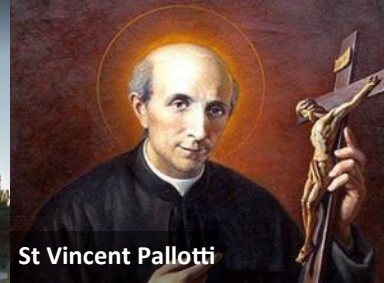


ST PATRICK'S AND ST KEVIN'S PARTNERED PARISHES

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—first Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Sunday 23rd August, 2026



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This weeks Mass Times

Wed: 9.15mass

Fri: 9.15mass

Sat: 9.15 am Mass

(Benediction and Confession)

Sun: 9am and 4pm

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This weeks Mass Times

Tues: 9am

Thurs: 9am mass

Fri : No mass

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

Sun: 10:30 am

Most Reverend José H. Gomez-Archbishop of Los Angeles

Today's passage of the Gospel, is kind of a "turning point" for the disciples. The apostles are following Jesus, they have been witnesses of miracles, the healing of different people, the feeding of thousands. But also they have witnessed people like the Pharisees and Sadducees challenging Jesus, asking him for a sign from Heaven. And today, Jesus asks his disciples to make a decision about him. And yes, he is asking us to renew, to make our decision about him. First, he asks the apostles, what are the people in the crowds saying about him. And so they tell him. Some people think he is Elijah or one of the other prophets, some people think that he might be St. John the Baptist who's coming back from the dead. So, after he listens to those answers, then Jesus asks them, personally: "But who do you say that I am?". This is the most important question. It's the only question, really, that matters in a person's life. Because the most important thing in life is to know God. The most important thing for each one of us is to increase our faith. To go deeper in our personal knowledge, our personal relationship with Jesus Christ. And as we know, we do that through our prayer, through the Eucharist, through our daily contact with the word of God. And we find Jesus always in his Church. Being Catholic is not about being a "lone ranger," following Jesus on our own. God wants us to belong to his family. He wants us to gather, to pray together, to worship, to give glory to God. It's important because our knowledge of God is not like our knowledge of history or science. Knowing God is not having some information or facts about him. That's not enough. St. Paul tells us today in the second reading today: "*Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! ... How unsearchable his ways.*" So our knowledge of God must come from the heart. This knowledge must come from a personal relationship that changes everything about how we see ourselves, how we see other people. How we live. That's why it's not enough just to know "about" Jesus. We need to know him, directly, personally, intimately. So today, he's asking us in a special way, to renew our relationship with him. He is asking us again, just as he asks his disciples in every age: "Who do you say that I am." That's a question for me. And that's a question for you. And yes, we need to give our answer to the One who is asking, the One who is standing in our midst, just as he stood before his apostles. St. Peter responds to this question with that beautiful confession: "*You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.*" Obviously that's not something that St. Peter knew based on the "evidence," or the available information, or by looking at Jesus from the outside. True knowledge of God comes from the gift of faith. That's why Jesus says to him today: "*Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father.*" So my brothers and sisters, faith is the key. And faith is gift from God. And obviously that becomes a reality, especially when we come together as a Church. As Jesus promised, in the Gospel of today's Mass: "*Upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the nether-world shall not prevail against it.*" It is a promise from God! And we should cling to this promise, cling to the rock of his Church in these times when everything seems so uncertain. So my dear brothers and sisters, let us thank God today for the gift of faith. This gift that opens our hearts to know that Jesus is the son of the living God. This gift that makes us children of God, members of God's family.



READERS AND TEA SERVICE VOLUNTEERING LIST

This weekend 22nd & 23rd Aug (week 4)

Next weekend 29th & 30th Aug (week 5)

St Patrick's Readers	St Kevin's Readers	St Patrick's Readers	St Kevin's Readers
Sun 9am: Kathleen Thompsen & Marianne Somerville	Sat 5pm Vigil: Ray Hickey	Sun 9am: Rohan Paul & Sandra Biviano	Sat 5pm Vigil : Ray Hickey
Sun. 4pm: Maureen Medaris	Sun 10.30am: Nicole Vine	Sun. 4pm: Pious & Leena Joseph	Sun 10.30am : Caroline Gojak
Cuppa: Monica Mensen/Lyn		Cuppa: Jill Murtagh / Shef	



LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK

Anna Bloss, Kathleen Thompson, Dorothy Edwards, David Jansen, Hugh McGill, Peter Mulligan, Daniel Sullivan, Vlad, Mirjana Plavljanic, Natalie Cheung, Bill Huang, Sonia Treweek, Susie, Anne, Anna, Fr Maurice, Norberto Fuerzas, Charles, Fr Shane Reade, Grant Wellington, Rosemary Jack, Peter Drabbant

RECENTLY DECEASED

Margaret Howard , Nikola (Nik) Nilovic

FOR THE DEATH MEMORIAL

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

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	\$1,345.15	\$898.15			
ST KEVIN'S	\$460.95	\$441.65			



FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE ! Congratulations to all our Winners!!

