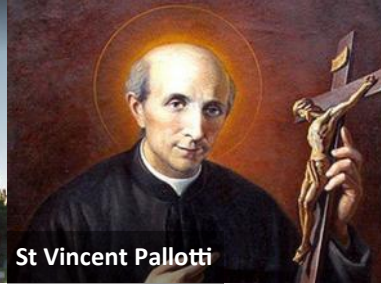


ST PATRICK'S AND ST KEVIN'S PARTNERED PARISHES

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

Twenty—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Sunday 27th September, 2026



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This weeks Mass Times

Wed: **No mass**

Fri: **No mass**

Sat: : **3rd Oct No Mass**

Sun: 4th Oct 9am and 5pm

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This weeks Mass Times

Tues: 9am (Mass &
Benediction)

Thurs: **No mass**

Fri : **No mass**

Sat: 3rd Oct- 6pm Mass
(Confession at **5.30pm**)

Sun: 10:30 am

Daily Reflection— by Roman Catholic Spiritual

This parable's lesson supposes that doing God's will is always the best course of action, a premise accepted by all parties in the discussion. Because we live in a secularized society that does not share this premise, it will be useful to take a quick look at it. Usually, we determine the best course of action by first applying our own personal analysis and standards. Then, if what the Church or our superiors teach happens to be in agreement with our judgment, we accept it. If it doesn't, we tend to question them rather than ourselves. The Christian attitude should be exactly the opposite; it recognizes the weakness and limits of human nature (and therefore of oneself), and seeks to align its judgment with the assurance of God's revelation in Christ. It lets the warm and gentle sunlight of faith brighten the shadows cast by the quivering lamplight of natural reason. The result, as the unparalleled flowering of human thought in the Christian West evidences, is certainty without close-mindedness, understanding without cynicism, and confidence without arrogance.

The actual lesson of the parable follows this premise. If God's will is the best course of action, who is more worthy of praise – those who promise to fulfill it or those who really do fulfill it? Jesus despised hypocrisy more than almost every other sin. He called those who preach the truth but live falsely “whitewashed tombs, serpents, brood of vipers, blind guides” (Matthew 23). He went so far as to declare that salvation depends precisely on what we do, not merely on what we say or believe: “It is not those who say to me, Lord, Lord, who will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the person who does the will of my Father in heaven” (Matthew 7:21). St James put it quite bluntly, “For just as a body without a spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead” (James 2:26). Neither son in the parable treated his father with due respect and obedience, just as neither hypocrisy nor greed and lust (the sins associated with tax collectors and prostitutes) please God, but clearly the one who “changed his mind” (with all the humiliation and humility that entailed) and went into the fields cheered his father's heart more than the other. Even if we tend to grumble at God's will when first we discover it, we can make his heart rejoice if we obey.

Christ the Friend As followers of Christ, we can easily relish scenes like this for the wrong reasons: we like it when our Leader defeats his opponents. But Jesus cared little for such vain victories; he told this parable hoping to stir the consciences of those who needed to repent. He told this parable because he desperately wanted the chief priests and leaders of the people to “enter the Kingdom of heaven,” and so far they were not doing so. Christ always has our ultimate good in mind. He seeks not his own glory and “success,” but only the glory of his Father, which shines most brightly in the salvation of souls. Would that we followed more closely in the footsteps of our Friend!

READERS AND TEA SERVICE VOLUNTEERING LIST

This weekend 26th & 27th Sept (week 4)

Next weekend Oct 3rd & 4th (week 1)

St Patrick's Readers	St Kevin's Readers	St Patrick's Readers	St Kevin's Readers
Sun 9am: Marianne Sommerville	Sat 5pm Vigil: Maria O Hagan	Sun 9am: Joan Krutli	Sat 6pm Vigil : Gerald Pereira
Sun. 4pm: Maureen Medaris	Sun 10.30am: Nicole Vine	Sun. 5pm: Kirsten Warboys	Sun 10.30am : Stephanie Kunnel
Cuppa: : Jane Lama / Ann Guera			



LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK

(Please inform the Parish Office if you are no longer sick)

Tony Reardon, Judy Reardon , Kathleen Thompson, Dorothy Edwards,
David Jansen, Peter Mulligan, Daniel Sullivan

RECENTLY DECEASED - Anna Bloss

DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Dawn Edwards
Theresa Jeevarathnam (Rosary's mum)

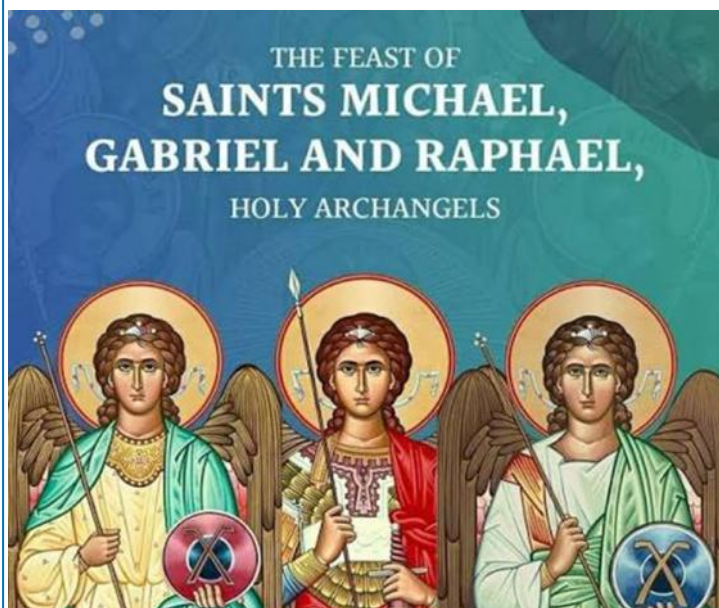
THANKSGIVING	CHURCH	PRESBYTERY	ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY  If you need assistance please call 1800 305 330 If someone needs help, please give them this number.		JOIN US FOR OUR PARISH ROSARY Tuesday Nights 7:30pm St Patrick's Church, Murrumbena
ST PATRICK'S	\$1,109.05	\$949.05			
ST KEVIN'S	\$417.60	\$288.65			



