

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Apoc 1: 8

Alleluia, alleluia! / Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: / to God who is, who was, and who is to come. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 28: 16-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY / B

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UNIQUENESS OF GOD AS TRINITY

The mystery of the Trinity as part of the revelation of God is something that we have come to know as part of our faith. As we engage with the readings today, we encounter something of the biblical journey to the understanding we have.

The verses of Deuteronomy focus on the uniqueness of God. Moses recalls Israel's exceptional encounters with God on Mount Horeb and in Egypt, declaring in v. 39 'there is no other'. Moses entreats the people to take to heart the all-encompassing realm of God and to keep God's 'statutes and commandments'.

Paul, beginning with the statement that those led by the Spirit are children of God, logically unfolds that relationship step by step, to reveal that we are joint heirs with Christ. In this short passage, Paul presents Father, Son and Spirit in relationship with believers, an important text for later development of the theology of the Trinity.

The Gospel contains the final verses of Matthew. The location – a mountain – immediately suggests a connection with the encounter with God mentioned in the first reading. The eleven are gathered to see the resurrected Jesus before he ascends. They are then sent out to baptise in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The inclusion of teaching all future disciples to 'obey everything I have commanded' also echoes the words of Moses. Jesus words, 'I am with you always' links these final words with the beginning of Matthew's Gospel and highlights the all-encompassing presence of God from the beginning, recalled in Deuteronomy, and for all believers in the future.

Dr Rosemary Canavan

FIRST READING

Deut 4: 32-34, 39-40

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

The Lord himself is God in heaven above and on earth below: there is no other.

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?'

'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM

Ps 32: 4-6, 9, 18-20, 22. R. v. 12

R. Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful / and all his works to be trusted. / The Lord loves justice and right / and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

2. By his word the heavens were made, / by the breath of his mouth all the stars. / He spoke; and they came to be. / He commanded; they sprang into being. **R.**



3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, / on those who hope in his love, / to rescue their souls from death, / to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

4. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. / The Lord is our help and our shield. / May your love be upon us, O Lord, / as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 8: 14-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

You have received the Spirit that makes you God's own children, and in that Spirit we call God: Father, our Father!

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

■ **The word of the Lord.**



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Wallan: Our Lady of the Way, 30 Alcantara Blvd, Wallan East Vic 3756
Wandong: St Michael's, 33-35 Wandong Ave, Wandong Vic 3758

MASS TIMES

Saturday: Broadford at 5.00 pm & Kilmore at 6.30 pm
Sunday: Kilmore at 7.45 am, Wallan at 9.00 am & Kilmore at 10.30 am
Weekday Masses: Kilmore, Tuesday—Saturday Mass at 9 am (Except: Wednesday at 9am in Wallan)
Reconciliation: Tuesday after 9am Mass, Kilmore
Adoration: Thursday after 9am Mass, Kilmore
Rosary: Thursday at 2.00pm in the Church, Kilmore *(Not running during school holidays)*

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ROSTERS:

| | <u>25/26 May</u> | <u>1/2 Jun</u> |
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| <u>BROADFORD 5pm (Sat):</u> | 25 May | 1 Jun |
| Reader | Pat Donovan | Brian O'Dwyer |
| Eucharist Minister | Arthur Donovan | Cath O'Dwyer |
| <u>KILMORE 6.30pm (Sat):</u> | 25 May | 1 Jun |
| Reader | Marita Dumaresq | Ben Boyd |
| Eucharist Minister | Marg Fleischmann | Marita Dumaresq |
| PowerPoint | Boyd Family | Pauline Duff |
| <u>KILMORE 7.45am (Sun):</u> | 26 May | 2 Jun |
| Reader | Lucas Carroll | John Dixon |
| Eucharist Minister | John Dixon | Kate Archer |
| PowerPoint | Carroll Family | Carroll Family |
| <u>WALLAN 9am (Sun):</u> | 26 May | 2 Jun |
| Reader | Patrick Hutchinson | Mark Carocci |
| Eucharist Minister | Fetu Thompson | Gabrielle Pannuzzo |
| PowerPoint | Mary McGowan | Chris Banon |
| | Fetu Thompson | Rosebelle Quinn |
| <u>KILMORE 10.30am (Sun):</u> | 26 May | 2 Jun |
| Reader | Christine Dodd | Anita Matthew |
| Eucharist Minister | Angela Liddle | Chandy Mathew |
| PowerPoint | Nadeesha Mendis | Ian Pirie |
| <u>FLOWERS:</u> | Pauline Duff | Carry Eid |
| <u>HOME EUCHARIST:</u> | John Dixon | Leonie Dunlop |
| | Mary Donovan | Rose Rich |
| <u>CLEANERS KILMORE:</u> | TBA | TBA |

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Sick List:

Gerard McCaughey, Sonia Savolokin, Shae Newey, Steven Campbell, Danny Prelac, Jim Ahearn, Robert Duncan, Pina D'agostino, Vera Bosevski, Eva Aschberger, Ian & Sandy Domeyer, John Pannuzzo, Richard Lloyd, Theo Aitchison, Raul Brizzi, Lee Stewart, Tessa Borg, Kelly Borg, Peter Hanvin, Ronnie Johnson, Angela Bradley, Susan Foster, Carol Messer & all the sick of the parish.

