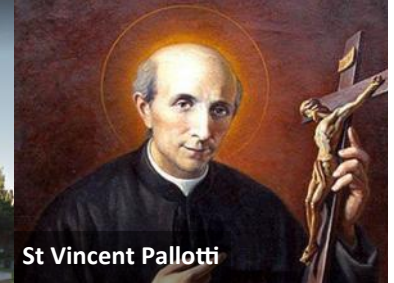


ST PATRICK'S AND ST KEVIN'S PARTNERED PARISHES

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

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Sunday 21 June, 2026



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Next weeks Mass Times

St Patrick's Murrumbreena

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This weeks Mass Times

Wed: **No Mass**

Fri: **No Mass**

Sat: 9:15am Mass and Benediction
and Confession

Sun: 9am and 4pm

St Kevin's Ormond

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This weeks Mass Times

Tues: 9am

Wed: **9am**

Thurs: 9am

Fri: **9am**

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

Sun: 10:30 am

REFLECTION BY FR. NJOKU CANICE CHUKWUEMEKA

In the first reading, God delivered the prophet Jeremiah from the deadly plots and hands of evil men. Our world is full of threats against the righteous and innocent. Today, hardly would a day pass without one hearing news of terror. This is the cause of great fear and inquietude for many, especially those whose trust is solely in this world rather than God.

However, for those who, like the prophet, realize that the Lord is on their side, God will surely not disappoint them. As a mighty hero, He will indeed act. The threats and gravity of these terrors might appear overwhelming. However, they are certainly not greater than what God has handled in the history of humanity.

Today's second reading has a lot in common with the first. First, while the prophet was innocent of all the accusations and threats against him, humanity inherited death through the sin of disobedience of her progenitors (Adam and Eve). Similarly, while God delivered the innocent prophet Jeremiah from the plots and terrors of his enemies, in the second, Paul recounts how Christ delivered humanity from the terrors and shackles of death.

Thus, Paul draws our attention to a very important aspect of our salvific history. This is especially concerning the relationship between sin and death; and, of course, the relationship between the consequences of Adam's disobedience and Christ's obedience. While Adam's disobedience and sin brought death, Christ's obedience brought us life.

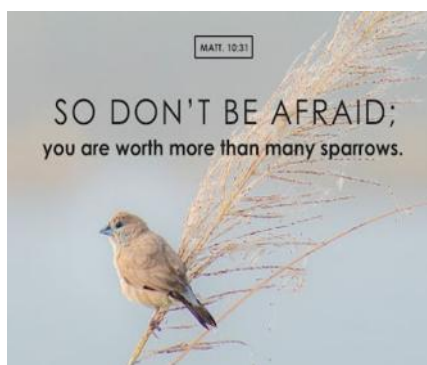
This is the summary of what Christ did for us. Through his sacrificial death and obedience to his father's will, He dissipated the terrors threatening our lives and restore our peace. Thus, He delivered us from damnation due to the sin and the fall of Adam and Eve.

In the gospel, Jesus encourages us: "Do not be afraid, for everything that is now covered will be uncovered." This includes the plans of the evil ones who constantly threaten to persecute and destroy the just. It suffices to note that Christ knows that fear and the threat of death can paralyze one. As the Lord of the living and the dead, He knows that physical death is not the end. Instead, it is a transition to eternity. Hence, he further exhorts us: "Do not be afraid of those who can kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, fear him who can destroy both body and soul in hell fire."

In these comforting and assuring words of Christ, rest our hope and future as Christians. "Every hair on your head has been counted. So, there is no need to be afraid!" They indicate that the Lord is on our side. He is ready and capable of delivering us from sin's consequences and harmful effects and all the threats we face daily.

Finally, all we need to do to merit the protection Christ promised us today is to be on his side by trusting him. This calls for being just and innocent in our ways and actions. It means being true Christians. Of course, it also means submitting entirely to Christ. Peace be with you! Maranatha!

