

ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PARISH, KILMORE

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

25 January 2026

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU, MY DEAR PARISHIONERS!

As I prepare to take up my new appointment, I wish to express my profound gratitude to all of you for welcoming me into your parish family with such warmth, generosity, and faith. To serve God among you over the past year has been one of the great privileges of my priestly ministry. Together, we have shared in prayer and service, in the joys and trials of parish life, and I am deeply thankful for each moment in which we have encountered the Lord together.

I have always reminded myself that the most profound role of a priest is, above all, to point the faithful to Christ, in harmony with the mission of John the Baptist. This is accomplished especially through the Sacraments, which make present the grace of God and draw the soul into communion with Him. Your encouragement and your trust in God's providence have made it possible for me to embrace this calling with both joy and humility. I am deeply grateful for your support in helping me fulfil this sacred mission, knowing that it is not by my strength alone, but through the faithful collaboration of God's people, that His work bears fruit.

In the life of a parish, it is often the quiet, steadfast acts of love and faith that bear the most enduring fruit. I have seen this in your devotion to the sacraments—especially Penance and the Eucharist—your generous support of parish initiatives, and the care and kindness you show to one another. These acts, though often unseen by human eyes, build a firm foundation for a living faith community and testify to the faithful love of God, active and present among His people.

I am particularly grateful for your patience and generosity during times of transition and challenge. Together, we have faced uncertainty, celebrated milestones, and witnessed the growth of our parish community. Your openness to new initiatives, your devotion in prayer, and your care for one another have made Kilmore Parish a place of genuine spiritual life and fellowship.

Leaving is never easy. There is a natural sadness in parting from those with whom one has shared so much of life and faith. Yet I am comforted by the knowledge that the work we have begun together will continue to bear fruit. Though we are still navigating a period of transition due to unforeseen circumstances, I trust that God, who is faithful, will soon provide you with a shepherd to guide you in faith. I am confident that you will extend to your new priest the same warmth, generosity, and devotion that you have shown me.

From the depths of my heart, I give thanks to God for all He has accomplished during my time among you, and I thank you for welcoming me to serve Him in this place. Everything we do is for the glory of Almighty God, as it should be. Truly, it has been a profound privilege to witness His work in the life of this parish. I also wish to express my sincere gratitude to the parish office team—Caterina, Lorraine, and Sr. Yen—for their tireless assistance and support in so many ways.

As I take up my next appointment, I carry with me your prayers, your memories, and your blessings. I will continue to pray that God may enrich you with His abundant grace, deepen your faith, and strengthen the bonds of love and service that unite you as a parish family. May you always find joy in and through the celebration of Mass, courage in times of trial, and the peace that comes from knowing Christ walks with you each day. May Kilmore Parish continue to flourish in faith, hope, and charity. Most of all, may Almighty God bless you and your families, now and always.

Rev. Fr Andrew Choi

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)

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Church Account
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READINGS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON | Cf. Ps 95: 1, 6

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendour,
strength and honour in his holy place.

FIRST READING | Isaiah 8:23-9:3

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and
the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer
glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan,
province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who live in a land of deep shadow
a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater,
you have made their joy increase;
they rejoice in your presence
as men rejoice at harvest time,
as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him,
the bar across his shoulders,
the rod of his oppressor –
these you break as on the day of Midian.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Psalm 26(27):1,4,13-14

R: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink? **(R)**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple. **(R)**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! **(R)**

SECOND READING | 1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus
Christ, to make up the differences between you, and
instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united
again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's
people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear
that there are serious differences among you. What I
mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for
Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ.'

Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was
crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?
For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the
Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of
philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be
expressed.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL | Matthew 4:12-23

Hearing that John had been arrested, Jesus went back to
Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in
Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun
and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be
fulfilled:

*'Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!
Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,
Galilee of the nations!
The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light;
on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death
a light has dawned.'*

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the
message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at
hand.'

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two
brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother
Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their
net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow
me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their
nets at once and followed him. Going on from there he
saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and
his brother John; they were in their boat with their father
Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At
once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.
He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their
synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom
and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the
people.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON | Cf. Ps 33: 6

Look toward the Lord and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS

(4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 1 February)

First Reading	Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 145(146):6-10
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Gospel	Matthew 5:1-12a

PARISH DIARY

Sat, 24-Jan: 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, 25-Jan: 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)

Mon, 26-Jan: AUSTRALIA DAY

10 am Rosary for Peace in Australia, St. Patrick's
10.30 am Mass, St. Patrick's

Tue, 27-Jan: ST. TIMOTHY AND ST. TITUS, BISHOPS

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's

Wed, 28-Jan: ST. THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST & DOCTOR

(!! Please note Wednesday 9 am Mass is return to Wallan.)

