

# The Living Word

**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**

**6 September 2026**

## **First Reading Ez 33:7-9**

*If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

## **Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8**

***(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice!  
Harden not your hearts.***

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)

3. O that today you would listen to his voice!

'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

## **Second Reading Rom 13:8-10**

*Love is the fulfilment of the Law.*

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

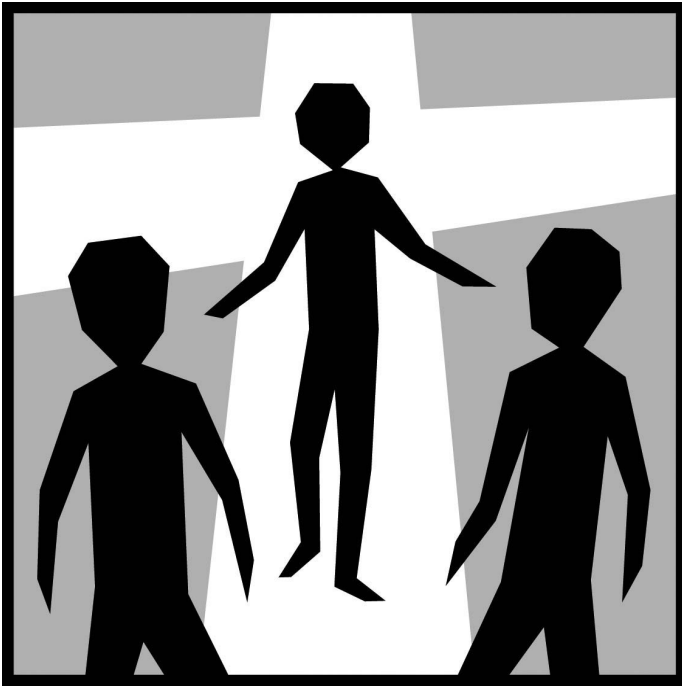
## **Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 5:19**

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

***God was in Christ, to reconcile the  
world to himself;***

***and the Good News of reconciliation  
he has entrusted to us.***

***Alleluia!***



## Gospel Mt 18:15-20

*If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

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## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Our Lord acknowledged that the community he was establishing had to set boundaries. Who is to decide who is within or outside those boundaries?

In today's Gospel, Our Lord teaches that a nuanced step by step process should be invoked. First, there is private conversation, then slightly extended to bring in two or three others, then a sort of church community jury before a person is put beyond the pale. Our Lord promises to be with them to help guide their decision.

We all know of marriages which are fractured and where one partner has found intimacy and security in a second (civil) marriage.

Pope Francis did not suggest that the second marriage be regarded as valid. But he suggested a process of discernment to allow a divorced person to receive 'the Eucharist . . . a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.'

Could a jury of ordinary Catholic lay people help make that discerning judgement, and then advise the Bishop as to the next step?

We could pause for a moment to ponder the promise: 'Where two or three are gathered into my name, I am there with them.'

# ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PARISH, KILMORE

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## Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

6th September 2026

### A Prayer For Fathers

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.

Bless all fathers as they care for their families.  
Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience;  
support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation, through Jesus Christ our rock and defender.

Amen. (Source: <https://mycatholicprayers.com/>)



### News from the Parish Pastoral Council: Meeting on 18th of August 2026—Part 2

#### Reports from the Committees:

##### Finance Committee -

The finances of the Parish are in good order, primarily because of a healthy income received from Thanksgiving commitments, good interest on the term deposit, and regular rental income from the Before/After School care. The levy to the Archdiocese was negotiated and significantly reduced because of the proceeds of sale from the Pyalong site sent from Father Grant years ago. A new Thanksgiving Campaign will be discussed with Father Antony. It is suggested we employ someone from the Diocese to run that campaign.

