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ST KEVIN'S PARISH

VISION STATEMENT

St Kevin's Templestowe Parish is a Catholic community called by God and trusting in Jesus. We aspire to care for and connect with the wide world and to be hospitable and generous so that all may live life to the full.

25th December, 2018

Year C

Christmas Day



Liza, Nadia, Rebecca and Fr Gerry
wish you peace and joy this
Christmas season.

May you bask in the wonder of
God's care for each one of us.

Christ Is Born



Joy, Peace, Laughter, Hope

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Just 9 years old. Cerebral Palsy. He can't walk and he can't care for himself.
His body just doesn't work as it should.
There is nothing wrong with his mind, though.
He is as sharp as a tack and laughs with his head thrown back. Contagious.
He is carefree... despite being trapped in a very stubborn little body.
This child is joy.

16 years old. Two younger sisters.
Tall and beautiful. Strong and proud of who she is and what she has survived.
She is confident and knows she will succeed.
She is a mere shadow of the broken, frightened little waif she was just 4 years ago.
This child is peace.

12 years old. He wears thick glasses, he is almost blind.
He wears a hearing aid. Without it, he hears little.
He struggled to learn to read and struggles to do math.
But he can bake. And he can clean. He is so friendly and caring of others.
And he can dance like nobody's business.
This child is laughter.

10 years old. Lost somehow, somewhere.... A long time ago.
With tears streaming down his face, he begs me to find his grandmother.
An impossible feat since we don't know her name or even where he came from.
Every day, he deals with the monsters of his past...
Faces with no names... places he can see through the fog of a little boy's memory.
But every day, he hugs me. He does his chores and he works hard on his school.
And his smile is unforgettable.
This child is hope.

They are only 4 of the over 100 children that live in my home. They are thankful, these children. Though they have little and though they have been through so much. They have accepted that they are loved and cared for and they believe that God has a plan for their lives. When you ask them what they want for Christmas... they think a while and say.... **a family of my own.**

There is not much I would ask for this Christmas... maybe some coffee and blue mascara. But honestly? I am thankful... so thankful and content to have a home full of joy, peace, laughter and hope.

At the time of year when we celebrate a baby born in a manger to an adopted family, a family willing to accept, love, and raise a child not even their own, I pray for others to be willing to do the same. That baby.... Changed the world. What would it take to move you to take a chance and love a precious child who just wants a family?



CHRISTMAS IS THE CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS, THE SAVIOUR OF MANKIND

LITURGY ROSTERS

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph – 29th/30th December 2018

1st Reading: Samuel 1: 20-22, 24-28 2nd Reading: 1 John 3: 1-2, 21-24

Gospel: Luke 2: 41-52



Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30 pm	Janet Parsons	Carmen Childs	Ann Maguire Maryann McNamara Fiona Watson
8.30am	Mike Westbrook	Rebecca Sandwell	Brigid Jordan Betty Natoli Frank Ozzimo
9.00am	Michael Doyle	Marie Reichert	Bernard Charnley Christine Flannery Dianne Flannery
10.00am	Mishika Perera	Michael Lynch	Lyn Robinson Tony Robinson Tony Whelan

The Epiphany of the Lord – 5/6th January 2019

1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6 2nd Reading: Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30 pm	Peter Howes	Tasha Vercauteren	Ann Maguire Bredenia Raquel Fiona Watson
8.30am	Mike Westbrook	Kirsten Collins	Betty Natoli Mary Waddick Peter Waddick
9.00am	Margaret Mangan	Marie Reichert	Bernard Charnley Christine Flannery Peter Norman
10.00am	Carmel Purdey	Vianney Shiel	Betty Natoli Jo Ridgeway Pat Rowland

The Baptism of the Lord – 12/13th January 2019

1st Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11 2nd Reading: Titus 2: 11-14, 3: 4-7

Gospel: Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30 pm	Fiona Watson	Margaret Turner	Lucy Halliburton Maryann McNamara Lynne O'Brien
8.30am	Kirsten Collins	Mike Westbrook	Betty Natoli Frank Ozzimo Paul Polidano
9.00am	Michael Doyle	Pat Bond	Bernard Charnley Christine Flannery Dianne Flannery
10.00am	Miriam Ayoub	Mishika Perera	Betty Natoli Mary Calleja Tony Whelan

Thank You

for the cards, gifts and best wishes expressed to me over this Christmas Season. You are very special people. *Fr Gerry*



Over the Christmas holidays, you may like to checkout the latest news on the Plenary Council on our website



New Year's Day Mass will be celebrated here at St Kevin's Church on Tuesday, 1st January at 10.00am.

We pray for Better Health: Masino Cappadona, Lysele Jeux, Yvonne Wilson, Natalie Salvo, Alex Williamson, Fr Kevin Hennessy, Br John McMahan, Elaine Close, Salvatore Scaffidi, Wilma Barrow, Susan Turner and Pauline Maloney.



PEACE

Christmas is a time to
Reflect on the ways we
Embody God's love.
May those who meet us
Encounter God in us:
Through our smile,
Our attentive listening,
Our wholehearted Acceptance,
Our laughter and our tears,
Our generosity of spirit,
Our time and energy spent
In the service of others,
And our willingness to
Speak up for those without
A voice.

We pray that when people
Spend time with us, they
Will see the face of God.