1st Prize: \$ 100 Voucher Ms. Adelyn

2nd Prize: Bunnings gift Box - Florise

3rd Prize: Marie Rose 4th Prize : Marc

5th Prize: Janine 6th Prize : Anil

7th Prize : Shefali



Margaret (Maggie) Howard was a much-loved member of the St Patrick's Parish and Murrumbena communities for more than 40 years. She was actively involved in parish life and sang in the choir during the years of Father Max Grabau and Father Tobin. Mum embraced life with enthusiasm, generosity and a wonderful sense of fun. She loved walking around the neighborhood, stopping for a chat with everyone she met, and there was always time for a cup of tea and a good conversation. Her warmth, kindness and genuine interest in others meant she made friends wherever she went. Mum lived a big, colorful and beautifully full life, and her welcoming nature touched countless people over the years. She will be remembered with great affection and will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

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, Murrumbreena

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 murrumbreena@cam.org.au



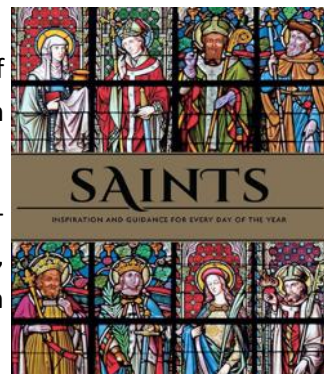
Saints of the Week

Saint Bartholomew - most famously refers to Saint Bartholomew the Apostle, one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus, known for his gruesome martyrdom and as the patron saint of butchers and leatherworkers.

St. Augustine— Was an early North African Christian saint renowned for her persistent prayer, patience, and deep faith. She is celebrated as the patron saint of mothers, wives, and difficult marriages, best known for praying for decades for the conversion of her son, Saint Augustin.

Saint Monica— Was an early North African Christian saint renowned for her persistent prayer, patience, and deep faith. She is celebrated as the patron saint of mothers, wives, and difficult marriages, best known for praying for decades for the conversion of her son, Saint Augustin.

St. John the Baptist - Saint John the Baptist is best known as the prophetic forerunner or precursor of Jesus Christ, who baptized Jesus in the River Jordan and called people to repent to prepare for the coming of the Messiah



The **Search Celebratory Dinner** on **Wed 19th Aug** was a time to gather in fellowship and give thanks for an enriching, faith filled journey that began in search of what we truly seek through our story with **God**. The **Holy Spirit**, who gives witness to **Jesus**, has guided us throughout this path of discovery and renewal. We thank **Francis,, Martina, Stephanie, Sean, Anna, Les & Marisa** for their support and helping to run this program in our partnered parishes .

We were honoured to have **Fr Tony Alex** (MGL) who has helped us with the **Search Renewal Program** in Melbourne.



Entrance Antiphon (Psalm 85:1-3)

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

First Reading - A reading from the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 22:19-23)

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R. v.8)

(R.) Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

Second Reading A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (Romans 11:33-36)

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation - (Matthew 16:18)

Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. . Alleluia!

Gospel A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew—(Matthew 16:13-20)

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

Communion Antiphon (Psalm 103:13-15) .— The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord, you bring bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.



Our partnered Parishes Synod consultation

Last Saturday, around 16 parishioners from St Kevin's and St Patrick's came together for a partnered parish Synod consultation gathering, held in the Spiritual Conversation format. The session began with a time of prayer, opening our hearts to the presence of the Holy Spirit, before moving into personal reflection and small-table sharing on what participants had heard from one another. Conversations centered on two theme papers — *Formation and Participation* and *Youth Discipleship* — and the gathering closed with a collective discernment of the priorities, ideas and insights that emerged, to be fed back to the Archdiocese by 21 August as part of the wider Synod process. Alongside the spiritual work of the day, there was a shared light lunch, warm fellowship and a welcome chance to connect, encourage one another and be inspired in faith together. If you weren't able to join us, you're warmly invited to add your own reflections. Simply scan the [QR code on any of the three theme papers](#) to make an individual

submission before the 21 August deadline
Special thanks to Nola Vine and Russell Kenner, who facilitated the session so wonderfully.