##### Volunteers -

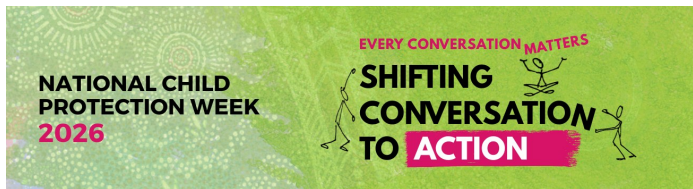
Pauline Ryan reported a good response from Wallan regarding the call for new volunteers. The response from Kilmore was not so forthcoming but we did get some volunteers for cleaning, reading etc (not at the 6.30pm Mass on Saturday evening).

##### Safeguarding Committee -

The Safeguarding Committee is concerned about the church being opened all day. A key safe was recommended to allow access. The key safe should be installed in a place where it is not clearly visible.

There is also a genuine and urgent safety and liability concern for our Parish, concerning the parking in the church grounds at school drop-off and pick-up times. Much discussion was held on this matter and changes are to occur asap.

### National Child Protection Week 6-12 September, 2026



National Child Protection Week runs from 6 to 12 September 2026, with the theme **Every Conversation Matters: Shifting Conversation to Action**. National Child Protection Week is Australia's national campaign to prevent child abuse and neglect before it happens. Led by NAPCAN for over 30 years, it brings together individuals, families, communities, organisations and governments to build safe, supportive environments where children and young people can thrive.

You can explore the free 2026 Webinar program, downloadable resources and community events via the NAPCAN website

Find out more: <https://www.napcan.org.au/ncpw-2/>

### CHURCHES

**St. Patrick's, Kilmore**  
**Our Lady Help of Christians, Broadford**  
**Our Lady of the Way, Wallan**  
**St. Michael's, Wandong**

### SUNDAY MASSES

**Sat (Vigil)** 5 pm, Broadford  
6.30 pm, Kilmore  
**Sun** 8.45 am, Wallan  
10.45 am, Kilmore

### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Tue, Thu-Sat** 9 am, Kilmore  
**Wed** 9 am, Wallan  
(Please note: out of school terms,  
Wednesday Mass will be at Kilmore)

### CONFESSION

9.30 am, Thursday morning during  
Adoration

### DEVOTIONS

#### Adoration & Benediction

Thu 9.30 am, Kilmore

#### Divine Mercy Chaplet

15 minutes prior to  
each weekday Mass, Kilmore

#### Rosary

after each weekday Mass, and  
Sunday 8.20 am (Wallan) & 10.20 am  
(Kilmore)

### DONATE

To support our Parish  
and Priests, scan the QR  
code with your phone  
camera to donate.



#### First Collection (Presbytery Support)

Presbytery Account  
BSB 083 347 | ACC 684 632 382

#### Second Collection (Church Support)

Church Account  
BSB 083 347 | ACC 672 646 971

**St. Patrick's Parish is committed to  
safeguarding the safety, wellbeing,  
and dignity of children, young  
people, and adults.**

## PARISH DIARY:

### Sat, 5 Sep: WEEKDAY, 22ND WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church  
11 am Baptisms, St. Patrick's Church  
5 pm Mass, Our Lady Help of Christians Church  
6.30 pm Mass, St. Patrick's Church

### Sun, 6 Sep: 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.45 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way Church  
10.45 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

### Mon, 7 Sep: WEEKDAY, 23RD WEEK ORDINARY TIME

No Mass  
4 pm RCIC Classes Lesson #8, St Patrick's  
Presbytery

### Tue, 8 Sep: THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

### Wed, 9 Sep: WEEKDAY, 23RD WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way Church

### Thu, 10 Sep: WEEKDAY, 23RD WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

### Fri, 11 Sep: WEEKDAY, 23RD WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church  
4 pm Confirmation Classes Lesson #8,  
St Patrick's Presbytery

### Sat, 12 Sep: WEEKDAY, 23RD WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church  
12.30 pm Confirmations, St Patrick's School  
Stadium  
2.30 pm Confirmations, Our Lady of the Way  
Church  
5 pm Mass, Our Lady Help of Christians Church  
6.30 pm Mass, St. Patrick's Church

### Sun, 13 Sep: 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.45 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way Church  
10.45 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church  
12.30 pm RCIC Baptisms, St. Patrick's Church

