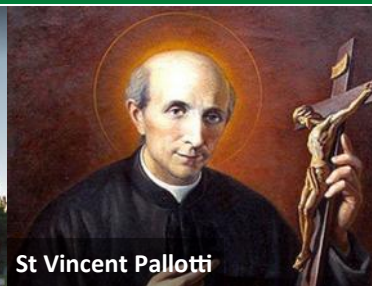


ST PATRICK'S AND ST KEVIN'S PARTNERED PARISHES

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—Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Sunday 4th October 2026



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This weeks Mass Times
Wed: 9:15 mass
Fri: 9:15
Sat: : 9am mass
Sun: 9am and 5pm

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This weeks Mass Times
Tues: 9am (Mass & Benediction)
Thurs: 9 am mass
Fri : No mass
Sat: 6pm Mass (Confession at **5.30pm**)
Sun: 10:30 am

Opus Dei—Pope Francis, Angelus, 8 October 2017.

As Jesus' earthly life is drawing to its close, the discourses in Saint Matthew's gospel take on a strongly eschatological tone. Their meaning is related to the final destiny of all created realities, both those Jesus' contemporaries are familiar with as well as the final destiny of the universe.

The owner of the land "planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country" (vv. 33-34). He wants the workers to share in his prosperity, and relies on their efforts to make the vineyard yield fruit.

But the workers not only fail to carry out their duties; they refuse to respect the servants the owner sends to collect the fruit of the vineyard, and even kill the owner's son. Those listening to Jesus are fully justified and called them "those wretches" (v. 41). With this dramatic parable, Jesus is condemning the way the leaders of the people have rejected the prophets sent by God. But above all he is denouncing the rejection that the Son of God himself will soon meet and the unjust death he will suffer.

More broadly, the parable also points to the indifference and even hostility that those God sends to help us can also meet in our day and age. God in his goodness offers us his grace and his care, as He did by sending the people of Israel his prophets. And He expects from us our good will to strive to grow in virtue and holiness, to take advantage of his grace and not reject those who show us how to yield fruit. Although the parable certainly has a tragic tone, Jesus' words also offer a message of hope. As Pope Francis said: "God's disappointment at the wicked behaviour of mankind is not the last word! This is the great novelty of Christianity: a God who, even though disappointed by our mistakes and our sins, does not fail to keep his word, does not give up and, most of all, does not seek vengeance!" "My brothers and sisters," the Pope continues, "God loves, he does not avenge himself. He waits for us, to forgive us, to embrace us. Through the 'rejected stones' and Christ is the first stone that the builders rejected through situations of weakness and sin, God continues to circulate 'the new wine' of his vineyard, namely mercy. This is the new wine of the Lord's vineyard: mercy. There is only one obstacle to the tenacious and tender will of God: our arrogance and our conceit which, at times also becomes violence! Faced with these attitudes where no fruit is produced, the Word of God retains all its power to reprimand and reproach: 'Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a nation producing the fruits of it' (v. 43)."

READERS AND TEA SERVICE VOLUNTEERING LIST

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

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

St Patrick's Readers	St Kevin's Readers	St Patrick's Readers	St Kevin's Readers
Sun 9am: Joan Krutli	Sat 6pm Vigil: Gerald Pereira	Sun 9am: Martina & Francis Ong	Sat 6pm Vigil : David Zammit
Sun. 5pm: Kirsten Warboys	Sun 10.30am: Stephanie Kunnel	Sun. 5pm: Maureen Medaris	Sun 10.30am : Jube Kunnel
Cuppa: : Jill Murtagh & Shef		Cuppa : Francis Ong & Danielle	



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
Sandra Brunton
Michael Francis Williamson

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	\$640.85	\$633.20			
ST KEVIN'S	\$535.40	\$306.35			

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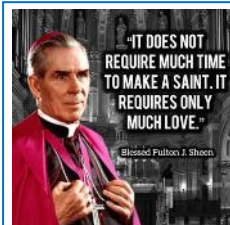
October Connect Session
Screening of The CHOSEN - SEASON 6, EPISODE 1
SEE IT FIRST! For fans of **The CHOSEN**, October's Connect Session will be a real treat!

