



**Catholic Parish of
Immaculate Heart of Mary & St. Kieran**

Moe – Newborough

13/09/2026

Year A, Weekday cycle 2

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



O God, the Creator and Giver of all good things, bless our Parish of Immaculate Heart of Mary and St Kieran.
Strengthen our faith, grant us a spirit of mission so that, through our service of neighbor, we will praise and glorify you.
Immaculate Heart of Mary: *Pray for us.* St Kieran: *Pray for us.*

Mission Statement

Inspired by the Gospel as members of this Oblate missionary community, we celebrate and live out our Catholic faith.

Under the pastoral care
of the

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We are a Child Safe Parish

Any children, young persons and adults at risk have a right to feel safe and be safe.

If you are concerned about any form of abuse, or believe that someone is at significant risk, please immediately raise your concerns with a Safeguarding Officer.

Contact our safeguarding officers **Carol Wilson** or **Teresa Dinnie** via the Parish Office.

Safeguarding Sunday. Today's Gospel gives us one of the hardest teachings in all of Scripture. Peter asks Jesus a very reasonable question: "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Peter is being generous — the rabbis of his day taught that forgiving someone three times was enough. Peter doubles that and adds one for good measure. Jesus' answer stops the conversation cold: "Not seven times, but seventy-seven times." In other words: don't count. That's not the kind of number you tally on your fingers. It's the kind of number that tells you the counting itself is the wrong instinct.

Today our Catholic Church marks Safeguarding Sunday, which we observe each year at the end of National Child Protection Week. This year the theme "Love Protects," is drawn from Saint Paul's words to the Corinthians: love is patient, love is kind, love does not seek its own interest, love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things — love always protects.

That word, protects, is not an afterthought in Paul's list. It sits right alongside patience and kindness as one of the things love simply does. And it is worth saying plainly, in this church, on this day, a parish that truly loves its children, its young people, and its most vulnerable members is a parish that actively protects them — not by good intentions alone, but by vigilance, by training, by listening, and by refusing to look away. We need to be very careful, because it would be easy, and wrong, to take today's readings and turn them into a demand that anyone who has been hurt must simply forgive and move on. Sirach warns us against nursing wrath and grudges. The Psalm tells us the Lord is "slow to anger and rich in compassion." And the Gospel gives us that servant who was forgiven an enormous debt by his master, only to go out and choke a fellow servant over a few dollars, and gets condemned for his hard-heartedness.

Read carelessly, that parable can sound like: whatever was done to you, you must forgive it, and forgive it now, or God will be angry with you too. That's not what this Gospel is for, and it is certainly not something I want anyone in this church to hear as their instruction for today. Look again at who forgives whom in the parable. It is the master- the one with all the power, the one who is owed the debt, who chooses mercy. Jesus is not telling the servant who was choked that he must forgive his fellow servant on the spot. He is telling all of us something about God: - that God's mercy toward us is beyond anything we could ever earn or deserve, and that mercy received should soften us, not that harm suffered must be waved away.

Forgiveness, in the Christian tradition, is never a demand we place on someone who has been wronged, still less on a child or a survivor of abuse. It is not amnesia, it is not silence, and it is not skipping past truth and justice to get to a tidy ending.

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Sunday Mass

St Mary's: Saturday - 5pm

St Kieran's: Sunday - 10am

Weekdays

Morning Mass 9:15am

St Mary's: Monday

St Kieran's: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

Evening Mass 6pm

St Kieran's: Wednesday

Holy Hour 5pm

St Kieran's: Wednesday (before Mass)

Silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament,

Rosary, Benediction

1st Saturday Mass 9am

St Kieran's: first Saturday of each month

Mass in local Aged Care Residences

Calvary Narracan Gardens

Hillside - 10.30am. 1st & 3rd Tuesdays

Oaks - 11am, 4th Tuesday

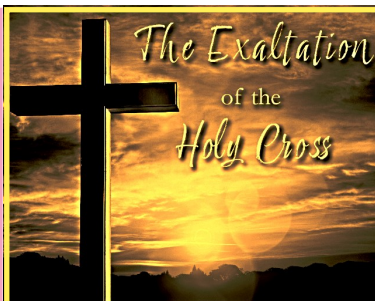
Latrobe Valley Retirement Village

10am every Thursday.

Reconciliation

9.30am Saturdays at St Kieran's,

And by appointment at any time.



Feast: Monday 14th September

Baptism Preparation

2nd Thursday of each month, 5pm in the Ryan Room.
(Bookings essential).

**Baptisms held on 3rd Sundays at St Mary's
and 4th Sundays at St Kieran's.**

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for September

For the Care of Water: *Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.*

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much

seek to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen

Parish Office hours.

9am - 3.30pm

Monday / Thursday.

Exceptions:

Closed...

Monday 21/9

Thursday 24/9

Monday 28/9

Open ...

