

# ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PARISH, KILMORE

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A)

21 December 2025

### PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR THE COMING OF THE LORD

As we approach the Fourth Sunday of Advent, the Church invites us to meditate on the mystery of the Incarnation through the witness of Saint Joseph. In today's Gospel (Matthew 1:18–24), Joseph learns that Mary, his betrothed, is with child through the Holy Spirit. Faced with uncertainty and confusion, he responds with humility, obedience, and trust. Guided by an angel in a dream, he accepts the divine plan and takes Mary as his wife, thereby becoming the guardian of the Savior of the world. In his quiet fidelity, Joseph shows us the way to welcome God's action in our lives: not with hesitation or doubt, but with trust and readiness.

Advent is a season of preparation, not only externally but, more importantly, in the depths of the heart. The coming of Christ is both historical, in Bethlehem, and present in our daily lives. To receive Him, we are called to conversion, attentive prayer, and acts of charity. Joseph's example reminds us that God often works through the ordinary, through daily responsibilities undertaken with faithfulness. Each gesture of love, humility, and obedience becomes a sign of God's kingdom entering the world.

In this final week before Christmas, we are invited to reflect: *Are we prepared to welcome Christ with the trust and courage of Joseph? Have we opened our hearts to God's will, even when it challenges our plans?* Advent calls us to cultivate vigilance, hope, and generosity, allowing the light of Christ to shine through our thoughts, words, and deeds.

May Saint Joseph inspire us to embrace God's plan with quiet fidelity, so that Christ may dwell fully in our hearts, homes, and communities. By imitating his trust and openness, we participate in the unfolding of salvation, discovering the profound joy, peace, and hope that flow from God made flesh. As Christmas draws near, let us prepare to welcome Emmanuel, God with us, into the fullness of our lives.

Rev. Fr Andrew Choi



### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2025



| Wednesday, 24 December       | Thursday, 25 December |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 4.30pm, Broadford            | 8.45am, Wallan        |
| 6.30pm, Wallan (Family Mass) | 10.45am, Kilmore      |
| 9.30pm, Kilmore              |                       |

The Parish Office will be closed from Christmas Day (25 December) & reopen 12 January.

In the event of an emergency (primarily funerals and last rites), the parish phone and email will be monitored, and responses will be provided once the office reopens.

Baptism and wedding bookings will be available after the office reopens.

### CHURCHES

#### **ST. PATRICK'S**

37 Sutherland St, Kilmore

#### **OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS**

Cnr The Parade & McKenzie St, Broadford

#### **OUR LADY OF THE WAY**

30 Alcantara Blvd, Wallan East

#### **ST. MICHAEL'S**

33-35 Wandong Ave, Wandong

### SUNDAY MASSES

**Sat (Vigil)** 5 pm, Broadford  
6.30 pm, Kilmore

**Sun** 8.45 am, Wallan  
10.45 am, Kilmore

### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Tue, Thu-Sat** 9 am, Kilmore

**Wed** 9 am, Wallan  
(out of school term, Wednesday Mass will be at Kilmore)

### CONFESSION

30 minutes prior to each Mass  
& during Adoration (Thu)

### DEVOTIONS

#### **Adoration & Benediction**

Thu 9.30 am, Kilmore

#### **Divine Mercy Chaplet**

15 minutes prior to  
each weekday Mass, Kilmore

#### **Rosary**

after each weekday Mass, and  
Sunday 8.20 am (Wallan)  
10.20 am (Kilmore)

### DONATE

To support our Parish  
and Priests,  
Scan the QR code with  
your phone camera to  
donate.



St. Patrick's Parish is committed to safeguarding the safety, wellbeing, and dignity of children, young people, and adults.

## READINGS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year A)

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### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON | cf. Is 45: 8

Drop down dew from above, you heavens,  
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;  
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

**(NO GLORIA DURING ADVENT)**

### FIRST READING | Isaiah 7:10-14

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No,' Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.'

Then Isaiah said:

'Listen now, House of David:  
are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men  
without trying the patience of my God, too?

The Lord himself, therefore,  
will give you a sign.

It is this: the maiden is with child  
and will soon give birth to a son  
whom she will call Immanuel,  
a name which means "God-is-with-us."

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Ps 23(24):1-6

**R: Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.**

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,  
the world and all its peoples.  
It is he who set it on the seas;  
on the waters he made it firm. **(R)**

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?  
Who shall stand in his holy place?  
The man with clean hands and pure heart,  
who desires not worthless things. **(R)**

He shall receive blessings from the Lord  
and reward from the God who saves him.  
Such are the men who seek him,  
seek the face of the God of Jacob. **(R)**

### SECOND READING | Romans 1:1-7

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God who, according to the human nature he took was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints,

may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | Mt 1:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

A virgin will give birth to a son;  
His name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL | Matthew 1:18-24

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph; being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us.' When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON | cf. Is 7: 14

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;  
and his name will be called Emmanuel.

