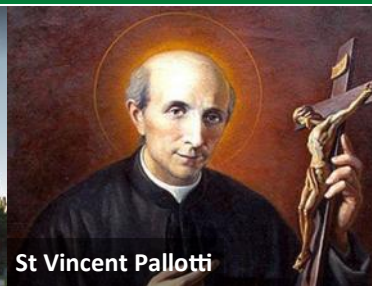


ST PATRICK'S AND ST KEVIN'S PARTNERED PARISHES

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

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Sunday 14 June, 2026



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This weeks Mass Times

Wed: 9:15am
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Sat: 9:15am Mass and Benediction
and Confession
Sun: 9am and 4pm

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This weeks Mass Times

Tues: 9am Mass
Thurs: 9am
Sat: 5pm (Confession at 4:30pm)
Sun: 10:30 am

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On this eleventh Sunday of ordinary time, the Church reminds us of our call by God. This call can be understood in two ways; first, through God's covenant with Israel. God chose and called us to be his people. Second, through Jesus Christ the new covenant, God called us to be his disciples. So, God made us his people and reconciled us in Christ Jesus. God called us, each by name, to be a people consecrated to him.

In today's first reading, we see the first part of our call. This reading tells us about one of the most famous covenants of God with his people in the Old Testament, the Sinai Covenant. Through it, God made Israel his people and offers to guide them toward a great destiny, and his people offer obedience.

If the people are faithful to their promise, they will forever be the sacred people, God's possession. If they fail due to their human destiny, God will not abandon them but will continue to search for them. This is God's way of acting. Although we fail, God never abandons us. Therefore, the saying is wise: "To err is human; to forgive divine."

As humans, we always fail in our part of our covenant with God. Like the Israelites in the Old Testament, we are quick to say, "All that the Lord has spoken we will do!" (Exodus 19:8). We are quick to say yes, we believe and will be faithful to our covenant. However, most times, we fail. Despite this, God never abandons us. He continues to be faithful to his covenant.

In today's second reading, Paul reminds us of how God continues to be faithful to us through his only Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation: "What proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners." Through the sacrifice of Christ, we are constantly reconciled with God. So, God never abandons us because he chose and called us to be his people.

The second aspect of our calling is to be Christ's disciples in a world quickly losing life's meaning, in a world where many feel abandoned, helpless, and hopeless. This call and mission were born from mercy and compassion for a dejected and abandoned world. Hence, today's gospel tells us, "At the sight of the crowds, Jesus' heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd."

Therefore, as Christians, each of us has a unique call. By virtue of our baptism, God chose and called each of us by our new name, as he called his twelve apostles today, to help our abandoned world. This is a special call and invitation to lift and save our dejected world from ruins. It is a call to be faithful shepherds to one another. As God and his Son continue to show us mercy and compassion, we must also show mercy to one another, especially to those who have failed or erred in one way or the other.

Finally, our call had a unique purpose and message. Today, Christ sent his disciples with specific instructions. "Do not go into pagan territory or enter a Samaritan town. Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, make this proclamation: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, and drive out demons."

Is Christ discriminating? No! Indeed, Christ came to save the world. However, our call and mission must start from somewhere. We must start this mission with ourselves. It must begin in our homes, families, and communities (mission ad intra). Later, the mission can be extended (ad extra) to others. Through this, Christ reminds us that Charity begins at home. This is important because we must first become God's people before becoming God's disciples.

So, my dear brothers and sisters, let us pray to God to keep us faithful to his call to be his people and disciples. Peace be with you! Maranatha!

