne Bergant, CSA



Plenary Council
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

Plenary Council 2022

Dear Parishes of the Archdiocese of Melbourne,

Over three years ago the decision was announced to hold a Plenary Council and the People of God began preparing for this historic moment by listening to God and by listening to one another's stories of faith. After this time of listening and journeying the Catholic Church of Australia will gather for the first assembly of the Plenary Council from 3-10th October 2021. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the First Assembly will be held via 'one device-one person' mode. There will be 17 members participating in this gathering who have been called from the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

The Plenary Council website will provide daily livestreams of parts of the opening Plenary sessions and Masses (including the Opening Mass on Sunday 3rd October). <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/assembly-1/>

Plenary Council Masses and daily morning prayer booklets for full participation are available here:

<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/prayer/>

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?wd=cVRkDuxRc2hYY3RHcWZ0ckgvSU93QT09>
Meeting ID: 824 5570 7826 Passcode: 723631

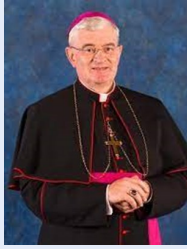


**DON'T FORGET
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WISH BISHOP PETER ELLIOTT "A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY" FOR OCTOBER 1 !!

Thank you, Your Grace, for your pastoral care and support that you have given us all these years and continue to give to the Archdiocese and to our Parishes.
May God Bless you abundantly today and always!



With Best Wishes and Blessings from Fr Siby and the Parishioners of St Kevin's and St Patrick's



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



Catholic Mission thank you for your support of this year's Appeal for the Propagation of the Faith which enables Church workers in 1047 mission dioceses to offer Good News to their local communities. Thank you for contributing to the amount of \$312.40 which was raised by St Kevin's Ormond community and the amount of \$300 which was raised by St Patrick's Murrumbidgee community for Catholic Mission. THANK YOU.

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

You are also encouraged to pray the Rosary daily with your Family



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VANDALISM

Recently, there were multiple attempts to vandalise St Kevin's School Ormond. We have informed the police and they were on site multiple times to collect fingerprints. We had to deploy security guards on one of the weekends. Two days ago there was another attempt to vandalise St Patrick's Church window right in front near the roof. One window was broken with a stone. The window is not significantly damaged but water might get in during the rains and cause damage to the carpet in the foyer. There were a number of soft drinks bottles and unused cigarettes around the church yard. We have informed the Police and they might come anytime to check the site and take fingerprints.

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,

I want to sincerely thank you for your financial support.

During this Covid pandemic, even though the Parish Thanksgiving contributions have reduced significantly, you have been generous to support the parish and the Parish Priest. The Offerings received during the last three months were as follows:

Presbytery Offering - St Patrick's - \$1,594 + St Kevin's - \$844 - Total = \$2,438.

Thanksgiving Offering for the parishes expense and salaries - St Patrick's - \$3,065 + St Kevin's - \$3,624 - Total = \$6,689

Due to the current Lockdown, I understand that Parishioners are unable to use the Thanksgiving Envelopes. However, Thanksgiving and Presbytery Contributions can be Direct Credited to the Parish Bank Accounts as follows:

St Patrick's Church Murrumbidgee 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

Once again thank you so much for looking after our priest and the parishes.

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

**Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.**

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed: 'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.' This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God!

Psalm: Ps 127. R. v. 5

R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

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Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

**If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love.
Alleluia!**

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and

the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

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.



Child Safety is Everybody's Responsibility
For information and Child Safety matters you can contact the Parish Child Safety Committee via celticparishes@gmail.com



Pope's Prayer intention for October 2021

Intention for evangelization - Missionary disciples

"We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel."
— *Pope Francis*



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

The Archdiocese of Melbourne is organising a weekly series over the weeks in lockdown. Refer to details below.

Lockdown Light—Week Four

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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: Parents of the Saints—How Did They Do It? In this podcast, Jason Evert speaks with Patrick O'Hearn about his new book 'Parents of the Saints: The Hidden Heroes Behind Our Favourite Saints', offering key insights into the families of popular saints. Listen at:

www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving4

Getting to know your Bible: Praying with Scripture

Getting started: In this short video, Fr James Martin SJ introduces us to Lectio Divina—a way of praying with the Bible that helps us listen to God. Watch at www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted4

Going deeper: Pray as You Go is an online prayer tool that provides a guided contemplation of each day's Gospel passage. Set aside 10-15 minutes, find a comfy space and visit www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper4