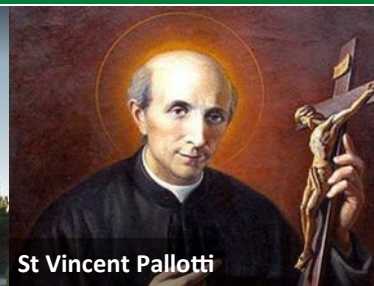


ST PATRICK'S AND ST KEVIN'S PARTNERED PARISHES

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—Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A Sunday 11th October 2026



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This weeks Mass Times
Wed: No mass
Fri: No mass
Sat: : No mass mass
Sun: 9am and 5pm

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This weeks Mass Times
Tues: **No mass**
Thurs: No mass
Fri : No mass
Sat: 6pm Mass (Confession at 5.30pm)
Sun: 10:30 am

Faith Circles, Faith Circles 2023 (Year A)

The parable we have just heard describes the Kingdom of God as a wedding feast (cf. Mt 22:1-14). The central character is the king's son, the bridegroom, in whom we can easily see Jesus. The parable makes no mention of the bride, but only of the guests who were invited and expected, and those who wore the wedding garments. We are those guests, because the Lord wants "to celebrate the wedding" with us. The wedding inaugurates a lifelong fellowship, the communion God wants to enjoy with all of us. Our relationship with him, then, has to be more than that of devoted subjects with their king, faithful servants with their master, or dedicated students with their teacher. It is above all the relationship of a beloved bride with her bridegroom. In other words, the Lord wants us, he goes out to seek us and he invites us. For him, it is not enough that we should do our duty and obey his laws. He desires a true communion of life with us, a relationship based on dialogue, trust and forgiveness.

Such is the Christian life, a love story with God. The Lord freely takes the initiative and no one can claim to be the only one invited. No one has a better seat than anyone else, for all enjoy God's favour. The Christian life is always born and reborn of this tender, special and privileged love. We can ask ourselves if at least once a day we tell the Lord that we love him; if we remember, among everything else we say, to tell him daily, "Lord, I love you; you are my life". Because once love is lost, the Christian life becomes empty. It becomes a body without a soul, an impossible ethic, a collection of rules and laws to obey for no good reason. The God of life, however, awaits a response of life. The Lord of love awaits a response of love. Speaking to one of the Churches in the Book of Revelation, God makes an explicit reproach: "You have abandoned your first love" (cf. Rev 2:4). This is the danger a Christian life that becomes routine, content with "normality", without drive or enthusiasm, and with a short memory. Instead, let us fan into flame the memory of our first love. We are the beloved, the guests at the wedding, and our life is a gift, because every day is a wonderful opportunity to respond to God's invitation. The Gospel, however, warns us that the invitation can be refused. Many of the invited guests said no, because they were caught up in their own affairs. "They made light of it and went off, one to his farm, another to his business" (Mt 22:5). Each was concerned with his own affairs; this is the key to understanding why they refused the invitation. The guests did not think that the wedding feast would be dreary or boring; they simply "made light of it". They were caught up in their own affairs. They were more interested in having something rather than in risking something, as love demands. This is how love grows cold, not out of malice but out of a preference for what is our own: our security, our self-affirmation, our comfort... We settle into the easy chair of profits, pleasures, or a hobby that brings us some happiness. And we end up aging badly and quickly, because we grow old inside. When our hearts do not expand, they become closed in on themselves. When everything depends on me on what I like, on what serves me best, on what I want then I become harsh and unbending. I lash out at people for no reason, like the guests in the Gospel, who treated shamefully and ultimately killed (cf. v. 6) those sent to deliver the invitation, simply because they were bothering them.

READERS AND TEA SERVICE VOLUNTEERING LIST

This weekend Oct 10th & 11th (week 2)

Next weekend Oct 17th & 18th (week 3)

St Patrick's Readers	St Kevin's Readers	St Patrick's Readers	St Kevin's Readers
Sun 9am: Martina & Francis Ong	Sat 6pm Vigil: David Zammit	Sun 9am: Des Morvell & Jason Xu	Sat 6pm Vigil : David Zammit
Sun. 5pm: Maureen Medaris	Sun 10.30am: Jube Kunnel	Sun. 5pm: Pious & Leena Joseph	Sun 10.30am : Caroline Gojak
Cuppa: : Francis Ong & Danielle		Cuppa : Joan /Cathie/Marisa	



LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

Tony Reardon, Judy Reardon , Dorothy Edwards,
David Jansen, Daniel Sullivan, Anthony Wright,

RECENTLY DECEASED - Anna Bloss

DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Maria Reitano

Sandra Brunton

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	\$630.75	\$443.85			
ST KEVIN'S	\$364.60	\$233.60			



Archdiocesan contingent at the DR Conference!

Fr Siby and other Melbourne Archdiocesan contingent
with
Fr James Mallon (Founder of Devine Renovation) at
Campbelltown NSW.