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READERS AND TEA SERVICE VOLUNTEERING LIST

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

Next weekend 27th and 28th June (week 4)

St Patrick's Readers	St Kevin's Readers	St Patrick's Readers	St Kevin's Readers
Sun 9am: Des Morvell and Marisa Leon	Sat 5pm Vigil: David Zammit	Sun 9am: Kathleen Thompson and Marianne Somerville	Sat 5pm Vigil: Ray Hickey
Sun. 4pm: Pious Joseph and Leena Pious	Sun 10.30am: Caroline Gojak	Sun. 4pm: Maureen Medaris	Sun 10.30am: Nicole Vine
Cuppa: Francis Ong and Danielle Floros	Cuppa: Please join us for a cuppa to celebrate St Kevin	Cuppa: Monica Mensen and Maira Daree	



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

Earl Edwards, Giovanni Sabato, 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	\$463.35	\$823.80	\$105
ST KEVIN'S	\$457.60	\$331.90	\$250

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



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.

Food for hungry families

Urgent bill relief

Safe, secure housing

PLEASE GIVE TO THE VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

Call 13 18 12 scan the QR code
or go online at: donate.vinnies.org.au/winter-appeal



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THE FEAST OF ST KEVIN

Sunday 21st June

After the 10:30am Mass

St Kevin's Church, Ormond

Join us for a cuppa to celebrate the feast of our Patron Saint:
Saint Kevin.



DUE TO ELECTRICAL WORKS THIS WEEK AT ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

There will be No Mass this Wednesday 24th June and Friday 26th June at St Patrick's Church

There will be Mass at St Kevin's Church Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday instead

ALPHA CONNECT PRESENTS

THE SEARCH PROGRAM

Every Wednesday night until 19 August

7:30 to 9:00 PM

Rovira House 5 Dalny Road, Murrumbena

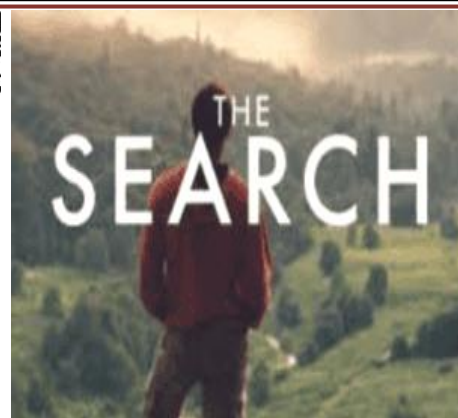
Ever wondered if there's more to life than the daily grind? Whether you're a lifelong Catholic or just curious about the "big questions"

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.

It's not too late to join us next week to be part of the journey.



WHY ARE WE HERE? WHAT'S
LIFE ALL ABOUT? WHAT
HAPPENS WHEN WE DIE?

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Starting Wednesdays 21st Oct 2026 7.30pm to 9:00pm

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.

CATHOLICS INTERESTED IN DEEPENING THEIR FAITH ARE WELCOME TO JOIN

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



PARISH OFFICE LIMITED HOURS AND SUPPORT

Considering our Parish Secretary's last day is on Friday 19th June and the fact we still have not started interviewing for a replacement, the Parish Office will have limited hours and services until a new Parish Secretary is found.



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI SHOWCASE

CALLING ALL PERFORMERS

To celebrate the Franciscan Jubilee Year, COG Theatre is hosting a musical showcase highlighting the life of St Francis of Assisi

Expressions of interest welcome

If you are a performer, technician, adminstrant or are just eager to get involved

Please contact cogtheatregrgroup@gmail.com
Or call 0413 398 528

Entrance Antiphon Cf Psalm 27:8-9 The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah (Jeremiah 20:10-13)

Jeremiah said: 'I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, "Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!" But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R. v.14 (R.) Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (Romans 5:12-15)

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

Gospel Acclamation John 15:26. 27 Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 10:26-33)

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops. 'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows. 'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

Communion Antiphon Psalm 144:15 The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.



ST PATRICK'S ROOF COMPLETE

Dear parishioners St Pat's partially damaged roof repair is complete now.

Soon we will start the carpet replacement.

2026 — PETER'S PENCE — COLLECTION



Next weekend Sunday 28th June, we will have the collection for Peters Pence

The Peter's Pence collection is a gesture of solidarity through which every member of the faithful can participate in the activity of the Pope as Pastor of the universal Church.

The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father through the Peter's Pence Collection are destined to Church needs, to humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See.