

ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PARISH, KILMORE

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

18 January 2026

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 TIME CHANGE AND CANCELLATION

- Sat, 17 January:** 11 am Mass (in place of 9 am Mass)
- Tue, 20 & Wed, 21 January:** No Mass

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPE 2026

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, on Monday and Friday. Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

FR ANDREW'S FAREWELL

Fr Andrew will celebrate his final weekend Mass on Sunday, 25 January, with his final Mass to be held on Friday, 30 January. **Following the 10.45 am Mass on Sunday, 25 January**, all parishioners are warmly invited to attend a farewell celebration at St Patrick's Parish Centre. Parishioners are kindly requested to bring a plate to share. If you wish to contribute towards a gift for Fr Andrew, donation envelopes marked "Farewell Fr Andrew" are available in the foyer of each church. Please place your envelope in the collection basket at any Mass this weekend or next weekend. Alternatively, you may scan the QR code below and select "Farewell".

AGNUS DEI: THE LAMB OF GOD

In the liturgical life of the Church, the **Agnus Dei**, the invocation of the "Lamb of God," stands as a profound moment of contemplation and intimate encounter with Christ. When the faithful sing or recite "Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world," they are not merely repeating words; they are entering into the mystery of the Incarnation and the Redemption. In this sacred act, the Church perceives the unbroken continuity between the sacrifice of the Lamb on the Cross and the sacramental sacrifice made present upon the altar. The title "Lamb of God" is deeply rooted in St. John's theology. John the Baptist, seeing Jesus, exclaims: "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world (John 1:29)." To recognise Jesus as the Lamb is to acknowledge his mission to bear the weight of human sin. In the Eucharistic liturgy, the faithful are invited to contemplate this reality: the Lamb, innocent yet bearing the sins of the world, approaches us in mercy and calls us to communion with God. Liturgically, the **Agnus Dei** is sung at the breaking of the bread, the fraction of the Host. This placement expresses the paradox of divine strength and human vulnerability: the Lamb, broken for our sins, nourishes us with his very self. In this gesture, the faithful unite their lives with Christ's sacrificial love, acknowledging both their need for mercy and the gift of peace offered in his self-giving. **Continued on the next page...**

CHURCHES

St. Patrick's, Kilmore
Our Lady Help of Christians, Broadford
Our Lady of the Way, Wallan
St. Michael's, 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
(Please note: out of school terms, 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.



First Collection (Presbytery Support)
Presbytery Account
BSB 083 347 | ACC 684 632 382
Second Collection (Church Support)
Church Account
BSB 083 347 | ACC 672 646 971

READINGS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON | Ps 65: 4

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

FIRST READING | Isaiah 49:3,5-6

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel,
in whom I shall be glorified';
I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,
my God was my strength.
And now the Lord has spoken,
he who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
to gather Israel to him:
'It is not enough for you to be my servant,
to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors
of Israel;
I will make you the light of the nations
so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Psalm 39(40):2,4,7-10

R: Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. **(R)**
You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. **(R)**
In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. **(R)**
Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. **(R)**

SECOND READING | 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with
brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in
Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called
to take their place among all the saints everywhere who
pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less
than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
send you grace and peace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | John 1:14,12

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.
He enabled those who accepted him
to become the children of God.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL | John 1:29-34

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there
is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.
This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming
after me who ranks before me because he existed before
me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal
him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also
declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from
heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him
myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had
said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come
down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the
Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he
is the Chosen One of God.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON | Cf. Ps 22: 5

You have prepared a table before me,
and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS

(3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, 25 January)

First Reading	Isaiah 8:23-9:3
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 26(27):1,4,13-14
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17
Gospel	Matthew 4:12-23

Agnus Dei: Lamb of God continued:

Futhermore, the **Agnus Dei** is a summons to personal conversion. Each **miserere nobis** (*have mercy on us*) is a petition for God's mercy, a humble recognition that only in Christ can humanity be reconciled with God. The repeated invocation of **dona nobis pacem** (*grant us peace*) reminds us that true peace is inseparable from the forgiveness of sin and the transformation of the human heart.

Thus, the Agnus Dei is not merely a liturgical formula but a profound theological statement: Christ, the Lamb of God, is both the sacrificial offering and the source of eternal life. In him, mercy and peace meet, and the faithful are called to enter more deeply into the mystery of God's love, which alone can illuminate the human heart and the history of the world.

Agnus Dei, qui tollit peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem!
Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant us peace!

Rev. Fr Andrew Choi

PARISH DIARY

Sat, 17th: MEMORIAL OF ST ANTHONY

11 am Mass with RCIC Baptism, St Patrick's
(There is no 9 am Mass this Saturday)
5 pm Vigil Mass, Our Lady Help of Christians
6.30 pm Vigil Mass, St. Patrick's

Sun, 18th: 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.45 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way
10.45 am Mass, St. Patrick's
Baptism (12 pm, St. Patrick's)

Mon, 19th: No Mass

Tue, 20th: No Mass

Wed, 21st: No Mass

Funeral Prayer Service for John Bullen
(11 am, St. Patrick's)

Thu, 22nd: 2ND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's
Adoration and Benediction
(9.30 am—followed by Mass, St. Patrick's)

Fri, 23rd: 2ND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's

Sat, 24th: MEMORIAL OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's
Baptism (11 am, Our Lady of the Way)
5 pm Vigil Mass, Our Lady Help of Christians
6.30 pm Vigil Mass, St. Patrick's

Sun, 25th: 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.45 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way
10.45 am Mass, St. Patrick's
Fr Andrew's Farewell (12 pm, St. Patrick's)

VOLUNTEERS ROSTER

THIS WEEKEND | 17 & 18 January

Broadford (Sat, 5 pm)	Reader: B. O'Dwyer EMHC: C. O'Dwyer
Kilmore (Sat, 6.30 pm)	Reader: R. Emmanuel EMHC: C. Clancy PowerPoint: P. Duff
Wallan (Sun, 8.45 am)	Reader: P. Hutchinson EMHC: J. Sapiano & M. McGowan PowerPoint: R. Quinn
Kilmore (Sun, 10.45 am)	Reader: K. Archer EMHC: C. Mathew PowerPoint: K. Curry
FLOWERS: H. Clancy HOME COMMUNION: J. Dixon & M. Donovan CLEANERS KILMORE: L. Beaumont & C. Eid	

NEXT WEEKEND | 24 & 25 January

Broadford (Sat, 5 pm)	Reader: J. Fleming EMHC: P. Fleming
Kilmore (Sat, 6.30 pm)	Reader: M. Fleischmann EMHC: V. Barro PowerPoint: P. Duff
Wallan (Sun, 8.45 am)	Reader: Q. Britto EMHC: C. Banon & A. Moore PowerPoint: F. Thompson
Kilmore (Sun, 10.45 am)	Reader: A. Mathew EMHC: A. Liddle PowerPoint: K. Curry
FLOWERS: J. Jain HOME COMMUNION: TBA CLEANERS KILMORE: TBA	

LET US PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Recently Deceased

Michael Ahearn, John Bullen

Anniversaries

Elizabeth Moore, Patrick M. Skehan, Tony Coombe,
Antonio J. Sallecchia, Lochie Preston, Meip Putker-Henry,
Terence Fernandez, Maureen Fraser, Glenn Fraser,
Kevin Murphy, Br. Bruce J. Nabbs, Charlie Brady,
Dr. William Self, Virginia Di Pilla, Dominic Leahy,
Denis Quillinan, Mark Bennetts,
and all anniversaries which occur at this time.

The Sick

Fr Prakash Cutinha, Pina D'Agostino, Theo Aitchison,
Julie Ahearn, Bernadette McWhinney, John Gaffney,
Pa'i Su'a, Camilla Banon,
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.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS

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

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

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU FROM OUR YOUNG PARISHIONERS WHO ATTENDED ACYF 2025

Gemma, Sophie, and Xavier would like to share their experience of ACYF with us and extend their heartfelt gratitude to all our parishioners. Once again, sincerely thank you all for your generous and prayerful support. - Fr Andrew

FROM GEMMA__

I would like to start by thanking you all for the support, generosity, and prayers for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival. Over the three days I was able to experience many powerful talks, receive the sacraments, and form meaningful friendships with other young people from all around Australia. It was an incredibly eye opening experience that strengthened my faith and reminded me that we are never alone in our journey with God.

We began our journey at St Patrick's Cathedral with a liturgy before proceeding to walk to the Melbourne Convention Centre alongside more than 6,000 other young Catholics attending the festival. Walking together through the city was a powerful witness of faith and unity and it was inspiring to see so many young people proudly living out their Catholic identity. Some highlights for me included hearing talks from the Sisters of Life about prayer and vocations, as well as seeing the World Youth Day Cross and Icon which reminded me of my world youth day pilgrimage to Portugal in 2023. I also had the opportunity to step into a leadership role within my group. I made a conscious effort to support others, encourage participation, and help create a positive environment. Being a leader meant listening, guiding when needed, and ensuring that everyone felt included and supported during our time together. This experience helped me grow in confidence and responsibility and it showed me how leadership is rooted in service rather than authority.

One message that truly resonated with me throughout the festival was the quote, "Be who the world created you to be and you will set the world on fire" – St Catherine of Siena. This quote challenged me to embrace who God has created me to be and to lead with authenticity, faith, and courage. It reminded me that by living out my faith wholeheartedly it can help others to do the same. Overall, the Australian Catholic Youth Festival was a deeply meaningful experience that strengthened my faith, helped me grow as a leader, and inspired me to continue living out my faith in my everyday life. I am extremely grateful for the opportunity and for everyone who helped make it possible.

FROM SOPHIE__

Attending the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) 2025 was a truly meaningful experience that I am very grateful to have been part of. The festival brought together young people from across Australia to celebrate faith, community, and hope, and it was inspiring to be surrounded by so many others who share similar beliefs and values.

Throughout ACYF, I had the opportunity to listen to a range of speakers who shared honest and powerful stories about their faith journeys. Their openness reminded me that faith is not about being perfect, but about continuing to trust God through both challenges and growth. These talks encouraged me to reflect more deeply on my own relationship with God and how I live out my faith in everyday life.

The prayer experiences and liturgies were a highlight of the festival. Participating in Mass alongside thousands of young Catholics was incredibly moving and reinforced the sense that the Church is alive and active among the youth. These moments of prayer provided space to slow down, reflect, and reconnect with God in a way that can be difficult in the busyness of everyday life.

ACYF 2025 also strengthened my sense of belonging within the Church. I returned home feeling renewed, encouraged, and motivated to continue growing spiritually and to live out the values of faith, compassion and service in my everyday life.

I would like to thank Fr. Andrew, Assumption College and all of you in the wider St Patrick's Community for your support and prayers. Overall, ACYF 2025 was an amazing experience that has left a lasting impact on my faith.

FROM XAVIER__

I was incredibly blessed to attend the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) with the LifeTeen youth group (Mill Park Parish) from the 30th of November to the 2nd of December last year.

I'd like to begin by saying a huge thank you for all the donations, prayers, and support I received. Because of your generosity, I and two others from our parish were able to attend.

For those who may not know, the ACYF is a national gathering that brings together thousands of young Catholics from across Australia to celebrate our faith. Over the course of three days, more than 6,000 young people gathered for Mass, prayer, guest speakers, workshops, music, and fellowship. It was an incredible opportunity to connect with others our age who share the same beliefs and to deepen our understanding of our faith.

Pope Leo's address to the Festival attendees was very inspiring, and he quoted Pope Benedict by saying "We are not some casual and meaningless product of evolution. Each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed. Each of us is loved. Each of us is necessary. Our lives, therefore, find their ultimate purpose in becoming who God made us to be... by living his will in our lives."

ACYF taught me so much from the history of the Catholic faith, to learning how to discern God's voice in our lives. Hearing from our new Cardinal, many bishops, and other religious, was truly eye-opening and helped me realise the powerful impact we can have on the lives of others.

So once again, thank you to everyone who donated, prayed, or supported us in any way. Your generosity did far more than help fund a trip — it helped deepen our faith and showed us how many others share the same beliefs and values.