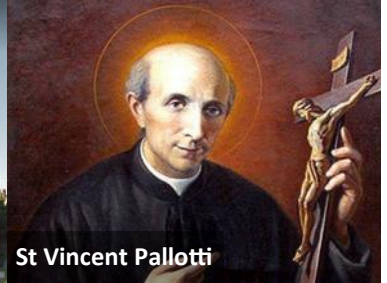


ST PATRICK'S AND ST KEVIN'S PARTNERED PARISHES

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—Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Sunday 18th October 2026



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This weeks Mass Times
Wed: No mass
Fri: No mass
Sat: : No mass mass
Sun: 9am and 5pm

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

Loyola Press—catholic Resources

In today's Gospel Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem continue their tense exchange of questions and challenges. At this point the disciples of the Pharisees, together with the Herodians, try to entrap Jesus by their question about the payment of taxes.

Matthew sets up an unusual partnership between the Pharisees and the Herodians. The Herodians were supporters of Herod Antipas, a Jewish political leader who collaborated with the Romans. Such collaboration would have required a compromised observance of the Mosaic Law. The Pharisees, on the other hand, taught scrupulous observance of the Mosaic Law and opposed Roman occupation. Herodians favored the payment of taxes; the Pharisees opposed it. The Herodians and the Pharisees approach Jesus, asking that he take sides in their dispute. If Jesus answers with the Pharisees, he shows himself to be an enemy of Rome. If he answers with the Herodians, he offends popular Jewish religious sensibilities.

Jesus' response to this attempt to trap him exposes the guile of his questioners. From his first words to them, Jesus shows that he is very much aware of what they are trying to do. He asks to see a Roman coin, which is readily provided to him. It may have come from the hand of a Herodian, but the Pharisees show themselves to be quite willing to accept this compromise. Jesus has already exposed the Pharisees as hypocrites.

Jesus takes his response one step further. He asks that his questioners examine the coin. Agreeing that it is Caesar's image on the coin, Jesus tells them that it must belong to Caesar. Avoiding the question of lawfulness altogether, Jesus answers their question with simple logic. Then, going further still, Jesus tells them that their obligation is to pay to God that which belongs to God.

Jesus' response to the Herodians and Pharisees suggests the ethic that Christians ought to adopt. It reminds us of the importance of keeping things in their proper perspective. Do we attach ourselves to worldly things at the expense of the love and honor that we owe to God?

READERS AND TEA SERVICE VOLUNTEERING LIST

This weekend Oct 17th & 18th (week 3)

Next weekend Oct 24th & 25th (week 4)

St Patrick's Readers	St Kevin's Readers	St Patrick's Readers	St Kevin's Readers
Sun 9am: Des Morvell & Jason Xu	Sat 6pm Vigil: David Zammit	Sun 9am: Kathleen Thompson/ Marianne Sommerville	Sat 6pm Vigil : Maria O'Hagan
Sun. 5pm: Pious & Leena Joseph	Sun 10.30am: Caroline Gojak	Sun. 5pm: Maureen Medaris	Sun 10.30am : Nicole Vine
Cuppa: Joan /Cathie/ Marisa		Cuppa : Jane Lama /Anna Guerra	



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 - John Murtagh, Phyllis Murtagh, Sandra Brunton

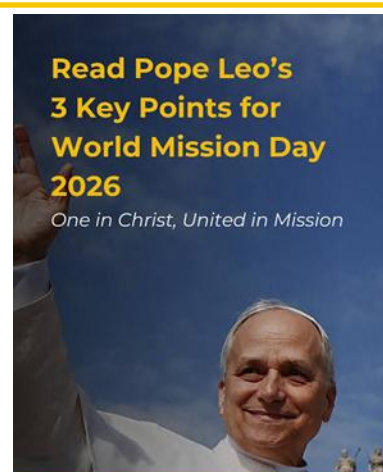
THANKSGIVING	CHURCH	PRESBYTERY	ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY  If you need assistance please call 1800 305 330 If someone needs help, please give them this number.		JOIN US FOR OUR PARISH ROSARY Tuesday Nights 7:30pm St Patrick's Church, Murrumbena
ST PATRICK'S	\$551.90	\$392.55			
ST KEVIN'S	\$411.10	\$336.95			

World Mission Day 2026

Pope Leo XIV released his message for World Mission Day 2026, marking 100 years of World Mission Sunday.

Under the theme "One in Christ, united in mission," the Holy Father calls the Church to unity in Christ, communion in mission, and a renewed commitment to love as the heart of evangelization.

World Mission Sunday will be celebrated on October 18, 2026
a global moment of prayer and support for the
Church's mission to all peoples



Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)

Looking for flexible work and a chance to support persecuted Christians? - Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) Australia is seeking a Diocesan Outreach Assistant to give short presentations at weekend Masses across the Archdiocese of Melbourne. This part-time role involves sharing stories of the suffering Church and helping build prayerful support within parish communities.

If you are comfortable speaking in front of others and have a heart for this mission, we would love to hear from you.

Details: www.aidtochurch.org/work Cecilia Figueroa

National Outreach Coordinator

Aid to the Church in Need | **ACN Australia & New Zealand**

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

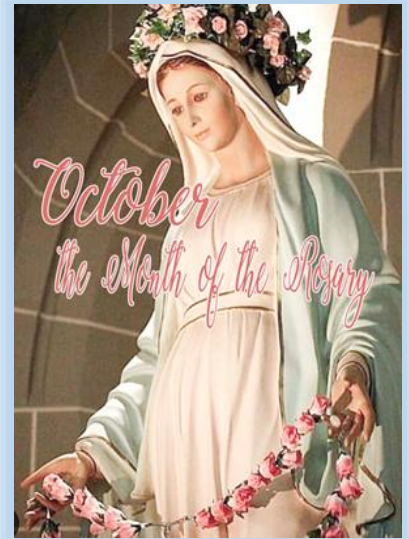
Each Tuesday evening in St Patrick's @ 7.30pm,

Never prayed the Rosary before,

or has it been years since you last prayed it?

Don't worry - come along!

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



Fr. Siby is on Annual leave

Fr Siby is on his annual leave from 12th October— 26th October.

He will be visiting his family in India.



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 13th @ Annual Christmas Party
Good Luck !!

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



Entrance Antiphon (Psalm Psalm 16:6,8)

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

First Reading - A reading from the book of Isaiah ([Isaiah 45:1.4-6](#))

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

Responsorial Psalm ([Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7](#))

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour. .

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

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

Gospel Acclamation - ([Philippians 2:15. 16](#))

Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. . Alleluia!

Gospel A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew ([Matthew 22:15-21](#))

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God'

Communion Antiphon (Cf Psalm 32:18-19)

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

[Catholic Women's League of Victoria](#)

IN CONVERSATION WITH ANNIE CARRETT

Join us for a special breakfast as **Annie Carrett**, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Melbourne and Chief of Staff to the Archbishop, joins **Fr Nathan Rawlins** for a lively conversation about **faith, work, leadership and life in the Catholic Church**. With more than 35 years of service to the Church, Annie brings a fascinating wealth of experience and stories from across Australia.

Thursday 12 November, 7.30–8.45am at the - Victoria Hotel, including continental breakfast. Bookings essential — \$45 (\$35 League members, \$30 students).

To book, click here: <https://www.trybooking.com/DPTZE>

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF VICTORIA INC.

Coffee & Croissants with Annie

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

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VICTORIA HOTEL, 215 LITTLE COLLINS ST

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