9 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way
RCIA Session 11 (7.30 pm, St. Patrick's Centre)

Thu, 29-Jan: 3RD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's
9.30 am Adoration and Benediction, St. Patrick's

Fri, 30-Jan: 3RD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's

Sat, 31-Jan: ST. JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's
5 pm Vigil Mass, Our Lady Help of Christians
6.30 pm Vigil Mass, St. Patrick's

Sun, 1-Feb: 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.45 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way
10.45 am Mass, St. Patrick's

VOLUNTEERS ROSTER

THIS 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	

NEXT WEEKEND | 31 January & 1 February

Broadford (Sat, 5 pm)	Reader: D. Mercovich EMHC: A. Donovan
Kilmore (Sat, 6.30 pm)	Reader: R. Emmanuel EMHC: M. Fleischmann PowerPoint: P. Duff
Wallan (Sun, 8.45 am)	Reader: R. Bryar EMHC: M. Hoban & T. Cooney PowerPoint: R. Quinn
Kilmore (Sun, 10.45 am)	Reader: C. Edulan EMHC: C. Mathew PowerPoint: K. Curry
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LET US PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Recently Deceased

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Anniversaries

Maria Y. Yoon, Youn-hoo Sim, Shane M. Breadsell,
Frank Caulfield, Gordon Wigney, Franco Trani,
James Scully, Christian Chisholm, Hamish Henderson,
Daniel J. Johnstone, Kevin F. Jones, Monica Pearce,
Verna Rodda, Bill Bowdern, Ray Clark, John Brincat,
Ian A. Bourne, Thomas Larkin,
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, Daisy Aguinaldo, James Ahearn,
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.

WORD FROM A SAINT

**St. Thomas Aquinas,
Priest & Doctor
(Feast: 28 January)**

*"Better to illuminate than merely
to shine, to deliver to others
contemplated truths than merely
to contemplate."*

DID YOU KNOW ?

Gospel of Matthew in Year A

In **Year A** of the liturgical calendar, the Catholic Church meditates on the **Gospel according to Matthew**, which presents Jesus as the **fulfilment of God's covenant with Israel**. Matthew reveals Christ as the **Teacher of righteousness, the Saviour of humanity, and the living presence of God's Kingdom**.

Through his parables, miracles, and above all the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus calls each disciple to a life of **holiness, mercy, and authentic love**.

This Gospel reminds the faithful that faith is not abstract knowledge but a lived encounter with Christ, forming a community rooted in his truth, attentive to God's will, and committed to witnessing his love in the world.

Through Matthew's Gospel, may we learn to recognise Christ Jesus in our neighbours and respond with compassion and faithful service.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal: Mr Michael Bourne
03 5782 1579 | spkilmore.catholic.edu.au

OUR LADY OF THE WAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal: Mr Terry Cooney
03 8609 1784 | ourladywallan.catholic.edu.au

ASSUMPTION COLLEGE

Principal: Mr Paul Finneran
03 5783 5000 | assumption.vic.edu.au

PARISH NOTICE

SUNDAY ROSARY

This Sunday, the **Joyful 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.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES 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 this Sunday, 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*".

SAFETY NOTICE: ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Parishioners are hereby informed that snakes have recently been sighted in the vicinity of the church and presbytery (parish office building). All are kindly requested to remain vigilant, avoid areas with dense vegetation, and ensure that all children do not wander unattended and are properly supervised at all times.

Kindly report any sightings to Fr Andrew or Sr Yen, or the parish office immediately. Thank you for your cooperation!

TEMPORARY MASS SCHEDULES (31 JANUARY - 28 FEBRUARY)

Parishioners are kindly informed that there will be temporary changes and cancellations of the Mass schedules from 31 January to 28 February.

Weekend Masses will be celebrated as usual, with the assistance of visiting supply priests.

Weekday 9 am Mass will be celebrated from Tuesday 3 February to Saturday 7 February. However, from 10 February to 28 February, there will be no 9 am Mass at Kilmore and Wallan, except on Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday Masses will be at 9 am at Wallan and at 6.30 pm at Kilmore.

Parishioners are kindly requested to take note of these temporary arrangements. The regular weekday Mass resumes from March.

Thank you for your understanding.