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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.

22nd/23rd December, 2018

Year C

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Entrance Antiphon

Drop down dew from above,
you heavens,
and let the clouds rain down the
Just One;
let the earth be opened and bring
forth a Saviour.

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we shall
be saved.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.

Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Come and remain with us.

Communion Antiphon

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and
bear a son;
and his name will be
called Emmanuel.

Questions to Ponder...

- Q. What does Elizabeth mean when she describes Mary as 'blessed'?
- Q. When have you had an experience of incredible joy?
- Q. In a world full of electronic communication, how is a face-to-face visit more special?
- Q. In response to this gospel, is there anyone that you should make the effort to visit?

Christmas Cheer: Join us for a *Christmas Celebration* after 9pm Mass on Christmas Eve. You bring the food and we'll provide some drinks to go with it! Sounds like a good deal! So hope you can stay around for a while after 9pm Christmas Eve Mass.

Hampers 1): We gave \$400 of your Second Collection donations so that Kadasig (our Filipino partners) could put some rice into Christmas hampers. You see food is now so expensive that most of our families can only afford corn grit (food made from maize that is ground into a coarse meal and then boiled). Thank you for your generosity to the Second Collection.

Hampers 2): Mercy Place (formally Pioneer Village) are very grateful for our generosity in buying tickets. They will draw the hamper on Christmas Eve. We shall let you know who wins.

Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word. Luke 1: 38

SPIRITUAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

Adoration –

Each weekday before Mass @ 8.30am and
7.15-8.15pm on Wednesday evenings

Masses this week -

Saturday: 5.30pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 8.30am & 10.00am
9.00am at Holy Cross Monastery

Christmas Eve: 6.00pm and 9.00pm

Christmas Day: 9.00am

Thursday: 9.15am at St Kevin's Chapel

Friday: 9.15am at St Kevin's Chapel

Christian Meditation – No Meditation

Group next Wednesday. This Group
recommences @ 9.30am 2nd January.

Reconciliation – First Saturday of the
month @ 10.00am (or by appointment)

SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST KEVIN'S

This month, contributions towards our second
collection are going towards our sister
community, Patupat, in the Philippines and the
incredible orphanage "Gentle Hands" in Manila.

A time to think about how Mary waited...

A time to think about how Mary responded to God...

A time to think about how I respond to God's call...

Plenary Council passes 30,000 submissions!

Are yours amongst them? We are making it even
easier to participate in this historic event. Simply
take a card from the table, write and post (in
letter box or box on our table). Don't know what
to write? There are plenty of suggestions on the
Parish Website.

Columban Calendars are available from the
table in the Gathering Space. \$10 each.

LAST WEEK'S GIVING

Envelopes	\$ 770.00
Direct Debit/Credit Card	\$ <u>1,040.00</u>
Total	\$ <u>1,710.00 (1)</u>
Priests' Living Costs	\$ 1,150.00
Number of Envelopes	42
(1) Weekly Pledged amount	\$3,020.65

Please contact the office if you would like to join.

SUPPORTING MINISTRIES

Baptisms:

Last weekend of the month -
*Presentations and Welcome. Baptism
Meeting* on the third Wednesday of
every month.

First Sundays of the month -
Sacrament of Baptism

Weddings:

By appointment only

Funerals:

For bereavement support, please
contact the Parish House on
9850 5983

Parish Tennis Club:

Social and Competition.

Please ring Paul 9846 2083

www.stkevinstctemplestowe.org.au

*Thank
You*

*For your cards, gifts and
best wishes on the
occasion of my birthday
last week. You are all very
special people.*

Fr Gerry

Check out our
NEW Website!!!!

stkevinsparish.org.au

Rebecca, our dedicated Pastoral Worker,
has prepared a manual to assist in
navigating your way through our website.
Please make sure you take your copy
before you leave today so that you can
make good use of and enjoy our website.

New this week – Thoughtful Christmas Message
from Melbourne Adult Education Office and
article from Charity Graff of Gentle Hands Inc.

Parish Library Aah holidays are coming
up! A bit of time for a good read. Have you
checked out your Parish Library? There just
might be something there that may interest
you eg the new book by the wonderful Fr
Andrew Hamilton – "50 Reasons Why Jesus
Matters".

LITURGY ROSTER

Christmas Day – 25th December 2018

1st Reading: Isaiah 52: 7-10 2nd Reading: Hebrews 1: 1-6

Gospel: John 1: 1-18

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
9.00 am	Paul Polidano	Frank Ozzimo	Betty Natoli Paul Polidano

Good News!

