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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.

15/16th December, 2018

Year C

Third Sunday of Advent

Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.

Responsorial Psalm

Cry out with joy and gladness:
for among you is the great and Holy
One of [Israel](#).

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to
the poor.

Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Come and remain with us.

Communion Antiphon

Say to the faint of heart:
Be strong and do not fear.
Behold, our God will come,
and he will save us.



Pink Candle Weekend! ***Third weekend already!***

The entrance antiphon for the third Sunday of Advent remains the traditional one: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed the Lord is near".

It's from Paul's letter to the Philippians, part of the passage that we happily hear today. Its first word in Latin is "Gaudete" – hence the common title for this day, "Gaudete Sunday". Whatever the history of this term, today's readings (though not so much the gospel) are filled with an infectious spirit of joy. At this mid-point of the season our hopes and expectations are intensifying. The feast of Christmas will soon be here. Today's celebration gives us the opportunity to look beyond the hectic demands that December makes of us.

It invites us to find a deeper source of joy than that offered by all our end-of-the-year activities. This sure joy is truly the gift of God.

Joy is the infallible sign of the presence of God.
Pierre Teilhard De Chardin

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.

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: 11.00am at Pioneer Village

Friday: 9.15am at St Kevin's Chapel

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.

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.

There are Christians whose lives seem like Lent without Easter. I realise of course that joy is not expressed the same way at all times in life, especially at moments of great difficulty. Joy adapts and changes, but it always endures. even as a flicker of light born of our personal certainty that, when everything is said and done, we are infinitely loved. Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium. §6

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

LAST WEEK'S GIVING

Envelopes	\$ 1,035.00
Direct Debit/Credit Card	\$ <u>1,040.00</u>
Total	\$ <u>2,075.00 (1)</u>
Priests' Living Costs	\$ 1,045.00
Number of Envelopes	40
(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

Happy
Birthday

To Fr Gerry who turns 73 on Wednesday, 19th December. Thank you Fr Gerry for all that you do for us and for our parish.

Q. When is our communal Penance celebration?

A. This coming Tuesday evening – 20th December – 7.30pm.

Check out our
NEW Website!!!!

stkevinsparish.org.au

All are invited to have a look and see lots of information about our wonderful parish. Have **you** had a chance to have a glance or two? New this week – Did you see the excellent article on Eureka Street. "Church Reform Scorecard" – by John Warhorst. Simply click on the Eureka Street link. Also, a Liturgy Submission to the Plenary Council from our parish.

Fourth Sunday of Advent – 22/23rd December, 2018

1st Reading: Micah 5: 1-4 2nd Reading: Hebrews 10: 5-10 Gospel: Luke 1: 39-44

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion	Welcomers
5.30pm	Lucy Halliburton	Margaret Turner	Maryann McNamara Bredenia Raquel Fiona Watson	Skadiang Family
8.30am	Mike Westbrook	Kirsten Collins	Betty Natoli Frank Ozzimo Paul Polidano	
9.00am	Helen Norman	Bernard Charnley	Pat Bond Margaret Mangan Peter Norman	Maria Robson
10.00am	Miriam Ayoub	Vianney Shiel	Pat Rowland Carmel Shiel Geraldine Williams	TBA

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:
Norman Ronald (Ron) Chambers
Recently Deceased:
Laurie Sheehan

Christmas Mass Times 2018

20th Dec - Reconciliation Service 7.30pm
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.

TGI'S Templestowe Parish's YOUTH GROUP

A big "Thank You" to Rebecca Sandwell and her amazing team of helpers in ensuring that our End Of Year Celebration, held last Sunday was an outstanding success! The Mass was lovely, the BBQ delicious and of course it was a wonderful opportunity to catch up with Youth Group members of our St Kevin's Community. Well done to everyone who assisted in any way. We look forward to having you all back again and supporting our Youth Groups in 2019. A blessed and safe Christmas to all.

A time to think back over the joyful moments of the year ... and be thankful.

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

Where do snowmen go to dance?

To a Snowball!

Why did the mechanic sleep under the car?

He wanted to get up oily in the morning!

On Monday, 17th December

our St Kevin's school has a Carols Service to which you are all invited. It will begin at 6.30pm in the Church.



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.

Plenary Council – The Structure of the PC

This is a submission our Parish has sent to a number of Bishops and the Plenary Committee. If you have been holding back on writing a submission – perhaps this will help overcome your reticence and/or give you something else about which to write. Remember, you can write to: Plenary Council Facilitation Team, PO Box 747, North Sydney, NSW 2059

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In his 2015 Advent address, Pope Francis spoke of Mary as 'carrying the hope of God in her heart'.

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.

St Kevin's Parish Christmas Appeal

Our Appeal in support of the Missionaries of Charity in Fitzroy and the vulnerable people they support at Christmas was a great success.

Both Parish Schools provided wonderful gifts for all the members of 10 nominated families. There was less emphasis on donated food items this year, but, through the Social Justice collections at Masses during November, more than \$2260 was raised to allow the Sisters to buy suitable food and Christmas items to help with their celebrations.

Well done to everyone. We are looking for someone to manage this appeal next year. Very easy! Very rewarding!

***Inspirational Quotes From Christian
Meditation Network***

Meditation is like a pilgrimage or a journey.

Two things are asked of the pilgrim: firstly, do not rest on the way. Do not say "I have gone far enough; I am getting tired."

Secondly, do not say "This is a peaceful spot. I want to say awhile." The pilgrim must put aside both these feelings. These are distractions. Return to your mantra. The Journey is always to the oneness of God. This call, the dream that Jesus prepared, is clearly written in our hearts. Keep the dream alive. Discover the power-source that is God.

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.

About Liturgy – No sourpusses allowed!

In Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis quotes Pope John XXIII's speech at the opening of Vatican II and his statement that we must disagree with "those prophets of doom" who see nothing hopeful in the world. Then Francis says, "One of the more serious temptations which stifles boldness and zeal is a defeatism which turns us into querulous and disillusioned pessimists, "sourpusses" (85). You have to love a pope that uses the word "sourpusses" in an official papal exhortation! Earlier that year, in one of his intimate daily Mass homilies at the Vatican's Casa Santa Marta, Francis said, "We can't proclaim Jesus with funeral faces" (May 31, 2013). And still again at an earlier homily, "Sometimes these melancholic Christians' faces have more in common with pickled peppers than the joy of having a beautiful life" (May 10, 2013).

Herlihys Road Closure – Tuesday, 18th Dec

We have received notification from Australian Traffic Control that Herlihys Road will be partially closed this Tuesday due to Power Works. More information and a detailed map is on the noticeboard in the Gathering Space.