**Parish Rosters** have been released this week for the next 6 month period. Those who registered their interest in Reading at Mass or becoming a Eucharistic Minister, but did not attend the training sessions or supply a Working with Children check, please contact the parish office if you are still keen to become a volunteer in the parish. Thank you

## ROSARY @ KATE'S HOME

Next Rosary will be held on Wednesday 9th September, at 1 pm. All welcome! (12 Andrew Street, Kilmore)

## ARTICLES FOR THE SHAMROCK MAGAZINE:

The Editors of "The Shamrock" are looking for articles for the Christmas edition. They are also very keen to find some family photos of Christmas celebrations that they could add to the cover of the Christmas edition which is currently being worked on. Please (with permissions of those in the photos!) send us any photos of family celebrations.

Please email articles to: [stpatparishmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:stpatparishmagazine@gmail.com)

## VOLUNTEER ROSTERS:

|                               | <u>5/6 SEP</u> | <u>12/13 SEP</u>           |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| <b>BROADFORD 5pm (Sat):</b>   | <b>5 Sep</b>   | <b>5 Sep</b>               |
| Reader                        | P. Fleming     | I. Ross                    |
| EMHC                          | A. Donovan     | TBA                        |
| <b>KILMORE 6.30pm (Sat):</b>  | <b>5 Sep</b>   | <b>5 Sep</b>               |
| Reader                        | M. Fleischmann | R. Emmanuel                |
| EMHC                          | V. Barro       | J. Jain                    |
| PowerPoint                    | P. Duff        | P. Duff                    |
| <b>WALLAN 8.45am (Sun):</b>   | <b>6 Sep</b>   | <b>6 Sep</b>               |
| Reader                        | F. Thompson    | C. Aguinaldo               |
| EMHC                          | S. Hollowood   | C. Banon                   |
| EMHC                          | A. Moore       | G. Pannuzzo                |
| PowerPoint                    | R. Quinn       | F. Thompson                |
| <b>KILMORE 10.45am (Sun):</b> | <b>6 Sep</b>   | <b>6 Sep</b>               |
| Reader                        | L. Pellicori   | S. Ramganathan             |
| EMHC                          | L. Dunlop      | T. Wilson                  |
| PowerPoint                    | K. Curry       | W. Reece                   |
| <b>FLOWERS:</b>               | P. Duff        | C. Eid                     |
| <b>HOME EUCHARIST:</b>        | TBA            | TBA                        |
|                               | TBA            | TBA                        |
| <b>CLEANERS KILMORE:</b>      | TBA            | G. Pereira &<br>B. Collier |

## LET US PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

### Anniversaries

Agnes Annie Scully, Charles Stute, Julie Bickford, Angela Borg, James McDonald, Margaret Murray, Anthony Mooney, Laurie Balmer, Ada May Ryan, Mary Patricia Cushen, Miguel Magno, Len Moore, Celeste Anne Green, Patricia Mary Kelly and all anniversaries which occur at this time.

### The Sick

Fr Prakash Cutinha, Pina D'agostino, Theo Aitchison, Bernadette McWhinney, Pa'i Su'a, Liam Heffernan, Nancy Ryan, Joan O'Brien, Michael Bourne, Arthur Donovan, Faye Vandenberg, Annette Jacovou and all people who are in need of our prayers.



## Synod Corner: Synodality is demanding

Walking together takes patience, time, and effort. But the Gospel has never promised an easy path—only a fruitful one.



## PARISH RCIA PROGRAM 2026/2027

### (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

**Introduction and 1st Session:** Wednesday 9th September 2026 from 7.30pm to 8.30pm, Kilmore Parish Centre.

**Classes** are held in the Kilmore Parish Centre from 7.30pm to 8.30pm on Wednesday evenings from 9th Sep 2026 to 17th Mar 2027 (Holiday break: 10th Dec 2026—2 Feb 2027).

**RCIA Celebration at St. Patrick's church:** Saturday 27th March at the Easter Vigil Mass, time = TBA

**Please contact the parish office if you wish to enroll into our RCIA program for 2026/2027, by calling 5782 1084 or emailing [kilmore@cam.org.au](mailto:kilmore@cam.org.au)**