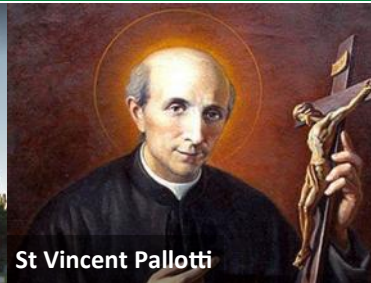


ST PATRICK'S AND ST KEVIN'S PARTNERED PARISHES

St Patrick's and St Kevin's Parishes are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Sunday 16th August, 2026



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This weeks Mass Times

Wed: 9.15mass

Fri: 9.15mass

Sat: 9.15 am Mass

(Benediction and Confession)

Sun: 9am and 4pm

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This weeks Mass Times

Tues: 9am

Thurs: 9am mass

Fri : No mass

Sat: 5pm Mass (Confession at 4:30pm)

Sun: 10:30 am

Faith in Action

Matthew 15:21/28



Reflection by Pope Francis (16 August 2020)

This Sunday's Gospel describes the meeting between Jesus and the Canaanite woman. Jesus is to the north of Galilee, in foreign territory. The woman was not Jewish, she was Canaanite. Jesus is there to spend some time with His disciples away from the crowds, whose numbers are always growing. And behold, a woman approached Him seeking help for her sick daughter: "Have mercy on me, Lord!" It is the cry that is born out of a life marked by suffering, from the sense of the helplessness of a mother who sees her daughter tormented by evil who cannot be healed; she cannot heal her. Jesus initially ignores her, but this mother insists; even when the Master says to the disciples that His mission is directed only to "the lost sheep of the house of Israel" and not to the pagans. She continues to beg Him, and at that point, He puts her to the test, citing a proverb. This seems almost a bit cruel, but she puts her to the test: "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs". And right away, the woman, quick, anguished, responds: "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table" (v. 27).

And with these words, that mother shows that she has perceived the goodness of the Highest God present in Jesus who is open to any of His creatures' necessities. And this wisdom, filled with trust, touches Jesus's heart and provokes words of admiration: "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish". What type of faith is great? Great faith is that which brings its own story, marked even by wounds, and brings it to the Lord's feet asking Him to heal them, to give them meaning. Each one of us has our own story and it is not always a clean story... Many times, it is a difficult story, with a lot of pain, many misfortunes and many sins. What do I do with my story? Do I hide it? No! We must bring it before the Lord. "Lord, if You will it, you can heal me!" This is what this woman teaches us, this wonderful mother: the courage to bring our own painful story before God, before Jesus, to touch Jesus's tenderness. Let's try this story, this prayer: let each one of us think of his or her own story. There are always ugly things in a story, always. Let us go to Jesus, knock on Jesus's heart and say to Him: "Lord, if You will it, you can heal me!" And we can do this if we always have the face of Jesus before us, what Jesus's heart is like: a heart that feels compassion, that bears our pains, that bears our sins, our failures. But it is a heart that loves us like that, as we are, without make-up: He loves us like that. "Lord, if You will it, you can heal me!" This is why it is necessary to understand Jesus, to be familiar with Jesus. Let us remember the prayer: "Lord, if You will it, you can heal me!" A beautiful prayer- May the Lord help us, all of us, to pray this beautiful prayer, that a pagan woman teaches us: not a Christian woman, not a Jewish woman, a pagan woman.

READERS AND TEA SERVICE VOLUNTEERING LIST

This weekend 15th & 16th Aug (week 3)

Next weekend 22nd & 23rd Aug (week 4)

St Patrick's Readers	St Kevin's Readers	St Patrick's Readers	St Kevin's Readers
Sun 9am: Des Morvell & Jason Xu	Sat 5pm Vigil: David Zamit	Sun 9am: Kathleen Thompspon & Marianne Somerville	Sat 5pm Vigil : Ray Hickey
Sun. 4pm: Pious & Leena Joseph	Sun 10.30am: Caroline Gojak	Sun. 4pm: Maureen Medaris	Sun 10.30am : Nicole Vine
Cuppa: Joan Krutli/ Cathie Nankervis / Marisa Leon		Cuppa: Monica Mensen/Lyn	



LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK

Anna Bloss, Frank Menson, Dorothy Edwards, David Jansen, Hugh McGill, Peter Mulligan, Daniel Sullivan, Vlad, Mirjana Plavljanic, Natalie Cheung, Bill Huang, Sonia Treweek, Susie, Anne, Anna, Fr Maurice, Norberto Fuerzas, Charles, Fr Shane Reade, Grant Wellington, Rosemary Jack, Peter Drabbant

RECENTLY DECEASED

Margaret Howard , Nikola (Nik) Nilovic

FOR THE DEATH MEMORIAL

Clorinda Pennacchia , Bishop Peter Elliot, Eric D'Lazarus ,Maria Gagliardi, Anna Holden , Obdulia America Zerpa , Charles Kunnel, Giovanni Sabato, Patricia Medaris, Omilio Guerra, Dorris D'Mello, Obdulia America Zerpa

THANKSGIVING	CHURCH	PRESBYTERY	ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY If you need assistance please call  1800 305 330 If someone needs help, please give them this number.		JOIN US FOR OUR PARISH ROSARY Tuesday Nights 7:30pm St Patrick's Church, Murrumbena
ST PATRICK'S	\$675.25	\$555.90			
ST KEVIN'S	\$446.60	\$358.60			



FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE !

Thank you so very much for your generous contributions towards our Fathers Day Raffle .

*Our Raffle will now be drawn at **St. Kevin's on Sunday 16th August** following morning tea.*

Good luck Everyone!!

If you are not there you will be notified.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Starting Wednesdays 9th Sept 2026 7.15pm to 8.45pm
 Every Wednesday at Rovira House, 5 Dalny Road, Murrumbena

The RCIA is for adults seeking to become full members of the Catholic Church. This journey is for people who have never been baptized (non-Christians), and for those who have been baptised Catholics but were never confirmed and for those from other Christian denominations. The non-baptised are prepared in a Catholic parish through RCIA journey and are joyfully received into the Catholic Church by receiving the three Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist which traditionally takes place at the Easter Vigil.



To Enrol Please Contact 9568 7365 Or Email murrumbena@cam.org.au



Congratulations on your

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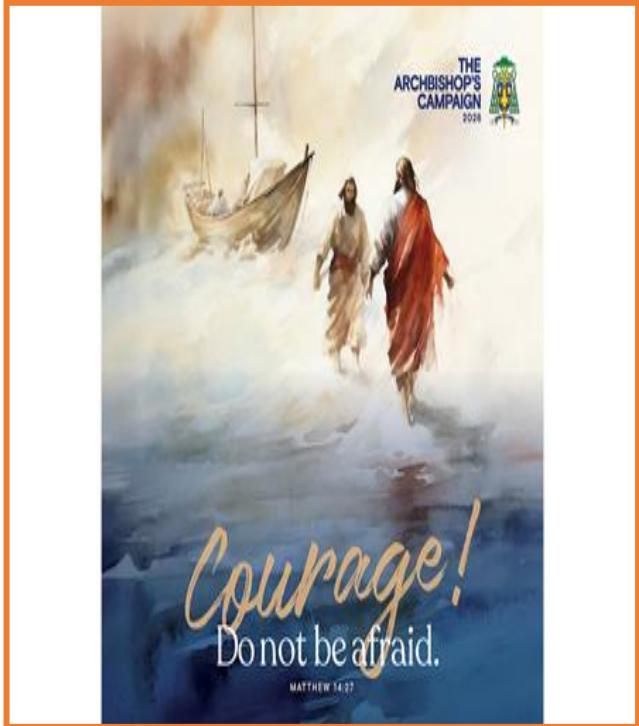
May you hold the love for Jesus Christ
in your heart forever!



*Congratulations to all our
year 6 students on their
confirmation .*

*May the gifts of the Holy
Spirit grow stronger
and bear fruits everyday
of your lives !!*

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The Archbishop's Campaign

The 2026 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Tax-deductible donations go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund which supports the Priests Retirement Foundation, the Corpus Christi College Building Fund, CatholicCare Victoria Chaplaincy Program, Melbourne Overseas Mission, John Pierce Centre, University of Divinity for the Catholic Theological College as well as Catholic community agencies and service organisations through annual grants. Non-tax-deductible donations go to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund and support seminarian formation. Please review the campaign material and prayerfully consider pledging a recurring monthly gift. Tear-off pledge cards are attached to the campaign envelopes in the church. You can also make a gift online at melbournecatholic.org/archbishops campaign or via the QR codes on the campaign . Please find the envelopes in the pews.

Please



Upcoming Funerals for long time Parishioners

Funeral service for Nikola Nilovic this Tuesday 18th August @ 11am in St. Kevins, Church.

Funeral Service for Margaret Howard this Friday 21st August @ 10.30 in St Patrick's Church.

Thanksgiving Envelopes

If anyone requires thanksgiving envelopes or direct debit information please contact the parish office .

Ormond Church - Volunteers required

We Thank you to Theresa D'Mello for her years of service to our parish. As she has moved to another parish we are looking for volunteers to replace her role as a volunteer to assist the cleaning team . Thank you

Entrance Antiphon (Psalm 83:10-11)

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within our courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

First Reading - A reading from the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 56:1.6-7)

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest. Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4)

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

Second Reading A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (Romans 11:13-15. 29-32)

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice. Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

Gospel Acclamation - (Matthew 4:23)

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

Gospel A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew—(Matthew 15:21-28)

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

Communion Antiphon (Psalm 129:7) With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

Prayer for Melbourne Synod 2026

We stand before You, Holy Spirit , as we gather in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder

Do not let ignorance let us down the wrong path nor partially influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever, Amen.