The final piece of the refurbishment jigsaw will fit in January when we re-asphalt the carpark/playground.

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

Anniversaries:

Alan Behrendorff, Ken McKenzie and Tom Materazzo

Recently Deceased:

Christmas Mass Times 2018

24th Dec - Christmas Eve 5.30pm Carols

6.00pm Mass

8.45pm Carols

9.00pm Mass

25th Dec - Christmas Day 9.00am Mass

Please Note: There will NOT be a 9.00am Mass at Holy Cross Centre on Christmas Day.

Bon Bon Jokes... (to keep you a step ahead of the grandchildren)...

What do ghosts eat?

Goulash!

How does Jack Frost get to work?

By icicles!

What animal needs oiling?

Mice, because they squeak!

Fr Ray Sanchez is coming!

Please take note that the wonderfully engaging Passionist Priest, Fr Ray Sanchez, will be giving us a series of evening talks to continue the updating of our faith.

The week, early next year, is from Saturday, 23rd February to Friday, 1st March.

It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope. Pope Benedict XVI

Mary and Elizabeth – Two Strong Women



Mary and Elizabeth,
two strong women
whose wombs
carried two strong men

Mary and Elizabeth,
two hospitable women
with wombs wide, full
of grace and conversion

Mary and Elizabeth,
two generous women,
nurturing nests,
embracing seedling life
in their bodies' secret homes

Mary and Elizabeth,
two loving women,
blessing one another
with the grace of affection,
strength of communion

Mary and Elizabeth,
did they know the dance
within their wombs
might change a hurting heart,
transform a languished life

Mary and Elizabeth,
two holy women
wombs gestating goodness,
sources of nurturing grace
yeast for every inner birthing

- Joyce Rupp

A D V E N T



○ come . ○ come . Emmanuel

Inspirational Quotes From Christian Meditation Network

The mantra is an act of love. Reciting the mantra brings us to stillness and to peace. We say it for as long as we need to until we are caught up in the one prayer of Jesus. We must first learn to say it for the entire period of our meditation each morning and each evening. Then allow the mantra to do its work of calming over a period of years. The day will come when the mantra ceases to sound and we are lost in the eternal silence of God. Gradually the silence becomes longer and we are simply absorbed in the mystery of God. Have courage and generosity: return to the mantra as we become self-conscious of the silence.

If you missed our Communal Penance Celebration last Thursday night, you missed this gem –

In any small village, news travels quickly. Therefore it is only to be expected that the strange changes in the lives of Mary and Elizabeth might have been food for other people's thoughts.

Mrs Matthew: Well, ladies, you know how I'm not one for gossip, but wait until you hear this. You know that old woman Elizabeth, with the man who has not spoken for nine months?

Mrs Mark: Yes, what about them?

Mrs Matthew: They say she's had a little boy.

Mrs Luke: At her age? She's 88 if she's a day!

Mrs Matthew: Well, that's what I heard and it was on very good authority!

Mrs Luke: Are you sure you've got the right woman? You're not mixing her up with her cousin?

Mrs Mark: Who Mary?

Mrs Luke: That's her! Now, I'm not one to talk about anybody but wait until I tell you this. She's pregnant!

Ms Mark: Never! How do you know?

Mrs Luke: You can tell! You can just tell.

Mrs Matthew: Oh yes, you can tell all right. I heard her in the store last week asking for a dress eight sizes too big for her.

Mrs Luke: There you are. Draw your own conclusions. Now I know that this will not go any further, but I hear that she and a certain young man are planning to leave the district.

Mrs Matthew: Who's the young man?

Mrs Luke: The joiner's boy, Joseph.

Mrs Mark: Never!

Mrs Luke: Well, that's what they say and I'm not one for gossip.

Mrs Mark: So, have you heard what they're saying about the so-called Census?

Mrs Matthew: No. Tell us.

Mrs Mark: Well I happened to hear that the reason the Romans want our names is not to send us birthday cards.

Mrs Luke: Well, why are they having a Census?

Mrs Mark: To register us for a "Poll Tax".

Mrs Matthew: I heard it was a "Community Charge".

Mrs Mark: "A rose by any other name".

Mrs Luke: They wouldn't do that, would they?

Mrs Mark: Well I'm just warning you. Mind, I'm not one for gossip.

Mrs Luke: Nor me.

Mrs Matthew: Nor me.

