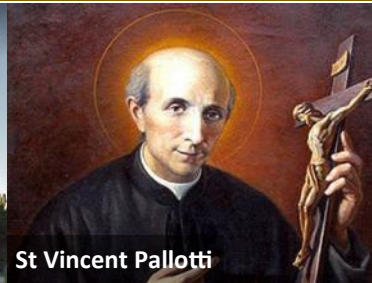


ST PATRICK'S AND ST KEVIN'S PARTNERED PARISHES

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

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Year A

Sunday 7 June, 2026



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This weeks Mass Times

Wed: 9:15am
Fri: 9:15am
Sat: 9:15am Mass and Benediction
and Confession
Sun: 9am and 4pm

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This weeks Mass Times

Tues: 9am Mass
Thurs: 9am
Sat: 5pm (Confession at 4:30pm)
Sun: 10:30 am



OH, SACRAMENT MOST HOLY, OH SACRAMENT DIVINE REFLECTION BY FR. NJOKU CANICE CHUKWUEMEKA

The solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), which the Church celebrates today, reminds us all of the beautiful gifts of God to us through Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. While the primary focus of this solemnity is on the spiritual nourishment that Christ gives us, its secondary focus is on the Body of Christ, which is the Church.

The Body and Blood of Christ (the Eucharist) is the most excellent gift ever given to us by Christ. It also shows how much God loves and cares for both our temporal and spiritual welfare. Therefore, what we celebrate today is the sacramental presence of Christ in his Church.

Today, virtually all the readings touched on one issue – giving or offering something. The first reading succinctly tells us that “Abram offered Melchizedek a tithe of everything.” He did not give it to receive something in return. Instead, he did it out of his own free will.

Of course, Melchizedek blessed him and offered thanks to God on his behalf with bread and wine. These were offerings of one's self in the form of material items. Abram is a specialist in self-donation (cf. Gen 22:1-18).

Today as ever before, Christ offers himself sacramentally to us. This is simply a way of expressing his unconditional love for us. He commands us: “Do this in memory of me!” Hence the church teaches us: “The command of Jesus to repeat his actions and words until he comes does not only ask us to remember Jesus and what he did. It is directed at the liturgical celebration, by the apostles and their successors, of the memorial of Christ (CCC 1341).

So, when we re-live the experience, we truly eat His Body and drink His Blood. Also, at another level, “Do this in memory of me” positions us to be ready to offer ourselves ultimately and for the salvation of others as Christ did for our salvation. So, when we re-live this experience, we are nourished spiritually to offer ourselves too and for others.

In the gospel, Jesus says to Andrew and his colleagues, “Give them something to eat!” Today also, Christ is asking us to offer something. We, fed with the Body and Blood of Christ, are not being asked to give what we do not have. However, the truth is that although we live in a “highly religious world,” many are yet to receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

So, when we draw them closer to Christ, we bring them to the banquet table of Christ, who feeds and nourishes them with His body and blood. Therefore, we must be hospitable enough to help the weak, the spiritually hungry, and the thirsty to participate in the great feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

Finally, Christ offers us his body and blood, real food and drink, which is the mystery and core of our faith. In the Holy Eucharist, Christ draws us closer to himself. Christ is present with us in the Holy Eucharist as the head of the Church.

So, today's celebration provides us an opportunity to thank and adore Christ present in the Most Holy Sacrament. So, let us adore Christ saying, “O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament divine all praises and all thanksgiving be unto you.” Amen. Peace be with you all! Maranatha!

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READERS AND TEA SERVICE VOLUNTEERING LIST

This weekend 6th and 7th June (week 1)

Next weekend 13th and 14th June (week 2)

St Patrick's Readers	St Kevin's Readers
Sun 9am: Joan Krutli	Sat 5pm Vigil: Gerald Pereira
Sun. 4pm: Kirsten Warboys	Sun 10.30am: Stephanie Kunnel
Cuppa: Jill Murtagh and Shef	

St Patrick's Readers	St Kevin's Readers
Sun 9am: Martina and Francis Ong	Sat 5pm Vigil: David Zammit
Sun. 4pm: Maureen Medaris	Sun 10.30am: Jube Kunnel
Cuppa: Francis Ong and Danielle Floros	



LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please inform the Parish Office if you no longer are sick

Mirjana Plavljanic, Natalie Cheung, Bill Huang, Mark Sulikowski, Ken, Sonia Treweek, Susie, Anne, Anna, Fr Maurice, Norberto Fuerzas, Fr Shane Reade, Peter Drabbant, Hugh McGill, Charles, Grant Wellington, Chris, Ken, Fr Stanley, Dorothy Edwards, Rosemary Jack, Nathan Cairns, Craig Smith, Irene Kobylarz, Obinna Okoye, Madeleine Fisher, Daniel Sullivan, Bryn, Chris, Sheree, Leigh Nichols, Loraine, and Royce Nancarrow

FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED

Jessie Aaron Dean, Theresa Wilma Moses

FOR THE DEATH MEMORIAL

Martin White, Emilio Guerra, Dorris D'Mello

THANKSGIVING	CHURCH	PRESBYTERY
ST PATRICK'S	\$943.40	\$861.90
ST KEVIN'S	\$449.00	\$327.85



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 VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

Funds raised through the Vinnies Winter Appeal will directly support our core programs, providing vital assistance to people experiencing or at risk of homelessness, poverty, and cost-of-living pressures.



