

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

Second Sunday of Advent—Year C — 5th December 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT—REFLECTION



The advent of God's coming with its promise of fulfilment happens within world history. The first reading locates God's act of restoration in the city of Jerusalem. The gospel situates the ministry of John within a particular period of world history. They point us to historical experience as the place and the time of restoration, of incarnation, of redemption. They show us that God works within everyday life, in conventional places, during regular time. In fact, from a human point of view, the extraordinary events of salvation took place within what was quite ordinary.

John proclaims the kind of transformation that results in a change of heart. Reversals characterise such transformation: the robe of mourning is replaced by the splendour of glory; tears are turned into rejoicing; those led away by enemies are brought back by God; valleys are filled, mountains are levelled, winding roads are made straight; even nature offers itself as shelter for the people of God. Those who are shamed and discarded are made glorious; those who suffer are comforted; the oppressed are freed; all of life's obstacles are removed; the way to God is made straight; the natural world enjoys peace and harmony.

The transformation or repentance of heart takes place within human life, within relationships of justice between people and with the earth, in right living, in genuine unselfish love. It produces the fruits of righteousness of which Paul speaks. Advent is the time to prepare ourselves for this.

By Dianne Bergant CSA

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU SIGN IN WITH THE QR CODE AND SHOW YOUR PROOF OF VACCINATION



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:
Friday 10th December -7pm: Rovira House
Friday 17th December -7pm: St. Kevin's Church



Copies of the Christmas Catalogue of "That Catholic Shop" are available in the church foyer. All proceeds assist the work and mission of Aid to the Church in Need. You can also visit www.thatcatholicshop.com to see the range and order online.

PatCare Ministry

Thank you to the current PatCare volunteers in the areas of visitation to aged care/housebound/sick: providing transport and meals.

After last week's induction session, we noted there is a greater need for volunteers for visitation to the aged care/housebound/sick. We are also very limited in volunteers for providing transport and also, we decided to prepare meals upon request, due to dietary requirements rather than have frozen meals.

Again note, there will be a roster so that you will not be called upon too often.

We would appreciate your generosity in response to this ministry.

If you know of anyone in need or if you would like to indicate your own need anonymously, please pick up a leaflet from the church foyer.

Thank you.

Should you have any queries, please contact Teresa Leech on 0422 923 501.

THANK YOU ALL "COMMUNION" VOLUNTEERS!!

There will be a roster drawn up this week for all volunteers who are trained, vaccinated and have a police check.

Please send all relevant documentation (as stated above) to the parish office. There will be another training session next year.

The roster will begin in February 2022 for 6 months.

If there is a time when you are unavailable, it may be necessary for you to arrange a change with another volunteer.

The list will be provide for both parishes. There are volunteers who have committed to December.

Many thanks!

Should you have any queries, please contact:

St Kevin's Coordinator:

Yasmin Miranda 0433 336 483

St Patrick's Coordinator

Teresa Leech 0422 923 501

Ministry Team to the Housebound and Sick

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 and St Kevin'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

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

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2021—ST KEVIN'S

Friday 24th December 2021:

7.00 pm: Carols
7.30 pm: Christmas Vigil Mass

11.30 pm: Carols
12.00 am: Midnight Mass



Saturday, 25th December 2021—Christmas Day

10.30 am: Christmas Day Mass

Those of "Unknown Vaccination Status" are requested to join the 10.30 am Mass at St Patrick's (maximum 50 people).

NO 6.00 PM MASS

Sunday, 26th December 2021

10.30 am: Sunday Mass

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2021—ST PATRICK'S

Friday 24th December 2021:

6.30 pm: Carols
7.00 pm: Christmas Vigil Mass

9.30 pm: Carols
10.00 pm: Christmas Mass



Saturday, 25th December 2021—Christmas Day

9.00 am: Christmas Day Mass
10.30 am: Christmas Day Mass for those of "Unknown Vaccination Status only" (maximum 50 people)

Sunday, 26th December 2021

9.00 am: Sunday Mass
10.30 am: Mass for those of "Unknown Vaccination Status only" (maximum 50 people)

NO 5.00 PM MASS

"CUPPAs" ROSTER—ST PATRICK'S SUNDAY, 12TH DECEMBER 2021

8.30 am: Kathleen Thompson & Marianne Somerville
5.00pm: Leena & Pious Joseph

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— 11th/12th December, 2021

St Kevin's	St Patrick's
Sat. 6pm Vigil— Rosemary McGeoch	Sun. 8.30am - Kathleen Thompson & Marianne Somerville
Sun. 10.30am- Jube Kunnell	Sun. 5.00pm - Kevin Pious

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

Mrs Barbara Brown (Mother of Angela Baptist and Grandmother of Fr. James Baptist), 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; and for Robert "Bob" Williamson on his death anniversary.
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.
Nihal Lawrence
Finance Officer
Combined Parishes of St Patrick's and St Kevin's

Last Weekend's Collection
(27th/28th November 2021)

	Church	Presbytery
St Kevin's	\$754.75	\$350.50
Priests Retirement Fund	\$315.30	
St Patrick's	\$651.80	\$261.60
Priests Retirement Fund	\$284.00	

Entrance Antiphon: O People of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

A reading from the prophet Baruch.

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'.

Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them.

Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed The Flattening of each high mountain, of the Everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his Glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God!

Psalm: Ps 125. R.v.3

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!

Second Reading: Philippians 1:3-6. 8-11

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

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness;
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley will be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
winding ways will be straightened
and rough roads made smooth.
And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon: Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

Donations towards the purchase of Flowers for our Churches at Christmas

If parishioners wish to donate towards the purchase of flowers for Christmas to St Kevin's Church, please give your donations to Salome.

If parishioners wish to donate towards the purchase of flowers for Christmas to St Patrick's Church, please give your donations to the parish office.

We are looking for Volunteers to help give out newsletters to our housebound parishioners. Please enter your name on the sheet left in the church foyer. Thank you!



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 December 2021

"Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit." — 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