Divine Renovation is an initiative for the renewal of
parishes around the world. Divine Renovation Summit
was held from 1st to 3rd October 2026

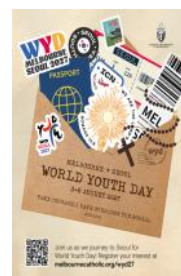
WORLD YOUTH DAY SEOUL 2027

WORLD YOUTH DAY SEOUL 2027 INFORMATION SESSIONS : Friday 9 October 2026,

7.00-9.00pm, St Catherine of Siena Church, Caroline Springs, Wednesday 4 November 2026,

7.00-9.00pm, St Christopher's Church, Syndal (repeat session) - Are you interested in joining

the pilgrimage of a lifetime? You're invited to an information session for the Archdiocese of Melbourne's pilgrimage to WYD Seoul 27. We will unpack the three pilgrimage options (direct to Seoul, via Incheon, via Japan) along with costs, what to expect, past pilgrims stories and an opportunity to ask questions. Register your interest: <https://melbournecatholic.org/wyd27>



October – Month of the Holy Rosary

Wednesday, 7th October —The Feast of Our lady of the 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 in St Patrick's @ 7.30pm,

Never prayed the Rosary before,

or has it been years since you last prayed it?

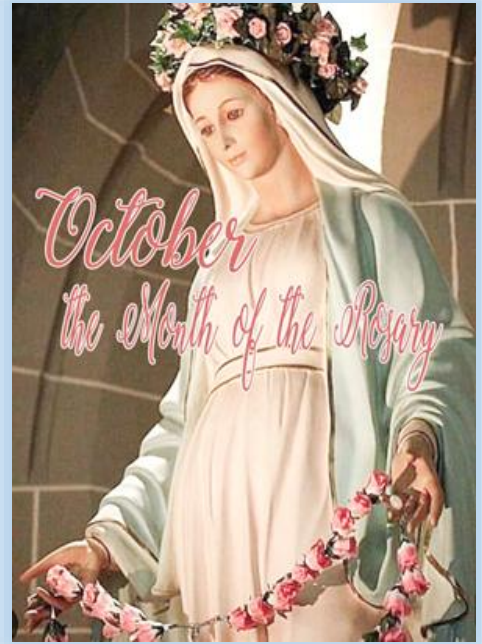
Don't worry - come along!

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— Treasury 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.

Our march is a family-friendly event with a peaceful police presence.

**BOOK
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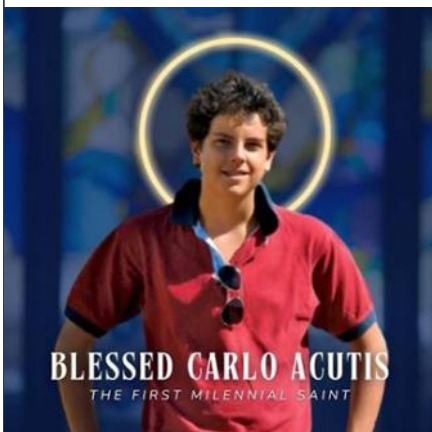
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This is the 17th annual March for the Babies, and every year since 2009, thousands of Victorians have gathered peacefully with grief and hope to remember the ever-increasing number of babies killed by abortion in this state since the Government legalized 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

Saint Carlos Acutis (3 May 1991 – 12 October 2006)

1st Feast Day—12th October

An Italian teenager known for using his computer coding skills to catalog Eucharistic miracles online. Known as the patron saint of youth, computer programmers, and the internet. In 2020, he was beatified by the Catholic Church after its recognition of a 2013 miracle in Campo Grande attributed to his intercession. A second miracle in Italy was attributed to him in 2024, making him eligible for canonisation. Acutis was canonised on 7 September 2025, He is the first **millennial** to become a Catholic saint, and has been referred to as the "patron saint of the Internet" and "God's influencer"



Fr. Siby is going on Annual leave

Fr Siby will be on his annual leave from 12th October— 26th October.

He will be visiting his family in India. Let's wish him safe travels and a good time



Entrance Antiphon (Psalm 129:3-4)

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

First Reading - A reading from the book of Isaiah ([Isaiah 25:6-10](#))

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm ([Ps 22. R. v.6](#))

(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Second Reading A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians (Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20)

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen

Gospel Acclamation - ([Ephesians 1:17-18](#))

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

Gospel A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew ([Matthew 22:1-14](#))

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.'

Communion Antiphon (Psalm 33:11)

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.



Please join us for
ST PATRICK'S AND ST KEVIN'S CHURCH ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS PARTY

12 PM SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2026 - ROVIRA HOUSE

- Bring a Christmas share plate of food: e.g. casserole, meat, salad, dessert, cakes, wine ...
- Wear your best Christmas themed outfit: such as your favourite Christmas hat, scarf or Christmas accessory.
- Join with us to rejoice and sing favourite Christmas Carols
 - \$20 Donation
 - Rsvp— By Sunday 6th December

