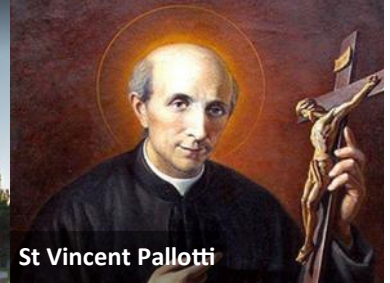


# ST PATRICK'S AND ST KEVIN'S PARTNERED PARISHES

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

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Sunday 25th October 2026



St Vincent Pallotti

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**This weeks Mass Times**  
Wed: 9.15 mass  
Fri: 9.15 mass  
Sat: : **31st Oct 9.15 am (Holy Mass )**  
**Sun: 9am and 5pm**

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**This weeks Mass Times**  
Tues: **27th No mass**  
Thurs: 9am mass  
Fri : No mass  
**Sat: 6pm Mass (Confession at 5.30pm)**  
**Sun: 10:30 am**

Catholic Mass Reading Today by [Kevin Ndege](#) - In today's Gospel, a lawyer asks Jesus, "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" Although the question is intended to test Him, Jesus reveals the heart of the Christian life: love of God and love of neighbour. He declares, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." He then adds, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." Through these two commandments, Jesus teaches us that Christianity is not merely about following religious rules. It is about living a life centred on God and expressing that love through our relationships with others.

**To Love God With Our Whole Life** — Jesus calls us to love God with our entire being—heart, soul and mind. God should not occupy only a small corner of our lives reserved for Sunday Mass, prayer or moments of difficulty. Our love for Him must influence our families, workplaces, friendships, decisions and ambitions. To love God wholeheartedly means placing Him above everything that competes for our attention and choosing His will even when it is difficult. Love is more than emotion; it is a faithful commitment. Some days prayer brings comfort, while on others it requires perseverance. Nevertheless, we continue to pray, attend Mass, receive the Sacraments worthily, read Scripture, repent of our sins and seek God's guidance. When we fail, we begin again.

**Love of God and Love of Neighbour** - Jesus connects love of God with love of neighbour, teaching us that we cannot genuinely claim to love God while deliberately rejecting others. Our neighbour may be a family member, an irritating colleague, an elderly person needing patience, someone living in poverty, a stranger whose life differs from ours, or even someone who has hurt us. Christian love is demonstrated through practical actions: listening patiently, forgiving generously, serving humbly, showing compassion and treating everyone with dignity. It challenges us to recognise Christ in those who need our kindness. Loving others does not mean approving of every action or ignoring injustice. Rather, it means respecting their dignity and seeking their good, even when relationships are difficult. Living the Two Great Commandments—These commandments provide a foundation for our faith and a guide for daily living. We should ask ourselves: Does my relationship with God influence how I treat others? Do my words encourage or hurt? Am I willing to forgive, serve and reach out to those in need? Ultimately, love of God and love of neighbour belong together. The more deeply we love God, the more compassionate we should become towards others. May the Lord grant us the grace to love Him wholeheartedly and our neighbours as ourselves, making our faith visible through both our prayers and our actions.

## READERS AND TEA SERVICE VOLUNTEERING LIST

**This weekend Oct 24th & 25th (week 4)**

**Next weekend Oct 31st & 1st Nov (week 1)**

| St Patrick's Readers                                | St Kevin's Readers           | St Patrick's Readers      | St Kevin's Readers             |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Sun 9am: Kathleen Thompson/<br>Marianne Sommerville | Sat 6pm Vigil: Maria O'Hagan | Sun 9am: Joan Krutli      | Sat 6pm Vigil : Geral Pereira  |
| Sun. 5pm: Maureen Medaris                           | Sun 10.30am: Nicole Vine     | Sun. 5pm: Kirsten Warboys | Sun 10.30am : Stephanie Kunnel |
| Cuppa: Monkia Mensen/Lyn                            |                              | Cuppa : Jane Lama/Anna    |                                |



**LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK**  
(Please inform the Parish Office if you are no longer sick)

Tony Reardon, Judy Reardon , Grayden Garman,  
Jeremy Van Dort, Dorothy Edwards, Hugh McGill,  
David Jansen, Daniel Sullivan, Anthony Wright,  
Craig Smith, Olivia Spencer

