

ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PARISH, KILMORE

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A)

7 December 2025

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you sincerely for your prayers during my annual leave and retreat. I was especially grateful for the opportunity to attend a solemn Mass of Perpetual Dedication for my mother, who made her final commitment as a Benedictine Oblate. It was a deeply moving celebration for my family, and your prayers for her on that special occasion were truly appreciated. I returned from this time away with renewed strength, peace, and gratitude, and I remain thankful for your constant spiritual support and kindness.

It is with a heavy heart that I must share some important news with you: As many of you already found, I will be concluding my time as Parish Administrator of Kilmore Parish at the end of January 2026.

Archbishop Peter Comensoli has appointed me as Parish Priest of St. Patrick's, Lilydale and Healesville, effective 30 January 2026. Since I will not be leaving the parish immediately, this message is not a farewell; rather, I wish simply to keep you informed in a timely and transparent way. In due course, there will be another announcement regarding the appointment of a new Parish Priest for Kilmore, and I trust that the parish will continue to flourish under his pastoral care.

Since beginning my ministry here last January, it has been—and continues to be—one of the greatest blessings of my priesthood to serve among you. Your deep faith, generosity, encouragement, and genuine kindness have touched me more than I can express. As this parish is my first appointment as Parish Administrator, the thought of eventually leaving this wonderful community, and the many good people I have come to know, serve, and love, brings real sadness to my heart.

Please continue to keep me in your prayers as I seek to follow God's will and prepare to serve the people of God in this new appointment. Be assured of my ongoing prayers for each of you, and of my gratitude for the grace-filled time we continue to share together.

Rev. Fr Andrew Choi



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2025



Wednesday, 24 December	Thursday, 25 December
4.30pm, Broadford	8.45am, Wallan
6.30pm, Wallan (Family Mass)	10.45am, Kilmore
9.30pm, Kilmore	

CHURCHES

ST. PATRICK'S

37 Sutherland St, Kilmore

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

Cnr The Parade & McKenzie St, Broadford

OUR LADY OF THE WAY

30 Alcantara Blvd, Wallan East

ST. MICHAEL'S

33-35 Wandong Ave, 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

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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READINGS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year A)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON | cf. Is 30: 19, 30

O people of Sion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard
in the joy of your heart.

(NO GLORIA DURING ADVENT)

FIRST READING | Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse,
a scion thrusts from his roots:
on him the spirit of the Lord rests,
a spirit of wisdom and insight,
a spirit of counsel and power,
a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.
(The fear of the Lord is his breath.)
He does not judge by appearances,
he gives no verdict on hearsay,
but judges the wretched with integrity,
and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land.
His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless,
his sentences bring death to the wicked.
Integrity is the loincloth round his waist,
faithfulness the belt about his hips.
The wolf lives with the lamb,
the panther lies down with the kid,
calf and lion feed together,
with a little boy to lead them.
The cow and the bear make friends,
their young lie down together.
The lion eats straw like the ox.
The infant plays over the cobra's hole;
into the viper's lair
the young child puts his hand.
They do no hurt, no harm,
on all my holy mountain,
for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord

as the waters swell the sea.

That day, the root of Jesse
shall stand as a signal to the peoples.
It will be sought out by the nations
and its home will be glorious.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Ps 71(72):1-2,7-8,12-13,17

**R: Justice shall flourish in his time,
and fullness of peace for ever.**

O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. **(R)**

In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds. **(R)**

For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. **(R)**

May his name be blessed for ever
and endure like the sun.
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,
all nations bless his name. **(R)**

SECOND READING | Romans 15:4-9

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was
meant to teach us something about hope from the
examples scripture gives of how people who did not give
up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when
we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each
other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that
united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God
and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

THIS WEEKEND 6 & 7 November	
Broadford (Sat, 5 pm)	Reader: C. Stokes EMHC: C. O'Dwyer
Kilmore (Sat, 6.30 pm)	Reader: R. Emmanuel EMHC: M. Chatfield PowerPoint: P. Duff
Wallan (Sun, 8.45 am)	Reader: J. Hinchcliffe EMHC: G. Pannuzzo & J. Sapiano PowerPoint: R. Quinn
Kilmore (Sun, 10.45 am)	Reader: K. Pirie EMHC: A. Liddle PowerPoint: K. Curry
FLOWERS:	H. Clancy
HOME COMMUNION:	TBA
CLEANERS KILMORE:	TBA

NEXT WEEKEND 13 & 14 December	
Broadford (Sat, 5 pm)	Reader: E. Leahy EMHC: P. Fleming
Kilmore (Sat, 6.30 pm)	Reader: M. Fleischmann EMHC: C. Clancy PowerPoint: P. Duff
Wallan (Sun, 8.45 am)	Reader: J. Holt EMHC: A. Moore & C. Bannon PowerPoint: F. Thompson
Kilmore (Sun, 10.45 am)	Reader: M. Bourne EMHC: C. Mathew PowerPoint: K. Curry
FLOWERS:	H. Clancy & P. Duff
HOME COMMUNION:	J. Jain
CLEANERS KILMORE:	TBA

It can only be to God’s glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing to your name.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | Luke 3:4,6

Alleluia, alleluia!
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL | Matthew 3:1-12

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.’ This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and

Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, ‘Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, “We have Abraham for our father,” because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.’

COMMUNION ANTIPHON | Bar 5: 5; 4: 36

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS

(3rd Sunday of Advent, 14 December)

First Reading	Isaiah 35:1-6,10
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 145(146):6-10
Second Reading	James 5:7-10
Gospel	Matthew 11:2-11

LET US PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Recently Deceased Rev. Fr Michael L. Shadbolt, Lucas Taylor, John Dale and Jackie Hall
Anniversaries Mabel (Lena) Finlayson, Romeo Campagnolo, Nora Patricia O’Connell, Gavin Peter Murphy, Kevin Barry Skehan, Alan Box, Guerina Zoch, Heather Hussey, Selena Meier, Emily Husking, Mary Anne Poon, Salvatore Scollo, Wendy Margaret Davie, Mark Yarwood, Agnus Nobel (nee Riley), Terry Flannery, Margherita Braudracco, Christofero Braudracco and all anniversaries which occur at this time.

The Sick Fr Prakash Cutinha, Fr Martino Jung, Pina D’Agostino, Theo Aitchison, Julie Ahearn, Bernadette McWhinney, Br. Doug Walsh, Joseph Vassallo, Sue Leahy, Brittney Pellicori, Dawn Westwood, and all people who are in need of our prayers.
<i>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.</i>

Seminarian Ben Eid
Congratulations on the wedding of Florence Mckay and Ricky John on Saturday 6 December.
<i>May your marriage be filled with endless love, joy, and blessings for many beautiful years ahead.</i>


PARISH DIARY

Sat, 6th:	9am Mass for the First Saturday of Month Nuptial Mass—Florence Mckay and Ricky John (2pm, St. Patrick’s Catholic Church)
Mon, 8th:	SVDP Meeting (7pm, St. Patrick’s Parish office meeting room)
Wed, 10th:	RCIA session 9 (7pm, St. Patrick’s Catholic Church)
Fri, 12th:	Funeral—Lucas Taylor (1pm, St. Patrick’s Catholic Church)

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS

Pauline Duff, Brian O’Dwyer, Rosebelle Quinn, Ben Boyd, and Laura Garland (Northern Region, Safeguarding Unit)
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WORD FROM A SAINT

St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

(Feast: 31 December)

*"No one's threats will remove
my loyalty to Christ."*

DID YOU KNOW?

"ADVENT"

Advent is a privileged time in which the Church invites us to enter more deeply into the mystery of Christ. With maternal wisdom, she guides us through two movements, each illuminating a different dimension of our faith.

From the First Sunday of Advent until 16 December, the liturgy turns our gaze toward the *coming of Christ in glory*. These days remind us that history is not a closed circle but is directed toward a fulfilment—toward the definitive triumph of God's love. The calls to vigilance and conversion are not meant to instil fear, but to awaken in us a renewed longing for the One who alone brings true meaning to our lives. Advent thus becomes a school of hope, teaching us to look beyond the present moment toward the promise of eternity.

From 17 December onward, our attention shifts tenderly to the *first coming of Christ* in the humility of Bethlehem. The ancient O Antiphons echo the yearning of Israel and of every human heart for the Saviour. We accompany Mary and Joseph, learning from their quiet faith, their readiness to welcome God's surprising nearness.

In these two movements, Advent reveals the profound truth of our Christian life: Christ has come, Christ comes now in grace, and Christ will come again in glory. In Him, time finds its purpose, and the human heart its rest.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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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

SUNDAY ROSARY

This Sunday, the **Sorrowful 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This Sunday, 7 December, at the 10.45am Mass in St Patrick's Church, eight children will receive the precious Body of Christ for the first time. Since October, they have been preparing for this blessed occasion under the guidance of Sr Yen.

Juan, Ayvah, Constance, Jasmine, Keith, Gail, Genevia, and Hugo

Please keep these young parishioners in your prayers, especially this Sunday.

CHRISTMAS EDITION OF THE SHAMROCK

New Christmas edition of The Shamrock is now available in the foyer of each church. It is filled with many wonderful articles and photos. Thank you to everyone who contributed, and a special word of gratitude to our editors, Marg and Gabrielle, for their outstanding work and dedication.

Your donations help us continue producing the magazine. A Parish Donation QR code is available on the front page for those who wish to support The Shamrock. Simply scan the code or visit the donation page on our parish website, select "SHAMROCK", and contribute towards future editions. Thank you for your generous support.

COLUMBAN CALENDAR AND CHRISTMAS CARDS

SVDP Society have Columban Calendars and Christmas Cards on sale at St. Patrick's Church, Kilmore, Our Lady of the Way, Wallan, and Our Lady Help of Christians, Broadford.

Calanders \$10.00 | Christmas Cards 5 for \$3.50

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS APPEAL

SVDP Society once again asks for your support with the Christmas Appeal to assist the needy. You can help by taking a tag from the wishing tree and purchase a food item and place it in the box provided.

This will run for three consecutive weekends on 30 November, 7 December and 14 December.

Without your generous support, we cannot continue to support those people who ask for help. Thank you for your charitable acts!

SAVE THE DATE FOR CHRISTMAS CAROLS EVENTS

- Our Lady of the Way Church, Wallan, invites all parishioners to the Christmas Carols and Breakfast, on Sunday 7th December 2024 at 9.45am (following the 8.45am Wallan Mass).
- Broadford Christian Churches Group is holding its 3rd Christmas Carol service on Friday 19 December at 5.30pm at St. Matthew's Anglican Church, Broadford. Sausage sizzle and a cuppa – BYO drinks!
- St Patrick's parishioners are invited to attend "Christmas Carols in the Hall" at St Brigid's Parish, Hall behind Church 66 Aitken Street Gisborne. Sunday 7th December 2025 at 2pm. Scripture readings followed by open mic performances. Bring a plate to share.