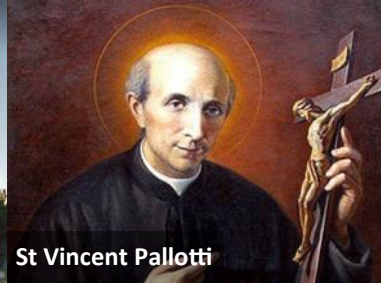


ST PATRICK'S AND ST KEVIN'S PARTNERED PARISHES

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—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Sunday 13th 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

Mon 14th sept 9 am mass

Tues: 9am (Mass &
Benediction)

Thurs: No mass

Fri : No mass

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

Sun: 10:30 am

A Reflection by Pope Francis

This Sunday's Gospel passage (cf. Mt 18:21-35) offers us a lesson on forgiveness which does not deny wrongdoing, but recognizes that human beings, created in God's image, are always greater than the evil they commit. Saint Peter asks Jesus: "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" (v. 21). To Peter, forgiving the same person seven times already seemed the maximum possible. And perhaps to us it may already seem too much to do so twice. But Jesus answers, "I do not say to you seven times, **but seventy times seven**" (v. 22), meaning always. You must always forgive. And he confirms this by telling the parable of the merciful king and the wicked servant, in which he shows the inconsistency of the man who was first forgiven and then refused to forgive.

The king in the parable is a generous man who, spurred by compassion, forgives an enormous debt "10,000 talents": enormous to a servant who beseeches him. That same servant, however, as soon as he meets another servant like himself who owes him 100 dinarii which is much less behaves in a ruthless way and has him thrown in prison. The servant's inconsistent behaviour is the same as ours when we refuse to forgive our brothers and sisters. Whereas the king in the parable is the image of God who loves us with a love that is so rich in mercy as to welcome us, love us and forgive us continuously.

From the time of our Baptism, God has forgiven us, releasing us from an intractable debt: original sin. But that is the first time. Then, with boundless mercy, he forgives us all our faults as soon as we show even the least sign of repentance. This is how God is: merciful. When we are tempted to close our heart to those who have offended us and tell us they are sorry, let us remember our Heavenly Father's words to the wicked servant: "I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?" (vv. 32-33). Anyone who has experienced the joy, peace and inner freedom which come from being forgiven should open him or herself up to the possibility of forgiving in turn.

Jesus wished to introduce the teaching of this parable into the *Our Father*. He linked the forgiveness which we ask from God with the forgiveness that we should accord our brothers and sisters: "And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors" (Mt 6:12). God's forgiveness is the symbol of his "overflowing" love for each of us. It is the love that leaves us free to distance ourselves, like the prodigal son, but which awaits our return every day. It is the resourceful love of the shepherd for the lost sheep. It is the tenderness which welcomes each sinner who knocks at his door. Our Heavenly Father is full of love and he wants to offer it to us, but he cannot do so if we close our heart to love towards others.

READERS AND TEA SERVICE VOLUNTEERING LIST

This weekend 12th & 13th Sept (week 2)

Next weekend Sept 19th & 20th (week 3)

St Patrick's Readers	St Kevin's Readers	St Patrick's Readers	St Kevin's Readers
Sun 9am: Martina & Francis Ong	Sat 5pm Vigil: David Zammit	Sun 9am: Des Morvell & Jason Xu	Sat 5pm Vigil : David Zammit
Sun. 4pm: Maureen Medaris	Sun 10.30am: Jube Kunnel	Sun. 4pm: Pious & Leena Joseph	Sun 10.30am : Caroline Gojak
Cuppa: : Francis & Danielle		Cuppa : Joan Krutli / Cathie Nankervis/Marisa Leon	



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

THANKSGIVING	CHURCH	PRESBYTERY
ST PATRICK'S	\$971.65	\$598.75
ST KEVIN'S	\$561.75	\$4,460.30

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.

Fathers Day Celebrations !

Thank you to everyone who joined our Father's Day morning tea and helped organize the event. A special thank you to our volunteers who served with joy. We are blessed to have such a supportive partnered parish community !!



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, Murrumbene



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.



ALPHA CONNECT

Tuesday 15 September 2026
7.30 to 9.00 PM

Rovira House, 5 Dalny Road, Murrumbene

15th September is the feast day of **Our Lady of Sorrows**

Do you know about The 7 Sorrows Rosary of Mary and how to pray this?

All are welcome to join the next Connect session when we explore The 7 Sorrows Rosary on this special day!



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.



Celebrating the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thanks to all who attended the beautiful celebration of the Nativity of Mother Mary on September 8th @ St Kevin's Church

"May her gentle guidance and love bring peace to your heart and home."

Summer Mass Times

Daylight Saving is on the 4th Oct
when clocks move forward one hour at 2:00 AM

Please note from the 3rd & 4th Oct (weekend masses):

The 5pm mass at St. Kevin's will move to 6pm

The 4pm Mass at St Patrick's will move to 5pm

Parish Office closure - Thursday, 17 September

Parish office will be closed on this day due to Parish Admin forum held in the city. Please note : No mass in St Kevin's on the 17th Sept .

Instead there will be mass on Monday 14th Sept @ 9am in St. Kevin's - **Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

Entrance Antiphon (Cf Sirach 36:18)

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

First Reading - A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus (Sirach 27:30 – 28:7)

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 102:1-4. 9-12. R. v.8)

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

Second Reading A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (Romans 14:7-9)

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living .

Gospel Acclamation - (John 13:34)

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you Alleluia!

Gospel A reading from the holy Gospel according to **Matthew** (Matthew 18:21-35)

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. 'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

Communion Antiphon (Cf Psalm 35:8)

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings

**Roof of installation @
St Kevins Church**

The roof installation of St. Kevin's church has been completed.
This will help heating & cooling when using the split system.

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.