The Serra Group will be joining St Patrick's Church every Saturday in September morning Mass to pray for the Priesthood and Vocations—*Heavenly Father, help us respond to, and live out, our*

mission in the Church. Help all your people to know their vocation in life and assist them to prepare for it. For your greater glory and for the service of your people, call many to be Priests and Religious. Give those whom you call the grace to respond generously and to persevere faithfully. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

On September 29th, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael—the only angels named in Scripture. Each played a unique and important role in God's plan of salvation.



Saint Michael — His name means *"Who is like God."*

Known as the prince of the heavenly host, Michael is invoked for protection against Satan, to rescue souls at the hour of death, and as the defender of God's people.

Saint Gabriel — His name means *"God is my strength."* Gabriel is the messenger of the Annunciation, announcing to Mary the Incarnation of Christ. He also appeared to Daniel and Zechariah to reveal God's plans.

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Saint Raphael — His name means *"God has healed."*

Raphael is known from the Book of Tobit as a healer and guide, accompanying Tobias on his journey. He is invoked for safe travels and healing in times of need.

As we honor these Archangels, may we be reminded of their strength, guidance, and healing presence in our own lives.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

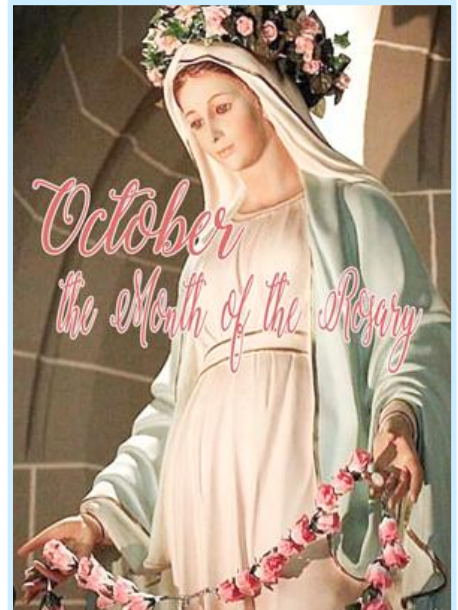
Started on Wednesdays 9th Sept @ Rovira House.
Please keep them all in your prayers as they go
through this journey of faith together.



October – Month of the Holy Rosary

***Praying especially for the rejuvenation of our parishes,
and for the parents and children of our primary school.***

October is dedicated in the Catholic Church to the Holy Rosary,
a beautiful and meditative prayer through which
we draw closer to Jesus with Mary.
We warmly invite all parishioners to join our weekly Parish Rosary
Each Tuesday evening at St Patrick's at 7.30pm,
Never prayed the Rosary before,
or has it been years since you last prayed it?
Don't worry - come along!
Rosary packs are available in the Church foyer,
blessed by Fr Siby, and include rosary beads,
a prayer guide and an explanation of the Rosary.
Our Lady loves to hear our voice—come and pray with us!



MARCH FOR THE BABIES

Come and show your support and march for the
babies at 1.00pm Saturday, 10th October– Treas-
ury Gardens, Cnr Spring St and Wellington Pde,
Melbourne.

Wear pink and blue for the Babies!

www.marchforthebabies.com



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Please join us on the 18 year
anniversary, as we march
for the babies. Attendance
is **completely free**, we just
ask that you **please book in
advance** for yourself, your family
or group through the link shown.

**BOOK
YOUR
FREE
TICKETS**



Our march is a family-friendly event with a peaceful police presence. trybooking.com/events/landing/1626138

This is the 17th annual March for the Babies, and every year since 2009, thousands of Victorians have gathered peacefully with grief and hope to remember the ever-increasing number of babies killed by abortion in this state since the Government legalized abortion-till-birth on October 10, 2008. A free bus is being offered for your parish – if you can recruit 58 people, a number required by those who are financing this offer. Departure from your church or similar location and return after the event. Details to follow soon.



Summer Mass Times

Daylight Saving is on the 4th Oct
when clocks move forward one
hour at 2:00 AM

***Please note from the
3rd & 4th Oct (weekend masses) :***

The 5pm mass at St. Kevin's will move to 6pm

The 4pm Mass at St Patrick's will move to 5pm



2026 Knox Public Lecture
Thursday 22 October at 7:00 pm
"Synodality: Global and Local"

**Presented by Most Reverend Patrick O'Regan DD Archbishop of
Adelaide** Scan the QR code or go to [2026 Knox Lecture](https://2026KnoxLecture.com)

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Entrance Antiphon (Daniel 3:31,29,30,43,42)

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

First Reading - A reading from the book of Ezekiel ([Ezekiel 18:25-28](#))

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the right man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

Responsorial Psalm ([Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6](#))

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Second Reading A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Phillipians([2:1-5](#))

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation - ([John 10:27](#))

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;. Alleluia!

Gospel A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew ([Matthew 21:28-32](#))

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

Communion Antiphon (Cf Psalm 118:49-50)

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

No Weekday Masses

Fr Siby will be going to Sydney on Wed 30th Sept to attend the National Divine Renovation Summit
and will be back on Monday 5th October .

Therefore, no morning mass in both parishes on : 30th Sept, 1st Oct, 2nd Oct , 3rd Oct.