### CHRISTMAS READINGS

(Christmas Eve, Wednesday 24 December)

|                    |                               |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| First Reading      | <b>Isaiah 9:1-7</b>           |
| Responsorial Psalm | <b>Psalm 95(96):1-3,11-13</b> |
| Second Reading     | <b>Titus 2:11-14</b>          |
| Gospel             | <b>Luke 2:1-14</b>            |

(Christmas Day, Thursday 25 December)

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|--------------------|-------------------------|
| First Reading      | <b>Isaiah 52:7-10</b>   |
| Responsorial Psalm | <b>Psalm 97(98):1-6</b> |
| Second Reading     | <b>Hebrews 1:1-6</b>    |
| Gospel             | <b>John 1:1-18</b>      |

### NEXT SUNDAY READINGS

(The Holy Family, 28 December)

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| First Reading      | <b>Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6,12-14</b> |
| Responsorial Psalm | <b>Psalm 127(128):1-5</b>         |
| Second Reading     | <b>Colossians 3:12-21</b>         |
| Gospel             | <b>Matthew 2:13-15,19-23</b>      |

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| THIS WEEKEND   20 & 21 November                                                                            |                                                                           |  |
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| <b>Broadford<br/>(Sat, 5 pm)</b>                                                                           | Reader: P. Kelly<br>EMHC: A. Leahy                                        |  |
| <b>Kilmore<br/>(Sat, 6.30 pm)</b>                                                                          | Reader: R. Emmanuel<br>EMHC: M. Fleischmann<br>PowerPoint: P. Duff        |  |
| <b>Wallan<br/>(Sun, 8.45 am)</b>                                                                           | Reader: M. Carocci<br>EMHC: J. Sapiano & M. Hoban<br>PowerPoint: R. Quinn |  |
| <b>Kilmore<br/>(Sun, 10.45 am)</b>                                                                         | Reader: S. Ramganathan<br>EMHC: C. Dodd<br>PowerPoint: K. Curry           |  |
| FLOWERS: M. Fleischmann<br>HOME COMMUNION: J. Dixon & M. Donovan<br>CLEANERS KILMORE: L. Beaumont & C. Eid |                                                                           |  |

| NEXT WEEKEND   27 & 28 December                                 |                                                                              |  |
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| <b>Broadford<br/>(Sat, 5 pm)</b>                                | Reader: B. O'Dwyer<br>EMHC: C. O'Dwyer                                       |  |
| <b>Kilmore<br/>(Sat, 6.30 pm)</b>                               | Reader: M. Fleischmann<br>EMHC: V. Barro<br>PowerPoint: P. Duff              |  |
| <b>Wallan<br/>(Sun, 8.45 am)</b>                                | Reader: N. Ross<br>EMHC: G. Pannuzzo & M. McGowan<br>PowerPoint: F. Thompson |  |
| <b>Kilmore<br/>(Sun, 10.45 am)</b>                              | Reader: R. Mendis<br>EMHC: K. Pirie<br>PowerPoint: K. Curry                  |  |
| FLOWERS: C. Eid<br>HOME COMMUNION: TBA<br>CLEANERS KILMORE: TBA |                                                                              |  |

### LET US PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

#### Recently Deceased

Aileen McPherson

#### Anniversaries

Jim Linahan, Michael Crowley, Wayne Clancy, Mary & Charles Brady, Jenny Murphy, Nina Green, Brian Page, Emmanuel Galea, Hugh Hunt, Alphonse Meier, Patricia Ryan, John Francis Stockdale, Alexander McLeod, Joan Ahearn, Terry Ryan, Holly Hellewege, Vin Carlin, Morag Grant, Elio Martin, and all anniversaries which occur at this time.

#### The Sick

Fr Prakash Cutinha, Fr Martino Jung, Pina D'Agostino, Theo Aitchison, Julie Ahearn, Bernadette McWhinney, Joseph Vassallo, Sue Leahy, Brittney Pellicori, Dawn Westwood, John Gaffney, Cheryl O'Brien and all people who are in need of our prayers.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Names in the sick list will remain there for 4 weeks. If you wish for that person to continue to be prayed for, please advise the parish office again. If you are submitting the name of someone other than yourself and family, please obtain their permission.

#### Seminarian : Ben Eid

#### PRAYER FOR 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 great 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.

(prayer from Serra International)

### PARISH DONATIONS (COLLECTIONS AT MASS)

#### • First Collection (Presbytery Support)

**Presbytery Account (BSB 083 347 | ACC 684 632 382)**

: support of the priests in our parish, the Archbishop, as well as the sick and retired clergy across the Archdiocese.

#### • Second Collection (Church Support)

**Church Account (BSB 083 347 | ACC 672 646 971)**

: assist in covering the maintenance and operational expenses of our parish buildings and supports the programs and ministries within our church community.

A **Donation QR code** is available on the **first page of bulletin**.

If you use a **Thanksgiving Envelope** each Sunday, you may place your total contribution in one envelope, and please note the amount allocated to each collection on the back of the envelope.

If you wish to set up or update **regular direct transfers** for one or both collections, please contact the Parish Office for assistance.