PLEASE GIVE TO THE VINNIES WINTER APPEAL TODAY

Call **13 18 12**
scan the QR code or
go online at:
[donate.vinnies.org.au/
winter-appeal](https://donate.vinnies.org.au/winter-appeal)



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FOR ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

On Sunday 14th June at the 9am Mass at St Patrick's Church, the students at St Patrick's Primary School will receive their First Holy Communion.

Let us pray for them during this important and pivotal time in their lives.



SAFEGUARDING TRAINING THANKS

A big thankyou to all our wonderful volunteers who took the time out to attend the Safeguarding Essentials Training at both Saint Kevin's and Saint Patrick's Churches. We are sincerely appreciative of your time in dedication and in service to our Parish communities. Thank you so much and may God continue to bless each and everyone of you and your families.

GUILD OF ST STEPHEN ANNUAL MASS

Friday, 12 June 2026 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne

for the Admission of Altar Servers

by Australian Guild of St Stephen, Melbourne

As is customary, altar servers are to attend in their parish's soutanes with surplices, or albs, with black/formal shoes.

The Guild of St Stephen is an international organisation for altar servers in the Catholic Church. Its primary mission is to promote the highest standards of liturgical worship, helping servers deepen their faith and encourage them in their service by uniting them with fellow altar servers.

Fr Samuel Pearson | samuel.pearson@cam.org.au

<https://app.tickets.org.au/MelbourneGuild/CAMGuildMass>



CATHOLIC MISSION COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

This week, you are invited to partner with Catholic Mission and the Church in Malawi as we support families rebuilding after devastating floods and help children access education close to home.

Through projects like St Peter's Nyamikuta Primary School, the Church is creating a place where children can learn, be nourished, and grow with dignity, regardless of their background or beliefs.

As we celebrate 100 years of World Mission Day, we are reminded by Pope Leo XIV that we are 'One in Christ, United in Mission'.

Join with us in celebration and action by supporting this work with a compassionate gift.

Use the provided appeal envelope, scan the QR code, or visit catholicmission.org.au/united to make a difference today.



ALPHA CONNECT PRESENTS

THE SEARCH PROGRAM

10 June 2026 to 19 August 2026 (Wednesdays)

7:30 to 9:00 PM

Rovira House 5 Dalny Road, Murrumbena

Ever wondered if there's more to life than the daily grind? Whether you're a lifelong Catholic or just curious about the "big questions"

The Search by the Augustine Institute is for you.

The team who runs the Alpha Connect is inviting you to join us for a compelling video series exploring life, death, and the journey in between. Everyone is welcome!

Each session will start with a simple dinner, a video and a discussion.

Ask questions freely or simply listen. Feel free to email the team at alphamurrumbena@gmail.com if you have any questions.

We look forward to embarking on this journey with you!



LIFEBOAT FOUNDATION CARS WANTED

CAN YOU HELP VICTIMS OF CHURCH-RELATED ABUSE?

For fourteen years, the Lifeboat Geelong Foundation has been assisting victims of church-related sexual abuse from all over Australia. Generous supporters have donated a number of motor vehicles of varied value (from \$500 to \$20,000!), including cars from deceased estates or which are no longer required. Some have been directly gifted to a victim/survivor in need, while others have been sold to generate funds required to assist victims in a multitude of ways (counselling, rent, utilities and other domestic and personal necessities).

You could help this important work simply by bringing it to the attention of people who might consider donating an unwanted motor vehicle, such as a car from a deceased estate or which, for whatever reason, is no longer required.

Also, since the "Lifeboat Car Project" began in 2020, one single dedicated volunteer has overseen the process, which includes working with the donor to organise a Roadworthy Certificate and assisting recipients or purchasers of the vehicle with the required documentation for Vicroads. He now needs a rest – or at least some help!

So "Lifeboat" also needs a few people who are reasonably familiar with the usual car transfer regulations to assist donors of vehicles (and potential buyers) to negotiate the formal processes. If you or someone you know could help (maximum involvement with four cars per year), please contact

Fr. Kevin Dillon: 0421 777 360 or email frkdillon@outlook.com.au for more information.

ST KEVIN'S CHURCH UPGRADE

St Kevin's now has a new Electrical Switchboard



Old

New

ST PATRICK'S ROOF UPDATE

Work is going well with the roof repairs to St Patrick's Church, with new carpet coming soon



Entrance Antiphon Cf Psalm 80:17 He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

First Reading

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy (Deuteronomy 8:2-3. 14-16)

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord. 'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 147:12-15. 19-20. R. v.12 (R.) Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 10:16-17)

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

Sequence

Behold the bread of angels, sent
For pilgrims in their banishment,
The bread for God's true children meant,
That may not unto dogs be given:
Oft in the olden types foreshowed;
In Isaac on the altar bowed,
And in the ancient paschal food,
And in the manna sent from heaven.
Come then, good shepherd, bread divine,
Still show to us thy mercy sign;
Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine;
So may we see thy glories shine
In fields of immortality;
O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best,
Our present food, our future rest,
Come, make us each thy chosen guest,
Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest
With saints whose dwelling is with thee.

Gospel Acclamation John 6:51-52 Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (John 6:51-58)

Jesus said to the Jews: 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.' Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

Communion Antiphon John 6:57 Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

JOIN US TO GIVE THANKS AND FAREWELL MATHEW

Please join us for a cuppa after Mass in thanking Mathew for his years of service as Parish secretary this Sunday 7th June :

**9am Mass at St Patrick's Church
and the**

10:30am Mass at St Kevin's Church

May God continue to guide and bless him always.

Yours Sincerely, Fr Siby John SAC

