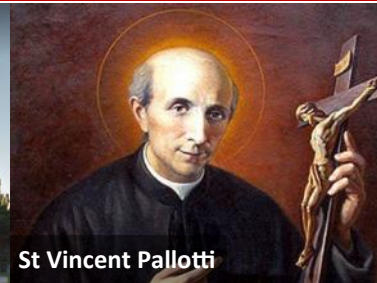


ST PATRICK'S AND ST KEVIN'S PARTNERED PARISHES

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

Pentecost Sunday Year A

Sunday 24th May, 2026



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This weeks Mass Times

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

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This weeks Mass Times

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

THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

REFLECTION BY POPE BENEDICT XIV (12 JUNE 2011 EXCERPT)

The Gospel passage then offers us a marvellous image to clarify the connection between Jesus, the Holy Spirit and the Father: the Holy Spirit is portrayed as the breath of the Risen Jesus Christ (cf. Jn 20:22). Here the Evangelist John takes up an image of the creation narrative, where it says that God breathed into the nostrils of man the breath of life (cf. Gen 2:7). The breath of God is life. Now, the Lord breathes into our soul the new breath of life, the Holy Spirit, his most intimate essence, and in this way welcomes us into God's family. With Baptism and Confirmation this gift was given to us specifically, and with the sacraments of the Eucharist and Penance it is continuously repeated: the Lord breathes a breath of life into our soul. All the sacraments, each in its own way, communicate divine life to human beings, thanks to the Holy Spirit who works within them.

In today's liturgy we perceive another connection. The Holy Spirit is Creator, he is at the same time the Spirit of Jesus Christ, but in such a way that the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are one God. And in the light of the First Reading we may add: the Holy Spirit gives life to the Church. She is not born from the human will, from man's reflection, from his ability or from his organizational capacity, if this were so she would have ceased to exist long ago, as happens with all that is human. Instead the Church is the body of Christ, enlivened by the Holy Spirit. The images of wind and fire, used by St Luke to portray the coming of the Holy Spirit (cf. Acts 2:2-3), evoke Sinai, where God revealed himself to the People of Israel and granted it his Covenant. "Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke", we read in the Book of Exodus, "because the Lord descended upon it in fire" (19:18). Indeed Israel celebrated the 50th day after the Passover, after the commemoration of the flight from Egypt, as the feast of Sinai, the feast of the Covenant. When St Luke speaks of tongues of fire to represent the Holy Spirit, this Old Covenant is called to mind, established on the basis of the Law received by Israel on Sinai. Thus the event of Pentecost is represented as a new Sinai, as the gift of a new Covenant in which the Covenant with Israel was extended to all the peoples of the earth, in which all the barriers fall from the old Law and its heart appears holier and more unchangeable; in other words as love, which the Holy Spirit himself communicates and spreads, a love that embraces all things.

At the same time the Law is expanded, it is opened, even though it becomes simpler: it is the New Covenant which the Spirit "writes" in the hearts of all who believe in Christ. The extension of the Covenant to all the peoples of the earth is represented by St Luke with a list of peoples, that is considerably long for that epoch (cf. Acts 2:9-11). With this we are told something most important: that the Church was Catholic from the very outset, that her universality is not the result of the successive inclusion of various communities. Indeed, from the first moment the Holy Spirit created her as the Church of all peoples; she embraces the whole world, surmounts all distinctions of race, class and nation; tears down all barriers and brings people together in the profession of the triune God. Since the beginning the Church has been one, catholic and apostolic: this is her true nature and must be recognized as such. She is not holy because of her members' ability but because God himself, with his Spirit, never ceases to create her, purify her and sanctify her.

Lastly, today's Gospel presents these beautiful words to us: "the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord" (Jn 20:20). These words are profoundly human. The Friend lost is present once again and those who were formerly distraught rejoice. But it says far more. For the lost Friend did not come from just anywhere but from the night of death; and he passed through it! He is not just anyone; indeed he is the Friend and at the same time the One who is the Truth that gives life to men and women; and what he gives is not just any kind of joy but joy itself, a gift of the Holy Spirit. Yes, it is beautiful to live because I am loved and it is the Truth who loves me. The disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Today, at Pentecost, these words are also addressed to us, because in faith we can see him. In faith he comes among us and to us too he shows his hands and his side and we are glad. Therefore let us pray: Lord, show yourself! Make us the gift of your presence and we shall have the most beautiful gift: your joy. Amen!



READERS AND TEA SERVICE VOLUNTEERING LIST

This weekend 23rd and 24th May (week 4)

Next weekend 30th and 31st May (week 5)

St Patrick's Readers	St Kevin's Readers
Sun. 9am: Kathleen Thompson & Marianne Somerville	Sat 5pm Vigil: Ray Hickey
Sun. 4pm: Maureen Medaris	Sun 10.30am: Nicole Vine
Cuppa: Jane Lama and Danielle Floros	

St Patrick's Readers	St Kevin's Readers
Sun. 9am: Rohan Paul	Sat 5pm Vigil: Ray Hickey
Sun. 4pm: Pious Joseph and Leena Pious	Sun 10.30am: Caroline Gojak
Cuppa: Monica Mensen and Maria Daree	



LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please inform the Parish Office if you no longer are sick

Bill Huang, Mark Sulikowski, Gemma Wu, Sarah Gradhl, Ken, Sonia Treweek, Susie, Anne, Anna, Fr Maurice, Norberto Fuerzas, 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

Martin White, Emilio Guerra, Dorris D'Mello,

THANKSGIVING	CHURCH	PRESBYTERY
ST PATRICK'S	\$633.55	\$443.25
ST KEVIN'S	\$426.10	\$460.00



ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

**If you need assistance please call
1800 305 330** If someone needs help,
please give them this number.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

Sunday 7 June 2026

**Begins 2pm at St Patrick's Cathedral,
1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne**

The procession will begin with a gathering at St Patrick's Cathedral at 2pm, walk through the streets of Melbourne's CBD, and conclude at Federation Square.