**RECENTLY DECEASED** - Anna Bloss

**DEATH ANNIVERSARY** - Sandra Brunton , Salvatore Borgese,  
Luis Tineo

| THANKSGIVING        | CHURCH     | PRESBYTERY | <b>ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY</b><br>If you need assistance please call<br> <b>1800 305 330</b><br>If someone needs help,<br>please give them this number. | <b>JOIN US FOR OUR<br/>PARISH ROSARY</b><br>Tuesday Nights 7:30pm<br>St Patrick's Church,<br>Murrumbena |
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| <b>ST PATRICK'S</b> | \$1,185.55 | \$555.70   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                         |
| <b>ST KEVIN'S</b>   | \$380.90   | \$317.30   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                         |



### CHRISTMAS RAFFLE !!

Hi Everyone!  
Its Christmas Raffle Time Again!!

1st Prize - NutriBullet valued at \$120  
2nd Prize - Super Duper Xmas hamper \$70  
Plus loads more fabulous prizes!!  
You've got to be in it to win it !

\$5 for 1 ticket  
\$10 for 3 tickets

The Raffle will be drawn on  
Dec 13<sup>th</sup> @ Annual Christmas Party  
Good Luck !!

For tickets please see  
Trish @ St. Kevin's or  
Marianne @ St. Pat's







### Culmination of Rosary Month

Holy Mass at 9.15 at St Pat's on Saturday 31st October to conclude the Month of Rosary

All parishioners are invited to participate in this service.

It has been a lovely and graceful month honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary.

We have spent the past few weeks of October filled with prayer and reflection that have indeed deepened our faith.

We pray you'll keep us, Mary, constantly true!

We pray you'll keep us, Mary, faithful to you!

### October – Month of the Holy 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!

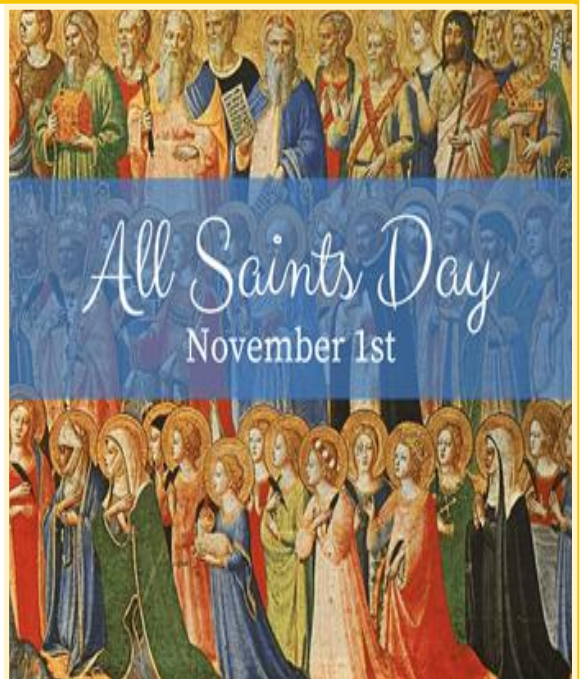
Our Lady loves to hear our voice—come and pray with us!

### All Saints Day—Sunday 1st November

All Saints' Day commemorates all the saints in heaven. The first mention of this feast came during the pontificate of Pope Gregory III (731-741).

On 1 November, 732, Pope Gregory consecrated a chapel in the Basilica of St Peter dedicated to honour all the saints. All Saints Day represents the desire of the faithful to commemorate all saints, 'great multitude which no man could number' (Revelation 7:9), especially those who have no proper feast day of their own.

All Saints' Day is a time to consider the example saints offer us and to reflect on how we can imitate their lives. As Pope Benedict XVI said, All Saints' Day calls us 'to see the Church... as Christ wanted it, that is, as the communion of saints.'



**Entrance Antiphon** (Cf Psalm 104:3-4)

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

**First Reading** - A reading from the book of Exodus ([Exodus 22:20-26](#))

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans. "If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

**Responsorial Psalm** ( [Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2](#) )

® I love you, Lord, my strength.

**Second Reading** A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians ([1 Thessalonians 1:5-10](#) )

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

**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 Matthew ([Matthew 22:34-40](#) )

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.

**Communion Antiphon** (Cf Psalm 19:6 )

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.