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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.

8/9th December, 2018

Year C

Second Sunday of Advent

Melbourne Overseas Mission Appeal Weekend

Entrance Antiphon

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.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord has done great things
for us; we are filled with joy.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Come and remain with us.

Communion Antiphon

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

Melbourne Overseas Mission Appeal

On the most recent *World Day of the Poor*, our Holy Father, Pope Francis reminded us of the mission that each parish community shares. We are now in the Season of Advent, a time when support for communities in developing countries is sought through the annual Melbourne Overseas Mission Appeal. Through sharing our resources with poor, we continue to support important works of charity. For more than four decades, the MOM Annual Appeal has enabled Missionaries across the world to hear the cry of the poor and to respond through the development of highly effective programs in healthcare, education and the development of essential community infrastructure. Through prayerful support and concrete assistance, MOM has assisted communities in some of the world's most remote and underdeveloped communities, including: Papua New Guinea, Peru, East Timor, West Africa and Pakistan. Thank you for your generous support of the Melbourne Overseas Mission Appeal.

A waiting person is a patient person. The word patience means the willingness to stay where we are and live the situation out to the full in the belief that something hidden there will manifest itself to us. Henri Nouwen

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

Tuesday: 9.15am at St Kevin's Chapel

Thursday: 9.15am at St Kevin's Church

Friday: 11.00am at Newman's Manor

Christian Meditation –

Wednesdays @ 9.30am in the Parish Chapel

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

Visitation - For communion at home, visiting, transportation or meals, please contact the Parish House on 9850 5983.

A big "Thank You" to Pat Rowland and her amazing team of helpers in ensuring that our Drop-In Get Together, held last Thursday was an outstanding success! The Mass was lovely, the food delicious and of course it was a wonderful opportunity to catch up with other members of our St Kevin's Community. Well done to everyone who assisted in any way.

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 allow silence to enter the heart.

LAST WEEK'S GIVING

| | |
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| Envelopes | \$ 625.00 |
| Direct Debit/Credit Card | \$ <u>1,040.00</u> |
| Total | \$ <u>1,665.00 (1)</u> |
| Priests' Living Costs | \$ 975.00 |
| Number of Envelopes | 40 |
| (1) Weekly Pledged amount | \$3,020.65 |
| <i>Please contact the office if you would like to join.</i> | |

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

'Footsteps of Faith' Encountering the Christian Tradition Study Tour 19 September – 15 October 2019

Catholic Theological College invites you on this 27-day tour, as we explore our Christian tradition. Contact: Jenny Delahunt on 9412 3314 or jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au

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

It's Finally Here!

Check out our
NEW Website!!!!

stkevinsparish.org.au

Our hardworking Rebecca Sandwell has put a wealth of amazing time and talent into setting up our new website.

All are invited to have a look and see lots of information about our wonderful parish.

Thank you for all your hard work Rebecca!

New this week – a couple of thought provoking sentences for each day of December from

Sr Joan Chittester.

Have **you** had a chance to have a glance or two?

Third Sunday of Advent – 15/16th December, 2018

1st Reading: Zephaniah 3: 14-18 2nd Reading: Philippians 4: 4-7 Gospel: Luke 3: 10-18

| Time | Commentator | Lector | Communion | Welcomers |
|---------|-----------------|-------------------|---|-----------------|
| 5.30pm | Fiona Watson | Chelsea Soklevski | Ann Maguire Bredenia Raquel Lynne O'Brien | Brown Family |
| 8.30am | Frank Ozzimo | Paul Polidano | Betty Natoli Mary Waddick Peter Waddick | |
| 9.00am | Margaret Mangan | Pat Bond | Bernard Charnley Christine Flannery Dianne Flannery | Maria Robson |
| 10.00am | Carmel Purdey | Liz O'Connell | Mary Calleja Murray Cullinan Betty Natoli | Cirianni Family |

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 and Wilma Barrow.

Anniversaries: June Flood, Ben Skadiang and Sharon McCluskey

Recently Deceased:

Christmas Mass Times 2018

20th Dec - Reconciliation Service 7.30pm

24th Dec - Christmas Eve 5.30pm Carols

6.00pm Mass

Please note change of time - **8.45pm Carols**

9.00pm Mass

25th Dec - Christmas Day 9.00am Mass

Reconciliation

- Communal Penance Service -

Wednesday 20th December @ 7.30pm

- 1st Rite

(one to one in the Reconciliation Room)

10am on Saturday 15th December

or as usual by appointment (9850 5983).

TGI'S

*Templestowe
Parish's*

Please join us for TGIYG and TGITeen's

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

Sunday, 9th December

TGIYG AND TGITeen will lead a

Family Mass at 10am and then a Sausage Sizzle.

An Advent Reading From Iona...

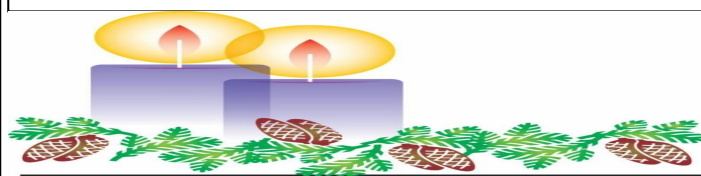
Ireneus wrote: 'The glory of God is in human beings fully alive.' We need to be aware of what prevents life from being lived fully: the mountains, the huge physical obstacles and the barriers created by human beings, which prevent folk from continuing their pilgrimage; the wilderness which, for others, is not a place of recreation but of loss and loneliness. When we are aware, and as these are removed, then God's glory will be clear for all to see.

Advent Thoughts To Ponder...

- What are some of the obstacles (mountains) to God that you have put up in your life?
- For me, "Prepare the way for the Lord" means...
- As part of St Kevin's parish, how might you prepare to welcome with love and joy the people who will celebrate this Christmas?
- Advent: "a time to help us realise that the birth of Jesus is meant to change us all" - discuss.

Every year we celebrate the holy season of Advent, O God. Every year we pray those beautiful prayers of longing and waiting, and sing those lovely songs of hope and promise.

Karl Rahner



SECOND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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Principal: Mr Greg Thomas

*A time to think about what it means to
be holy.*

Inspirational Quotes From Christian Meditation Network

In meditation we discover that we cannot ask God to wait. We cannot put God in a waiting room, saying "I'll be back later". We cannot turn God off like a tap, thinking "I am busy right now." Rather, we discover that God is always present, and we pay attention to God *now*, today. We commit ourselves to God-in-the-now, the God who IS. God is present to us and we respond.

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.

Christmas Support for the Sisters of Charity, Fitzroy Through the Social Justice Group, the Parish is assisting the Sisters of Charity to provide Christmas Cheer to families that they see on a regular basis. During November we have been using the second collection at Mass to provide funds for the Sisters to provide food parcels. In addition we will be collecting Christmas Celebration items such as Christmas cakes and puddings, fruit mince tarts, chocolates, table decorations, and other Christmas items. These can be left during Masses this weekend. They will be delivered to the Sisters on Tuesday, December 11th. Students from both Parish schools are gathering and packing gifts for each member of 10 families selected by the Sisters. These too will be delivered on December 11th. Geraldine Butler, who organised this activity for many years has moved on to other things. Thank you very much Geraldine and family. If you and your family would like to be involved please contact Leo on 0418 223 166.

Questions addressed in Luke's Gospel...

- How was it that Jesus died rejected by his own people?
- What does it mean to be Church?
- How do we take the teaching of Jesus and live it today?
- Can we be Roman citizens and Christians?

ROLL UP, ROLL UP!!

**Visit our Advent Fair Trade stall
THIS SUNDAY 16th DECEMBER
@ 8.30 & 10am.**

Come along and choose some great Christmas and Kris Kringle gift ideas. These gifts have been crafted with care and you know you are paying a fair price.

Eat & Greet

Monday 10 December 2018, 12:00pm to 3:00pm
Living & Learning @ Ajani, 2/284 Thompsons Rd, Templestowe Lower

Free
community
lunch!

Join us for our end of year celebration!

Meet new people, share a delicious meal and learn about services in your local area. Everyone welcome!

We can also arrange transport if required.

Book your place today:

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