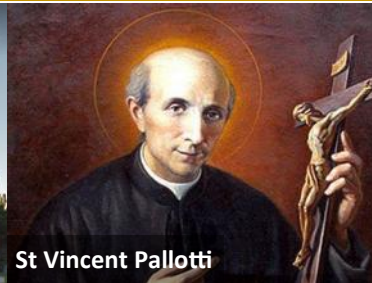


ST PATRICK'S AND ST KEVIN'S PARTNERED PARISHES

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A

Sunday 3rd 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

St Kevin's Ormond
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This weeks Mass Times
Tues: **No Mass this week**
Thurs: 9am
Sat: 5pm (Confession at 4:30pm)
Sun: 10:30 am

ABOLISHING CLASS DISTINCTIONS **REFLECTION BY BENEDICT O'CEIRIN**

The first reading today shows us an example of 'class distinction' or racial discrimination in the infant Church. The Hellenists were converts whose language was Greek; their complaint was quite simply that their widows were not getting the necessary 'social services' from the Jews. The apostles' solution of the problem shows us that both the work of praying and preaching, with which they were primarily concerned, and the work of giving out food, serving tables, were of importance to them. Neither works should be neglected.

Reading this passage from the Acts of the Apostles we are reminded that for each of us, in our individual Christian life, there are two important dimensions: prayer and service – and living our Christian vocation seriously and well demands that we find a balance between the two. As Christians we have to pray, to worship God directly; we are also called to serve each other. No matter what we do in life, our work will always reach others in some way; it will always be of service and utility to someone, somewhere; and hence, provided we have an attitude of respect for others no task we perform will ever be seen as a menial task. Prayer and the service of the word was of primary importance to the apostles. Yet the service of the widows in the community was of such importance to them that they appointed seven special men to attend to this service, and initiated them by a religious and liturgical ceremony.

As a result, the word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased. We could here ask ourselves is this still true in our day. Is the word of the Lord spreading? Is the number of disciples in the Church greatly increasing? In the second reading from the first letter of St Peter, the Church is seen as a spiritual house, and we are called to be the living stones that make up this house. Every time we say the Lord's Prayer – and we say it together every time we offer Mass we say 'Hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come.' Does it ever occur to us that by praying thus we place upon ourselves, take upon ourselves the duty and responsibility of spreading the word of the Lord and of working by our Christian lives for the increase of the number of disciples in the Church? We are all responsible for establishing and maintaining a good standard of morality and of Christian concern in the community to which we belong. We can contribute greatly to the building of this spiritual house which is the Church by our daily conduct and attitudes.

The chief stone, the cornerstone, in this spiritual edifice is Christ himself, and he speaks to us in most encouraging language in the gospel today. If he is going away, it is to prepare a place for us, in his Father's house, where there are many rooms. So, no matter who we are or what we do, there is a place for us all in the kingdom. Each has his own unique gifts of nature and grace, each is important to God, and the words of Christ here remind us again of the respect for each and all that was exemplified for us in the first reading by the action of the apostles.

In the gospel Christ reminds us, as like Philip we long to see the Father, that to have seen him is to have seen the Father. No one has seen the Father at any time. There are many completely wrong notions about what God is like, and in our day men often leave God aside as irrelevant because their notion of God is faulty or sometimes even completely distorted. The Lord tells us here today that if we want to see the authentic picture of God the Father we find it in him. 'I am in the Father and the Father is in me.' When we see Christ in the pages of the gospel concerned for others, interested in everyone, respecting everyone, encouraging sinners to repent, we are always meant to reflect that this is the kind that the invisible Father is. 'It is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.'

<https://associationofcatholicpriests.ie/homily-resource/fifth-sunday-of-easter/>

READERS AND TEA SERVICE VOLUNTEERING LIST

This weekend 2nd and 3rd May (week 1)

Next weekend 9th and 10th May (week 2)

St Patrick's Readers	St Kevin's Readers	St Patrick's Readers	St Kevin's Readers
Sun. 9am: Joan Krutli	Sat 5pm Vigil: Gerard Pereira	Sun. 9am: Martina and Francis Ong	Sat 5pm Vigil: David Zammit
Sun. 4pm : Kirsten Warboys	Sun 10.30am: Stephanie Kunnel	Sun. 4pm : Maureen Medaris	Sun 10.30am: Jube Kunnel
No Cuppa: Mothers Day Luncheon		Cuppa: Francis Ong and Marianne Somerville	



LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK

Julie Stapleton, 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

Theresa Wilma Moses, Fr John Winson SAC, Terry Harty, Russell Foote and Margot Cariss

FOR THE DEATH MEMORIAL

Angela Perruzza, Bartolomeo Giuliano, Pope Francis, Anthony Breslin, Jermine George, Dawn Kelly, Dawn Kelly, Damien Tavella, Zygyuch, June Sullivan, Mary Sullivan, Darrell Nancarrow, Joseph Schobben



ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
If you need assistance please call
1800 305 330 If someone needs help,
please give them this number.

THANKSGIVING	PROJECT COMPASSION	CHURCH	PRESBYTERY
ST PATRICK'S	-	\$1065.30	\$578.40
ST KEVIN'S	\$89.20	\$449.80	\$329.35

THE MONTH OF MAY IS DEDICATED TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Dear friends, during this month of May ...

traditionally a month that we take up this particular devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary, who comes under so many different titles: Our Mother, Our Lady, Queen of Peace, Help of Christians, and so on. But most particularly in this month, we have the opportunity to just reflect a little on the great prayer that involves our Blessed Mother, and that is the Hail Mary.

The Hail Mary, as you might know, is basically a prayer of praise and petition. The first part, 'Hail Mary full of grace', is the praise part, and the second part, the 'Holy Mary, Mother of God', is the petition part to that prayer. So it's an old, old, prayer in our tradition. Its current form as we know it, traces back to the 16th century, when particularly that petition part, 'pray for us sinners', was incorporated into the prayer.



It's the basis also of other prayers that are really treasures of our Christian and Catholic faith. Think of the Angelus, which is a reflection with the prayer of petition that is also a reflection on the incarnation of our Lord. And there is of course the Rosary, so much a favourite of families and of individuals.

That devotional prayer where the story of our faith, our salvation, is incorporated into the prayer with the repeating of the petitions.

But in this month of Mary, this prayer of the Hail Mary is, in a sense, the foundation of our devotion, and I encourage you to take it up within your families at home, or for those of you who might be in one of our schools, you can do it in your classroom. Anywhere ... we can take up this prayer of praise and petition to our Blessed Mother. And so let's do so together now:

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen

Archbishop Comensoli 2024 c/- <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/a-prayer-of-praise-and-petition>

MOTHER'S DAY FINGER FOOD LUNCHEON

Date: Sunday 3rd May
Time: 12pm - 3:30pm
Cost: \$10 (Includes a Raffle Ticket)
Place: Rovira House
5 Dalny Road, Murrumbeena

THIS WEEKEND FOR ALL REGISTERED TO ATTEND, PLEASE DON'T FORGET

The Parish
Office will be
closed on
Tuesday
5th May

CATHOLICCARE SUNDAY APPEAL 2ND & 3RD MAY

This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal (previously held during the month of August).

This year, the Appeal aims to give hope and support to people experiencing homelessness.

Our faith calls us to welcome the stranger and care for those most in need. Your compassion ensures individuals and families are supported with safe housing, practical assistance, and compassionate care as they rebuild their lives.

Your generosity helps open the door to safety, dignity and hope.

Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.

You can donate by:

Using the appeal envelope available in our parish

Online - www.catholiccarevic.org.au

Phone - (03) 9967 2515

Or Scan the QR Code



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.

We appreciate all that our volunteers do in helping to keep our Parish running and are grateful in you setting aside this time to support us in meeting these most important safeguarding requirements.

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, Murrumbeena

If you wish to do this yourself at home, please use the links below, however be advised:

We require the following 3 parts before September 2026 for ALL Parishioners

1. **A signed code of conduct form** (to be updated every 3 years)
2. **Safeguarding Essentials Training updated:** (to be updated every 3 years)
3. **A valid Working With Children Check, which is allocated to the Parish where you volunteer**
(Currently the majority of volunteers only have provided 1 or 2 of these: **we need all 3 please**)

Online safeguarding training link:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding/safeguarding-training-and-upcoming-events/safeguarding-training-modules/>

(you will need your unique Working with Children Check ID/VIT ID number, an email address)

Upon registration you will be asked to identify your role within the parish i.e. volunteer.

Any current active volunteers who still have not applied for a **Working With Children Check WWCC**,

Can you please do this ASAP:

To do this in person at the Post Office please go to <https://www.vic.gov.au/person-applications>
or to apply online <https://service.vic.gov.au/services/working-with-children>

There will be a limited number of volunteers on the night for support and assistance and to help ensure you have everything that the Archdiocese requires to volunteer at our Parish

**Safeguarding is
everyone's responsibility.**

The Archdiocese is committed to the safety, wellbeing and human dignity of children, young people and adults.



Entrance Antiphon Cf Psalm 97:1-2 O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7)

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R. v.22 (R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Peter (1 Peter 2:4-9)

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Gospel Acclamation John 14:6 Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (John 14:1-12)

I am the way, the truth, and the life. Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.' Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? 'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. 'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

Communion Antiphon Cf John 15:1,5 I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.



UPCOMING NATIONAL MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT

The National Count of Mass Attendance for 2026 will be taking place over 3/4 May, 9/10 May, 16/17 May and 23/24 May 2026. Please be advised there will be volunteers counting how many are attending Mass services over these weekends.



FREE TRAINING ON AUTOMATIC DEFIBRILLATOR USE

Wednesday 20th May

7pm—9pm

Rovira House: 5 Dalny Road, Murrumbena

Run by Community First Responders

Available to local residents and Parishioners.

There is an automatic defibrillator located at

21 Beauville Avenue, Murrumbena: Located near the front door

JOIN US FOR OUR

PARISH
Rosary

Tuesday Nights

7:30pm

St Patrick's Church,
Murrumbena