### PARISH DIARY

**Sat, 20th: Advent Individual Confession**  
(11 am, Our Lady of the Way)

**Sun, 21st: Baptism** (12 pm, St. Patrick's)  
**Advent Individual Confession**  
(1 pm, St. Patrick's)

**Mon, 22nd: Funeral Prayer Service—Regan Somers**  
(11 am, St. Patrick's, Fr Michael Sieralowski)  
**SVDP Meeting**  
(7 pm, Our Lady of the Way Church)

**Tue, 23rd: Advent Individual Confession**  
(6.30pm, St. Patrick's)

**Wed, 24th: Advent Individual Confession**  
(1 pm, St. Patrick's)

### PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS

Pauline Duff, Brian O'Dwyer,  
Rosebelle Quinn, Ben Boyd,  
and Laura Garland (Northern Region, Safeguarding Unit)

**kilmore@cam.org.au** or  
**Laura.Garland@cam.org.au**

**St. Patrick's Parish is a Child Safe Environment. All children are to be supervised by a parent/guardian at all times.**

## WORD FROM A SAINT

**St. John, Apostle**

**(Feast: 27 December)**

*“The Word became flesh  
and dwelt among us,  
full of grace and truth.”*

## DID YOU KNOW?

### **FOUR ADVENT CANDLES**

*The lighting of the four Advent candles gently leads the Church into the mystery of time filled with hope. With each successive Sunday, the growing light of the wreath reminds us that history is not enclosed in darkness, but remains open to the coming of God, who enters our world with the quiet humility of love.*

*The **first candle** awakens within us a hope rooted in God’s promises—a hope that does not deceive, for it is grounded in His faithfulness. The **second candle** calls us to peace: not merely the absence of conflict, but the peace that flows from a heart reconciled with God. The **third candle**, also known as the Shepherds’ Candle and marked by joy, teaches us that true joy arises from the nearness of the Lord, who comes to dwell among His people. The **fourth candle** speaks of love, the definitive response of God to humanity’s deepest longing, revealed fully in the mystery of the Incarnation.*

*As the light steadily increases, we are reminded that Christ is the **true Light** who dispels the shadows of the human heart. Advent thus becomes a school of watchful waiting, in which we learn anew to open ourselves to the God who comes.*

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

### **ST. PATRICK’S PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Principal: Mr Michael Bourne  
03 5782 1579 | [spkilmore.catholic.edu.au](mailto:spkilmore.catholic.edu.au)

### **OUR LADY OF THE WAY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Principal: Mr Terry Cooney  
03 8609 1784 | [ourladywallan.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ourladywallan.catholic.edu.au)

### **ASSUMPTION COLLEGE**

Principal: Mr Paul Finneran  
03 5783 5000 | [assumption.vic.edu.au](mailto:assumption.vic.edu.au)

## WELCOME BACK, FR PRAKASH!

Fr Prakash will visit Kilmore Parish with his family from 22 December for one week. During his visit, Fr Prakash will concelebrate all Christmas Masses. Parishioners are kindly invited to extend a warm welcome to him and his family.

## SUNDAY ROSARY

This Sunday, the **Luminous Mysteries** of the Rosary will be prayed prior to Mass (at 8.20 am at OLW, Wallan and at 10.20 am at St. Patrick’s, Kilmore).

All are welcome to spend prayerful time with Mother Mary before Mass.

## MASS LOCATION CHANGE DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAY

During the school holiday period, **the Wednesday 9am Mass will be celebrated at St Patrick’s, Kilmore**, in place of Our Lady of the Way, Wallan, **on 24 and 31 December and 7, 14 and 21 January.**

The Wednesday Mass at Wallan will resume on 28 January.

## THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES 2026

The Thanksgiving envelopes for 2026 are ready for collection.

We invite parishioners to collect their envelopes **in the foyer of the church** before or after Mass. **(St. Patrick’s – please collect at the side foyer.)**

If you require a receipt for your Thanksgiving donation, please contact Lorraine, our parish bookkeeper, who is available on Mondays and Fridays.

Your generous contributions help support the many ministries and outreach programs of our parish. Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

## THE SHAMROCK - CHRISTMAS EDITION

New Christmas edition of The Shamrock is now available in the foyer of each church. It is filled with many wonderful articles and photos.

Your donations help us continue producing the magazine. A Parish Donation QR code is available on the front page for those who wish to support The Shamrock. Simply scan the code or visit the donation page on our parish website, select “SHAMROCK”, and contribute towards future editions. Thank you for your generous support.

## KITTENS NEEDING LOVING HOMES

New There are 13 kittens requiring good homes.

- 7 kittens are approximately 2 months old
- 5 kittens are about 4 weeks old
- 1 kitten was born one week ago

Of these, at least 3 are female and 2 are male. The remaining kittens’ genders have not yet been determined. Please note that the kittens have not been vaccinated, wormed, or desexed.

If you are able to take a kitten, or know someone who may be interested, please call 0400661917 (Vera) to arrange a viewing and/or pick-up. They are free to good homes.