Anniversaries:

Marie Garlick, James Johnson, Carol Scully, Kathleen D'Aloia, Myra Dixon, June Margaret Bush, Maureen Alice Nund and the anniversaries of all which occur at this time as well as all people who are in need of our prayers.

Sun 26th May: Pray for all those effected by the bus accident in Kilmore on Wednesday and we especially pray for the bus driver and his family.

Mon 27th May: **9am Communion Service, no Mass.**

Tue 28th May: Pray for the intentions of Maureen.

Wed 29th May: Pray for the soul of Mary Pandikattu.

Thu 30th May: Pray for the soul of Leena D'Silva.



The Neocatechumenal group will be meeting each Tuesday & Thursday at 7.30pm at the Our Lady of the Way Church. New members are welcome!

A Few Words About Our St Patrick's Parish Pastoral Council! (Margaret Fleischmann)

Our Parish is somewhat like the Trinity..... it has three main Church communities but they all belong to one big family, the St Patrick's Parish.

The major role of The Pastoral Council is to support our Parish Priest as well as work towards bringing our three church communities together and to also ensure that the identities of each individual church group remain intact and evolves naturally.

Our Pastoral Council is also about advising and suggesting. While its decision making role is limited, it does have a duty to bring the voices of parishioners forward and to then find ways to meet those needs.

*Below is an excerpt from the **Pastoral Council Strategy Plan** laying down our statement of purpose.*

St Patrick's Parish is a diverse Catholic community gathering and forming the people of three Mass Centres across Wallan, Kilmore and Broadford. As our region and parish grows, we see ourselves as a welcoming and socially engaged community, seeking spiritual growth for ourselves and others so as to bring the Gospel of Jesus to life.

To help us fulfil our Gospel purpose and build our church community, in 2024, we will endeavour to

- Host a parish picnic and one other large social event / 175th Anniversary of the Inception of the Parish.
- Have morning teas after Mass once a month at each parish centre
- Have a strong social media presence that links our three communities to each other.
- Plan for a 'new parishioners welcome package'.
- Encourage all to talk to new parishioners.
- Develop a 'Bereavement' group and the 'Mass Driver's' group.
- Host two teen/youth gatherings across the year.
- Disseminate footage of key events in the parish so that people at home or too busy can be involved.
- Invite all parishioners to the Assumption College 'Spirituality in the Pub' (SIP) hosted by Assumption College on the Feast of the Assumption (Thursday 15 August).
- Investigate which Masses require Children's Liturgy & resource as needed. .
- Ongoing adult education opportunities offered at Assumption College.
- Link Vinnies partner group to the Game Changers groups in the schools (for outreach and learning together). (Maybe Host a 'Community Backyard Blitz' to help someone whose yard/garden needs a clean-up.)
- Join or host two Ecumenical Events in our region.
- Use parish social media to promote social justice activities in our local region & encourage participation.
- Explore the possibility of a Community Garden to foster relationships and purpose.

{ While these activities are at present only ideas, hopes and dreams, it would be wonderful if parishioners who would enjoy to see these activities turn into reality, came forward to support and offer help.

Please feel free to contact any member of the Parish pastoral council or the parish office to offer your services.}

The current St. Patrick's Pastoral Council Members are:

Fr. Prakash Cutinha, Michael Bourne (*Pastoral Council Chairperson*), Margaret Fleischmann (*Pastoral Council Secretary*), Paul Finneran, Paul Reed, Amy Leahy, Peter Appleton, Nisha Kurien, Marita Dumaresq, Brian Clancy, Romesh Devos, Pauline Ryan.

Kilmore Wallan RSL & St Patrick's Primary School



St Pats Primary was invited by the Department of Veteran Affairs to take part in the making of a documentary that looks at how our nation has used stained glass windows to honour the sacrifices made for military service. A 30 minute documentary has been produced that features the work at St Pats Primary. Parishioners, members of the local RSL and St Pats families are invited to attend the viewing of the documentary "Let the Light Shine" in St Patrick's church at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday 12 June. The viewing will be followed by a morning tea held in the parish centre. The documentary will be a teaching resource made available to all schools across Australia and will help our students understand the meaning and purpose of the many stained glass windows we have in place in St Patrick's Church Kilmore. If you would like to attend please RSVP by 5 June to: liz.darvell@spkilmore.catholic.edu.au



Save the Date! Sunday 30th June at the 10.30am Mass in Kilmore for a celebration of the 175th Anniversary of the Inception of the St Patrick's Parish. The Mass will be followed by a morning tea in the Parish Centre. Please bring a plate to share. Further details to follow.

Global Vaddo Charity - Timor Leste Fundraising Evening. Sat 1/6/2024 at 4pm, 86 Eastern Ridge, Hidden Valley. Entry \$25 each, drinks & nibbles provided. Tickets 0408 082 500/0438 334 841.

RCIA Program 2024: If you are an adult wishing to become a Catholic, we are running the RCIA program here at St Patrick's. If you are interested in joining this year's group, the Information Evening will take place on Friday 13th June at 7pm in the Parish House. (RCIA stands for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, and is a process through which non-baptized men and women enter the Catholic Church.) Please register your interest by calling the parish office on 5782 1084.

Articles for The Shamrock Magazine: The Editors of "The Shamrock" are looking for articles for the next edition. Photos would be great too. Please email articles by 30th June to: stpatparishmagazine@gmail.com