For more information,
contact : proclaim@cam.org.au
or (03) 9926 5761.



MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST PETER CLAVER

ANNUAL MISSION DINNER

Sunday 14th June

1.00 pm

Tickets: \$50.00 per person.

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver Hall,
154 Cotham Road, Kew.

Proceeds will assist the missions.

Bookings close 5th June.

Bookings: Phone 9817 3715

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

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



**PLEASE GIVE TO THE
VINNIES WINTER
APPEAL TODAY**

Call **13 18 12**

scan the QR code or go
online at:

[donate.vinnies.org.au/
winter-appeal](https://donate.vinnies.org.au/winter-appeal)

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Monday 15 June at 7pm (AEST)

Online Information Session Explore Philosophy,
Theology, and Ministry related courses

Register via : ctc.edu.au/information-session

Contact: Dr Maureen Saclot, Registrar:

ctc.edu.au/connect-with-us/contact-the-registrar/

JOIN US FOR OUR PARISH ROSARY

Tuesday Nights 7:30pm

St Patrick's Church, Murrumbena

MANDATORY SAFEGUARDING REQUIREMENTS & TRAINING NIGHT

ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS!

There will be a Safeguarding Essentials Training night for all volunteers to ensure our Parishes meets the new strict safeguarding guidelines set out by the Archdiocese.

Tuesday 26th May, 7.00-8.30pm at St Kevin's Church, Ormond

Tuesday 2nd June, 7.00-8.30pm at Rovira House, 5 Dalny Road, Murrumbreena

On the night we will help all volunteers to gain:

- A signed code of conduct form (to be updated every 3 years)
- Safeguarding Essentials Training updated: (to be updated every 3 years)

There will be assistance on the night to help you apply for a Working With Children Check if you have not applied for this yet: Please bring your passport, birth certificate, drivers license and Medicare card

We look forward in seeing you there.



CATHOLIC MISSION COLLECTION JUNE 6TH & 7TH

In two weeks, we will share the story of Yamikani*, a young boy in rural Malawi whose daily journey to school is filled with hardship. You will also meet Fr Matthew Semba who is leading a project to build a new school close to home, so children like Yamikani can learn safely and begin to imagine a future beyond survival. Through your prayers and support, you are part of this mission, helping to ensure that no child is left behind. To learn more about Catholic Mission and our work, please go to catholicmission.org.au/united

ALPHA CONNECT PRESENTS

THE SEARCH PROGRAM

10 June 2026 to 19 August 2026 (Wednesdays)

7:30 to 9:00 PM

Rovira House 5 Dalny Road, Murrumbreena

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,"

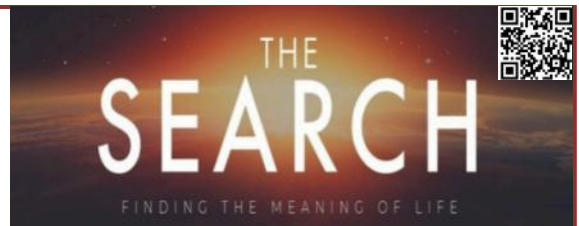
The Search by the Augustine Institute is for you.

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 alphamurrumbreena@gmail.com if you have any questions.

We look forward to embarking on this journey with you!



FREE TRAINING WORKSHOP ON AUTOMATIC DEFIBRILLATOR USE A SUCCESS!

The AED training workshop was a resounding success, with a much higher number attending than we expected. Thanks to all whom attended and helped make this a memorable and enriching night.

An automatic defibrillator located at; 21 Beauville Avenue, Murrumbreena: Located near the front door



Entrance Antiphon The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11)

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30 (R.) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13)

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Sequence

Holy Spirit, Lord of light,
Come, thou Father of the poor,
Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou in toil art comfort sweet;
Light immortal, light divine,
If thou take thy grace away,
Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Thou, on us who evermore
Give us comfort when we die;

From the clear celestial height,
Come with treasures which endure;
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Pleasant coolness in the heat;
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
Nothing pure in man will stay;
On our dryness pour thy dew;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Thee confess and thee adore,
Give us life with thee on high;

Thy pure beaming radiance give.
Come, thou light of all that live!
Dost refreshing peace bestow;
Solace in the midst of woe.
And our inmost being fill:
All his good is turned to ill.
Wash the stains of guilt away:
Guide the steps that go astray.
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:
Give us joys that never end.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (John 20:19-23)

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven: for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Communion Antiphon Acts of the Apostles 2:4,11 They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.



**JOIN US TO CELEBRATE 34,675 DAYS OF LIFE ON EARTH
OF KATHLEEN THOMPSON**

I would like to offer my prayers and thanksgiving for the life of service, prayer and dedication of Kathleen.

Working tirelessly for Our Lord and Our Lady at the Fatima Centre and for our Partnered Parishes, she is an inspiration and comfort to all whom she meets. Please keep her in your prayers and for the continuance of her ministry. Wishing you abundant blessings on this milestone. Father Siby

**YOU ARE ALL INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A CUPPA AFTER THE
9AM MASS AT ST PATRICK'S CHURCH THIS SUNDAY**