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READERS AND TEA SERVICE VOLUNTEERING LIST

This weekend 13th and 14th June (week 2)

Next weekend 20th and 21st June (week 3)

St Patrick's Readers	St Kevin's Readers	St Patrick's Readers	St Kevin's Readers
Sun 9am: St Patrick's Primary School Students	Sat 5pm Vigil: David Zammit	Sun 9am: Des Morvell and Marisa Leon	Sat 5pm Vigil: David Zammit
Sun. 4pm: Maureen Medaris	Sun 10.30am: Jube Kunnel	Sun. 4pm: Pious Joseph and Leena Pious	Sun 10.30am: Caroline Gojak
Cuppa: No cuppa this weekend		Cuppa: Francis Ong and Danielle Floros	Cuppa: Please join us for a cuppa to celebrate St Kevin



LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK

Vlad, Mirjana Plavljanic, Natalie Cheung, Bill Huang, Mark Sulikowski, Ken, Sonia Treweek, Susie, Anne, Anna, Fr Maurice, Norberto Fuerzas, Fr Shane Reade, Peter Drabbant, Hugh McGill, Charles, Grant Wellington, Chris, Ken, Fr Stanley, Dorothy Edwards, Rosemary Jack, Nathan Cairns, Craig Smith, Irene Kobylarz, Obinna Okoye, Madeleine Fisher, Daniel Sullivan, Bryn, Chris, Sheree, Leigh Nichols, Loraine, and Royce Nancarrow

FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED

Jessie Aaron Dean, Theresa Wilma Moses

FOR THE DEATH MEMORIAL

Patricia Medaris, Martin White, Emilio Guerra, Dorris D'Mello, Alice O'Connor, Andrew John O'Connor and Dr Maurice Wallin

THANKSGIVING	CHURCH	PRESBYTERY	CATHOLIC MISSION
ST PATRICK'S	\$613.50	\$389.25	\$80.00
ST KEVIN'S	\$321.70	\$278.40	-

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,
Murrumbene

PROCLAIM 2026

Friday 26 June 2026 – Saturday 27 June 2026

Catholic Leadership Centre, 576 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne

Registrations close Monday 22 June.



Go out to the whole world; proclaim the gospel to all creation. Mark 16:15

Proclaim26 will host formative keynote talks, inspiring real-life stories of parish renewal and practical workshops on formation, RCIA, youth and young adult discipleship, music and more.

Whether you are clergy, religious, a lay leader or someone who simply wants to share the Gospel with their community, this gathering is for you! Gather your group and register now.

For the full program and to register, go to the [Proclaim26](#) page.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

Please give to the Vinnies winter appeal.

There are so many in need.

Funds raised through the Vinnies Winter Appeal will directly support their core programs, providing vital assistance to people experiencing or at risk of homelessness, poverty, and cost-of-living pressures.

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Food for hungry families



Urgent bill relief



Safe, secure housing



"I never thought I'd be homeless. It just goes to show that homelessness can happen to anyone." - David

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FOR ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

On Sunday 14th June during the 9am Mass at St Patrick's Church, the students at St Patrick's Primary School will receive their First Holy Communion.

Let us pray for all the school students, their families and especially all the teachers at St Patrick's Primary School. May God bless, guide, protect and assist you always.



There will be no cuppa after the 9am Mass at St Patrick's Church this weekend

ALPHA CONNECT PRESENTS

THE SEARCH PROGRAM

Every Wednesday night until 19 August
7:30 to 9:00 PM

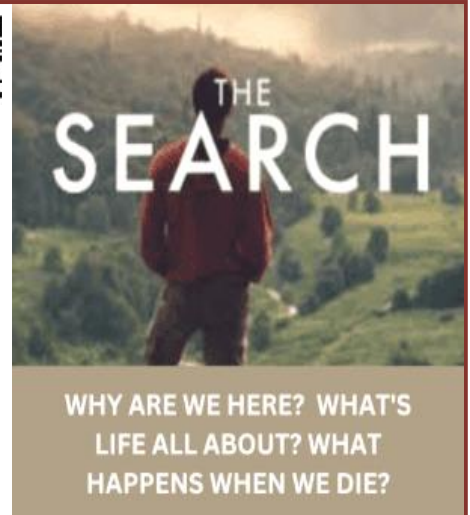
Rovira House 5 Dalny Road, Murrumbena

Ever wondered if there's more to life than the daily grind? Whether you're a lifelong Catholic or just curious about the "big questions"

The Search by the Augustine Institute is for you.

