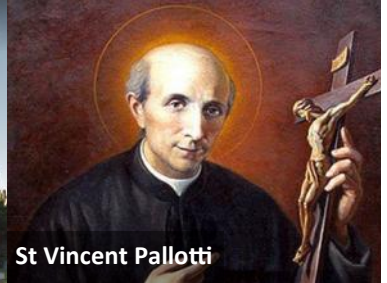


ST PATRICK'S AND ST KEVIN'S PARTNERED PARISHES

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter Year A

Sunday 10th 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 SPIRIT OF CHRIST CONFIRMS US **REFLECTION BY FR. NJOKU CANICE CHUKWUEMEKA**

Our first reading is a continuation of the frantic efforts of the disciples of Christ to bear testimony to the risen Lord. Through their efforts, the Samaritans received their Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. Peter performed his episcopal function on this day by laying hands upon the new converts.

Since Philip baptized these new converts, why did he not confirm them? Why was it necessary for Peter and John to travel that long distance to lay hands on (or confirm) the new converts already baptized by Philip? An understanding of our Catholic Catechism is fundamental here.

What Philip did by inviting Peter (the chief Shepherd of the Apostles) was in line with the Church's teaching on Confirmation: "The ordinary minister of the Sacrament of Confirmation is the bishop. If the need arises, He may grant the faculty to priests. However, he should confer it himself, mindful that the celebration of Confirmation has been temporarily separated from baptism. For this reason, Bishops are the successors of the apostles" (CCC 1313).

The Samaritans needed the Holy Spirit as much as we do today because it is the Holy Spirit that strengthens and makes one a true soldier of Christ (CCC1303-4). He helps us to bear witness to the truth without fear: "You have not received the Spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of sonship. The Spirit bears witness that we are God's Children" (Rom 8, 15-16). This same Spirit resurrected Christ and gives life to our mortal body (Rom 8: 11). As the principal agent of evangelization, He confirms the truth we preach.

In the second reading, Peter encouraged us to have reverence for Christ. Also, he admonished us to treat others with respect, even those who despise the gospel we preach. Hence, he reminds us of the animating power of the Holy Spirit even in the life of Christ: "In the body, he was put to death; in the spirit, he was raised to life." The same spirit that raised Jesus sustains us in the truth. This means that once the Spirit of God comes upon us, we become active for Christ because: "What gives life is the spirit of God (John 6, 63).

As we are a couple of weeks from Pentecost, Jesus promises us the Holy Spirit, the Advocate in today's gospel. However, He gives a condition for receiving the Advocate: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." When we do this, he adds: "I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you forever, that spirit of truth...I will not leave you, orphans."

What is this commandment that we must keep receiving the Spirit of truth? It is: "Go into the whole world and preach the good news to all creation (Mk 16: 15). It is also a command to love both God and our neighbour (Luke 10, 25-27). When we do these, we are certainly preaching the good news of truth. The advocate will come to strengthen us in the way of truth. He will also come to confirm that, indeed, we are sons of God. So, let us pray: Come, O Holy Spirit, and renew the face of the earth, alleluia.

Peace be with you all!
Maranatha!

READERS AND TEA SERVICE VOLUNTEERING LIST

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

Next weekend 16th and 17th May (week 3)

St Patrick's Readers	St Kevin's Readers
Sun. 9am: Martina and Francis Ong	Sat 5pm Vigil: David Zammit
Sun. 4pm: Maureen Medaris	Sun 10.30am: Jube Kunnel
Cuppa: Francis Ong and Marianne Somerville	

St Patrick's Readers	St Kevin's Readers
Sun. 9am: Des Morvell and Marisa Leon	Sat 5pm Vigil: David Zammit
Sun. 4pm: Pious Joseph and Leena Pious	Sun 10.30am: Caroline Gojak
Cuppa: Joan Krutli/ Cathie Nankervis / Marisa Leon	



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

FOR THE DEATH MEMORIAL

Lina Raso, Josephine Raso, Bartolomeo Giuliano, Pope Francis, Anthony Breslin, Jermaine George, Marie Ellen Lusby, Josephine Raso, Frank Raso, Angela Peruzza, Angela Perruzza, Dawn Kelly



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

THANKSGIVING	CATHOLIC CARE	CHURCH	PRESBYTERY
ST PATRICK'S	\$345.00	\$931.30	\$563.25
ST KEVIN'S	To be collected		

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.

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

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

I would like to extend my personal blessings and gratitude to all mothers in our Parish. All living, deceased, foster mothers and those who act as loving mothers to those who need one. Fr Siby.



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.



SCAN TO DONATE



PLEASE GIVE TO THE VINNIES WINTER APPEAL TODAY

Call **13 18 12**, scan the QR code or go online at:
<https://donate.vinnies.org.au/winter-appeal>

JOIN US FOR OUR PARISH ROSARY Tuesday Nights 7:30pm St Patrick's Church, Murrumbena

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON A RESOUNDING SUCCESS

I am sincerely grateful to all whom attended last Sunday's Parish Luncheon celebrating all our Mothers. It was a great success and it was so great to see us all come together in unity, charity and love. It was wonderful to celebrate all mother's in the Parish, with fun, delicious food and great company. A big thank you to Marianne, her family, Danielle and Maureen for making this a spectacular day. Fr Siby



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, Murrumbena

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 Isaiah 48:20 Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8. 14-17)

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. see v.1 (R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Peter (1 Peter 3:15-18)

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel Acclamation John 14:23 Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (John 14:15-21)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

Communion Antiphon John 14:15-16 If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

MELBOURNE CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

Sunday 7 June 2026

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

On the solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), parishes, families and all are invited to join Archbishop Peter A Comensoli at the annual Melbourne Corpus Christi Procession as the Archdiocese of Melbourne publicly and joyfully journeys with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

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 at: proclaim@cam.org.au or (03) 9926 5761.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: CALLING NEW VOLUNTEERS



Murrumbeena Saint Vincent De Paul is calling for volunteers to help with our services.

We are a small group who serve within the St Kevin's and St Patrick's Parish boundaries.

People who work with us need to have a current Police check and a Working With Children Check, which can be arranged and paid for by St Vincent De Paul.

There is also a mandatory compliance training to be done, and again, this can be arranged for you.

If you have some spare time and are interested in learning more about our work, please contact us at

Email: svdp3163@hotmail.com

UPCOMING NATIONAL MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT

The National Count of Mass Attendance for 2026 will be taking place over

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.