Be the first to watch Episode 1 of Season 6 in this Early Access Event!

When: **7.30 PM on Tuesday 13 October 2026**

Where: **Rovira House**

Synopsis: Fear and confusion reign as the disciples struggle to make sense of Jesus' arrest and Judas' betrayal. While they fight to stay together, Nicodemus stands alone against the High Priest in a heated showdown that throws the council into disorder. Scan to find out more about **The CHOSEN**.



Beatification of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Archbishop Fulton Sheen the American 20th-century theologian, evangeliser, Catholic communications pioneer, teacher and preacher is now **Blessed** Fulton Sheen following his beatification last week. Source: *OSV News*.

The beatification, a papal act affirming an individual's presence in heaven is worthy of belief officially occurred between the liturgy's Penitential Rite and the Gloria. A short biography of Archbishop Sheen, who was born in El Paso, Illinois, in 1895 and died in New York in 1979, was read by Archbishop Sheen's great-nephew, Paul Cunningham, after which Cardinal Tagle proclaimed the apostolic letter from Pope Leo XIV declaring the beatification in Latin. With the papal decree's public proclamation, Archbishop Sheen became formally counted among the Church's "**beati**", from the Latin word for "**blessed**".

The miracle approved for Fulton Sheen's beatification is the recovery of James Fulton Engstrom, a boy born stillborn in September 2010 near Peoria, Illinois. He had no detectable pulse for 61 minutes. His parents, Bonnie and Travis Engstrom, prayed for the intercession of Fulton Sheen. The boy lived, with no lasting physical or mental impairment. In July 2019, Pope Francis approved the recovery as a miracle through Sheen's intercession.

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

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?

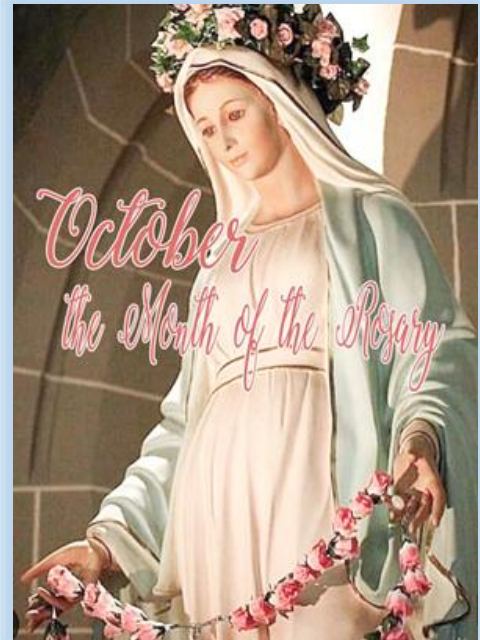
Don't worry - come along!

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.

**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.



Honouring St. Faustina on her Feast day—5th October

St Maria Faustina Kowalska was also known as Helena Kowalska or Mary Faustyna of the Blessed Sacrament. She was a Polish Roman Catholic nun and mystic through whom the Lord Jesus communicated to the world the great message of God's Divine Mercy.

Saint Faustina is most known for her mystical visions of Jesus Christ and her role in spreading the Catholic devotion to the [Divine Mercy](#)

Entrance Antiphon (Cf Esther 4:17)

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

First Reading - A reading from the book of Isaiah ([Isaiah 5:1-7](#))

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm ([Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7](#))

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Second Reading A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians([Philippians 4:6-9](#))

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation - ([John 15:15](#))

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew ([Matthew 21:33-43](#))

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

Communion Antiphon (Lam 3:25)

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

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 with family and friends.