The team who runs the Alpha Connect is inviting you to join us for a compelling video series exploring life, death, and the journey in between. Everyone is welcome!

Each session will start with a simple dinner, a video and a discussion. Ask questions freely or simply listen. Feel free to email the team at alphamurrumbena@gmail.com if you have any questions.



**Last week we had a great attendance to THE SEARCH PROGRAM.
It's not too late to join us next week to be part of the journey.**

THANKS TO ALL THE PARISHIONERS

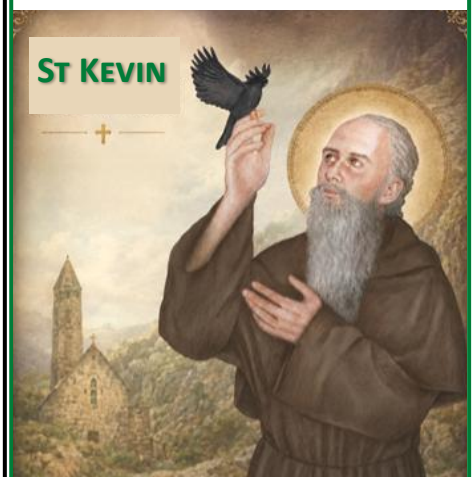
A heartfelt thanks to all the wonderful parishioners, volunteers and staff for all your loving support, kindness, encouragement and prayers over the years in my role as Parish Secretary. It has definitely been a memorable and lifechanging experience working for the Church, and a humble blessing. May God continue to bless you, your family members and our Partnered Parishes in the years to come.

Gods blessings and peace to you all, Mathew +JMJ+



THE FEAST OF ST KEVIN

Join us on Sunday 21st June
after the 10:30am Mass at St
Kevin's Church for a cuppa to
celebrate the feast of our Patron
Saint: Saint Kevin.



Entrance Antiphon Cf Psalm 26:7,9 O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

First Reading

A reading from the book of Exodus (Exodus 19:2-6)

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp. Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 99:2-3. 5. R. v.3 (R.) We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (Romans 5:6-11)

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

Gospel Acclamation Mark 1:15 Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is near; repent and believe the Good News! Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 9:36 – 10:8)

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.' He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows: 'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

Communion Antiphon Psalm 26:4 There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

LIFEBOAT FOUNDATION CARS WANTED
CAN YOU HELP VICTIMS OF CHURCH-RELATED ABUSE?

For fourteen years, the Lifeboat Geelong Foundation has been assisting victims of church-related sexual abuse from all over Australia. Generous supporters have donated a number of motor vehicles of varied value (from \$500 to \$20,000+), including cars from deceased estates or which are no longer required. Some have been directly gifted to a victim/survivor in need, while others have been sold to generate funds required to assist victims in a multitude of ways (counselling, rent, utilities and other domestic and personal necessities).

You could help this important work simply by bringing it to the attention of people who might consider donating an unwanted motor vehicle, such as a car from a deceased estate or which, for whatever reason, is no longer required.

Also, since the "Lifeboat Car Project" began in 2020, one single dedicated volunteer has overseen the process, which includes working with the donor to organise a Roadworthy Certificate and assisting recipients or purchasers of the vehicle with the required documentation for Vicroads. He now needs a rest – or at least some help!

So "Lifeboat" also needs a few people who are reasonably familiar with the usual car transfer regulations to assist donors of vehicles (and potential buyers) to negotiate the formal processes. If you or someone you know could help (maximum involvement with four cars per year), please contact

Fr. Kevin Dillon: 0421 777 360 or email frkdillon@outlook.com.au for more information.