Wednesday 30/9

Thursday 1/10

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time						
Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Communion	Laptop	Music	
Saturday 12 September 5pm 1.Baby Papworth RIP 2. For all Parishioners	Margaret Cairnduff	Sharron Wolski	Anne Barrett	Wilhelmina Jamieson	Carol Wilson	Sophy Morley
Sunday 13 September 10am 1. Deceased members of Frendo family	Volunteer needed	Teresa Dinnie	Jane Dinnie	Lan	Jelinics	
Monday 14	Mass: St Mary's 9:15am			Feast: Exultation of the Holy Cross		
Tuesday 15	Mass: St Kieran's 9:15am			Memorial: Our Lady of Sorrows		
Wednesday 16	St Kieran's Holy Hour - 5pm. Mass - 6pm			<i>Joe Fiteni RIP</i>		
Thursday 17	Mass: St Kieran's 9:15am			<i>Denise Wilson, surgery & healing</i>		
Friday 18	Mass: St Kieran's 9:15am			<i>Noel Peacock RIP</i>		
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time						
Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Communion	Laptop	Music	
Saturday 19 September 5pm 1.Gavin Smith RIP	Carol Wilson	Carol Wilson	Peter Burke	Cliff Jamieson	Jane Micallef	Odette Mackie
Sunday 20 September 10am 1. Angiolina Celima RIP 2. For all Parishioners	Volunteer needed	Cathy Dougan	Marie Rooney	Carel Moses	Kyrie Choir	
Cleaning: St Kieran's: 14/9 Vicky, Nieves, Betty & Marlyn. 21/9 Tony & Mary. 28/9 Anton & Vivie. 5/10 Pat & Jo. St Kieran's Flowers: September: Rosanna Colli Newsletter: Lorraine Dyt / Jane Dinnie.						

Join us to examine a deeper meaning of being Catholic. Mondays 1.30 to 2.45 at St. Kieran's. Contact Andrew: 0459991867

Cenacle Holy Hour: Praying for Priests. 2nd and 4th Fridays. Come & pray with us in the Ryan room after Mass.

Legion of Mary: Every Monday at 2:30 pm. Legion Members hold a group Rosary in St. Kieran's Church. All welcome.

Safeguarding Sunday

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Real forgiveness, if, and when, it ever comes, is something offered freely, in a person's own time, often over years, and it can exist quite happily alongside full accountability, criminal justice, and permanent consequences for whoever caused the harm. Sirach himself says: "remember the commandments, hate not your neighbour"; but two verses earlier he's also telling us that the vengeful will answer to the Lord for their sins, "for he remembers their sins in detail."

God does not forget wrongdoing. God's mercy does not mean wrongdoing didn't matter. So, on Safeguarding Sunday, let's hear this Gospel - not as a call for victims to forgive - but as a call for all of us: our whole community, to imitate the master's character: patient, slow to anger, quick to have compassion on the one who is suffering.



2026 Public Rosary Rally:

Join us as we pray for our nation,
Saturday 10th October, 10.30am, near
the clock outside the Moe Library.



Recently Deceased

Joseph Fiteni May he rest in peace.
Joe's's funeral will be at 11am on
Wednesday, 16th September, (Rosary at
10.30am.)



RCIA: Meet at 6.45pm, Wednesdays at St Kieran's,
Moe. Remember the RCIA team and catechumens
in your prayers!

Upcoming Events in the Diocese of Sale:

Season of Creation: Care for Our Common Home

Aim is to better understand Pope Francis' "integral ecology," Explore how people of faith are called to care for the earth, both spiritually and ethically. **Presenter: Fr Jeff Kleynjans**

Wednesday, 16th September, 7pm – 8:00 pm

Venue: Online.

Registration: tinyurl.com/4tx834yp

The Ritual and The Reason:

Exploring The Parts of The Mass

Explore what we do and why we do it — so we can listen, respond, and be transformed by God's presence.

Local session: Traralgon (St Michael's): Saturday, 17th Oct 10am – 3pm. Register: **Online: cdsale.org.au/events**

Welfare of Priests leaving collection last week:

We raised \$518.80 this year. A great effort! Thank you for your generosity.

In our Church Foyers ...

Planned Giving Envelopes: there are still some boxes to be collected.

Code of Conduct Forms: These new forms must be signed by every person who is on a church roster. If you need help please ask at the Parish Office (or ask another rostered parishioner).

Columban Calendars may now be ordered. They are still \$10 each.

We remember the sick, their families and carers, and all in need of prayer, especially:

Ray Jackiw, Dianne Harold, Irena & Tanja Bohl, Shirley, Louise, Anita Herley, Stuart Dinnie, Lindsay George, Brendan, Des Cairnduff, Mary Hawthorne, Maurie O'Dwyer, Krista Maxwell, Lynne Y., Alan A., John W., Susan Ledden, David W. Irene McDonald (Zajac), Eileen Carolan and Fr Vin McGillicuddy OMI.



Coming up: **World Day of Migrants and Refugees**, 26/27 September. This year's theme focuses on young people: **"Even just one of these children"** (Mt 18:10). The Church invites us to look beyond statistics, recognise the dignity of children and youth affected by migration and forced displacement, and respond with compassion and solidarity. To help parishes, schools and Catholic communities mark the occasion, the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office has published a set of resources online.

In his message for the World Day, Pope Leo XIV highlights the vulnerability of children on the move, noting that "minors are the most vulnerable group within the global movements of migration" and that they are "concrete faces, who have unique stories, and call on our conscience". The Holy Father reminds us that behind migration statistics are children whose lives have been shaped by war, poverty, violence, environmental disasters and family separation. At the same time, he points to signs of hope in the witness of families, educators, volunteers and faith communities who accompany and support young migrants and refugees.



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Sirach 27:30 – 28:7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,
and both are found with the sinner.
He who exacts vengeance will experience
the vengeance of the Lord,
who keeps strict account of sin.
Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.
If a man nurses anger against another,
can he then demand compassion from the Lord?
Showing no pity for a man like himself,
can he then plead for his own sins?
Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment;
who will forgive him his sins?
Remember the last things, and stop hating,
remember dissolution and death,
and live by the commandments.
Remember the commandments,
and do not bear your neighbour ill-will;
remember the covenant of the Most High,
and overlook the offence. **The word of the Lord**

Responsorial Psalm Ps 102:1-4. 9-12. R. v.8

**The Lord is kind and merciful;
slow to anger and rich in compassion.**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion.

His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.

He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults.

For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.

Romans 14:7-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. **The word of the Lord**

Gospel Acclamation John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.**

Alleluia!

Matthew 18:21-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord