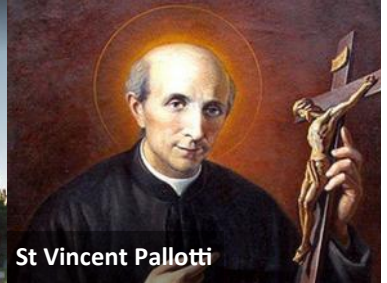


ST PATRICK'S AND ST KEVIN'S PARTNERED PARISHES

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—third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Sunday 6th September, 2026



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This weeks Mass Times
Wed: 9.15mass
Fri: 9.15 mass
Sat: 9.15 am Mass
(Benediction and Confession)
Sun: 9am and 4pm

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This weeks Mass Times
Tues: 9am (Mother Marys Birthday)
Thurs: 9am mass
Fri : No mass
Sat: 5pm Mass (Confession at 4:30pm)
Sun: 10:30 am

Fr Brendan Byrne SJ—Australian Catholics Education Hub

The Gospel, The theme uniting today's readings seems to be, the responsibility members of a community have for the moral well-being of others. Matt 18:15-20, is a brief extract from the Fourth Discourse of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel, the one regulating life within the community of the Church. In a way that is perhaps particularly comforting at the present time, the discourse recognises that the Church is not a community of the perfect. Allowance has to be made and structures set in place for dealing with moral lapses, and other failings that inevitably occur in a community still 'on the way' to the perfection of the Kingdom. The community of Israel had structures in place for correcting and disciplining errant members. The procedure enjoined here reflects those structures (esp. Lev 19:17-18 ['you shall reprove your neighbour .. you shall love your neighbour as yourself']; Deut 19:15 [requirement of at least two witnesses]) but with the added sense of the Church as the family of God. The instruction to first try sorting a problem out in private, with a carefully staged progression of increasingly public procedures if that proves unsuccessful, is designed to preserve the dignity of the errant person. 'Going public', so to speak, is a last resort. The goal is not simply to win, but to 'win back your brother or sister', that is, to reach an outcome in a way that will enhance everyone's sense of being a respected and valued member of the 'family'. If, despite all, the process fails, then there is nothing to be done but 'to treat (the person) like a pagan or a tax collector', that is, to regard them as outside the community (like pagans) or as in the position of those who have set themselves outside the community (tax collectors). Here is a place where Matthew's Gospel, for all its ultimate sense of a mission to the nations and stress upon Jesus' celebration of God's mercy in company with tax collectors and sinners, preserves the language of the Jewish scribal community. There comes a point beyond which a community can no longer tolerate members who consistently defy the core values by which it lives. For a community to take such a step it needs to know that its decisions enjoy heavenly sanction. Hence Jesus' assurance that the 'binding and loosing' authority, conferred personally upon Peter in regard to interpretations of the law binding upon the whole Church (16:19), is also enjoyed by the local community ('you' [plural]) in regard to the exclusion or non-exclusion of errant members. When the church after serious prayer and reflection feels obliged to take such momentous step in regard to some person, it should be confident that whatever decision it has made enjoys heavenly ratification. We see here the Church being equipped for its ongoing life beyond the death and resurrection of Jesus. The one who at his birth was called 'Emmanuel, God is with us' (1:23) remains equally present as risen Lord (28:20) not just in solemn assemblies of the entire body but also where 'two or three' are gathered to pray, or to initiate the process of reconciliation as earlier laid down. No gathering or interaction between members of the community is too small or insignificant for it not to be taken seriously by God.

READERS AND TEA SERVICE VOLUNTEERING LIST

This weekend 5th & 6th Sept (week 1)

Next weekend Sept 12th & 13th (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: Gerald Pereira	Sun 9am: Martina & 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
Cuppa: : Marianne / Lyn		Cuppa Francis & Danielle	



LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

Anna Bloss, Kathleen Thompson, Dorothy Edwards, David Jansen,
Hugh McGill, Peter Mulligan, Daniel Sullivan, Vlad,
Mirjana Plavljanic, Natalie Cheung,

RECENTLY DECEASED

FOR THE DEATH MEMORIAL

Clorinda Pennacchia , Bishop Peter Elliot, Eric D'Lazarus ,Maria Gagliardi,
Anna Holden , Obdulia America Zerpa , Giovanni Sabato, Patricia Medaris,
Omilio Guerra, Dorris D'Mello, Obdulia America Zerpa

THANKSGIVING	CHURCH	PRESBYTERY
ST PATRICK'S	\$870.55	\$418.85
ST KEVIN'S	\$547.80	\$388.40

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,
Murrumbenea



SERRA
INTERNATIONAL

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.

National Child Protection Week 6-12 September, 2026

A message from Rachel the Director of the Safeguarding Unit

"National Child Protection Week is an important opportunity for us all to renew our commitment to creating safe, welcoming and respectful environments where every child and young person is valued, heard and protected.

Safeguarding is a shared responsibility and a shared mission, which at its core is central to Catholic teachings. It is reflected not only in our policies and procedures, but in the everyday actions of our parishes, ministries, and communities. It is demonstrated in how we listen to children, respond to concerns, and ensure that their safety, wellbeing and inherent dignity remain at the heart of all we do.

This Child Protection Week, we invite everyone across our Archdiocese to reflect on how we can each contribute to making our Church a safer place for children and young people, and work to center their voice in the conversation.

I would also like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank everyone across our parishes who contribute to this important work. To our parish safeguarding representatives, clergy, staff, volunteers and community members; thank you for the time, care and commitment you give to strengthening safeguarding and helping create safe environments for children and young people.

"Together, we can help create communities where every child feels safe, respected and supported"



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE
OF MELBOURNE

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Starting Wednesdays 9th Sept 2026 7.15pm to 8.45pm

Every Wednesday at Rovira House, 5 Dalny Road, Murrumbena

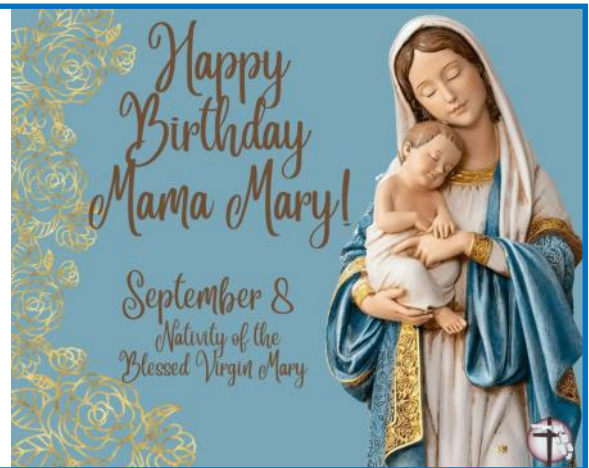


The RCIA is for adults seeking to become full members of the Catholic Church. This journey is for people who have never been baptized (non-Christians), and for those who have been baptised Catholics but were never confirmed and for those from other Christian denominations.

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.

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

Please join us as we celebrate the
Birthday of Mother Mary on
Tuesday 8th September -
St Kevins's Church 9am mass
followed by morning tea

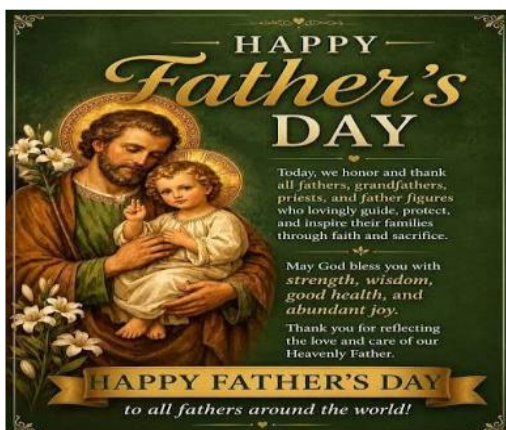


The Pope prays that water may be a “source of fruitfulness, freshness, and hope,” and recognizes that water is “a right without borders.” Water, he says, “quenches thirst, nourishes the earth, and heals wounds,” as well as serving for Christians as a symbol of God’s grace and love for us and our renewal in Baptism. “Forgive us for turning it into a commodity, forgetting that it is a universal gift, a right without borders, meant for all your children,” he prays. “We see with pain so many brothers and sisters who lack clean water, who walk for miles to find it, who become ill due to its scarcity.”

Pope Leo goes on to pray that the Holy Spirit may make Christians “pilgrims of the essential,” who are able to live simply and avoid all waste or pollution.

He encourages us to defend everyone’s right to water, so that all may drink “without fear and without inequality.”

May our care for water be a sign of love for the Creator and a commitment to the lives of the poor, educating new generations to value and protect the Earth’s resources,” he concludes



Happy Fathers Day !

Bless all fathers
as they care for their families.
Give them strength and wisdom,
tenderness and patience;
support them in the work they have to do,
protecting those who look to them,
as we look to you for love and salvation,
through Jesus Christ

Entrance Antiphon (Psalm 118:137, 124)

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading - A reading from the prophet Ezekiel ([Ezekiel 33:7-9](#))

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

Responsorial Psalm ([Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8](#))

(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Second Reading A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans ([Romans 13:8-10](#))

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel Acclamation - ([2 Corinthians 5:19](#))

Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.. Alleluia!

Gospel A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew—([Matthew 18:15-20](#))

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector. 'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven. 'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

Communion Antiphon (Psalm 41:2-3) .

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Weekend Car Park at St. Patrick's

Dear Parishioners of St. Pats,

Just letting you know the school fence is being replaced .The carpark space will be out of bounds until the job is completed. In the mean time some cars can be parked behind the Rovira house. If the school basketball court is open then you can park there as well

