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**Pastoral Worker:** Mrs Rebecca Sandwell



## 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.

19/20<sup>th</sup> January, 2019

Year C

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Entrance Antiphon

All the earth shall bow down  
before you, O God,  
and shall sing to you,  
shall sing to your name,  
O Most High!

#### Responsorial Psalm

Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all  
the nations.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to  
share in the glory of our  
Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

#### Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear us we pray.

#### Communion Antiphon

You have prepared a table  
before me,  
and how precious is the chalice that  
quenches my thirst.



#### *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

We begin the year of Luke (as too with the other  
2 years!) with the gospel of John!  
The lovely wedding feast at Cana story.  
As we begin Ordinary Time, we give thanks for  
all the blessings of the Christmas season.

#### *Questions to Ponder...*

- Q. In the first reading from Isaiah we see our relationship to God as that of a bride and bridegroom. One metaphor alone cannot contain the mystery of our covenant with God. In what ways is this metaphor helpful and true for you in your spiritual journey?
- Q. In the psalm we are encouraged to "sing to the Lord a new song." Where might God be calling you to "newness" in your own life?
- Q. Read through the list of spiritual gifts in the second reading (1 Cor 12: 8-10). What gifts do you recognise in your own life and community? Which gifts are your community in need of at this moment in time?
- Q. Jesus' signs disclose himself and the kingdom of God to us. What does today's gospel about the wedding feast in Cana reveal to you about Jesus' nature and kingdom?

**Asphalting** Great theory to get over in a week! Too hot they say – SORRY. We'll keep you posted re when you can park your cars.

# 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 @ St Kevin's Chapel

**Thursday:** 9.15am @ St Kevin's Chapel

**Friday:** 9.15am @ St Kevin's Chapel

## Christian Meditation –

Wednesdays @ 9.30am in the Parish Chapel

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

## 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*

### Funerals:

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

### Parish Tennis Club:

Social and Competition.

Please ring Paul 9846 2083

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## GOSPEL FOCUS

### The best wine

*The steward comments that the best wine had been kept until the end of the wedding celebration – a clever use of an image for Jesus. Remembering the use of wedding imagery to describe the relationship between the people of Israel and God, the wedding feast is celebration of that relationship, and at the very heart of the celebration and the relationship is Jesus. He is the best wine that is kept until the end – the ‘finishing touch’ to a magnificent celebration, just as he is the ‘finishing touch’ to the relationship between God and God’s people to that point.*

### More Questions to Ponder...

- Q. Why do you think Mary brings the wine issue to Jesus' attention?
- Q. Why might Jesus have been reluctant to perform a miracle at this time?
- Q. Why does Mary seem to force the issue when Jesus has tried to side-step it?
- Q. What might the servants have said to one another after the wedding banquet?

### Excerpt from “Living Baptism Daily”...

When we share the body and blood of the Lord, we must always remember that we share it with all the other members of his body. Communion is never a private matter between Jesus and me. It always unites me to all those who share the one bread and one cup.

### LAST WEEK'S GIVING

Envelopes	\$ 885.00
Direct Debit/Credit Card	\$ <u>1,040.00</u>
Total	\$ <u>1,925.00 (1)</u>
Priests' Living Costs	\$ 995.00
Number of Envelopes	41
(1) Weekly Pledged amount	\$3,020.65
<i>Please contact the office if you would like to join.</i>	

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#### What's new in our website this week...

- Details of Fr Ray Sanchez' Retreat with us.
- Article by Hugh Mackay entitled “Religion can lift us to a higher plane.”
- Article by Isabelle and Jean-Christophe entitled “Is Europe(/Australia) Still Christian?”

## LITURGY ROSTER

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 26/27<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**1<sup>st</sup> Read: Nehemiah 8: 2-6, 8-10 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: 1 Cor 12: 12-30 Gospel: Luke 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21**

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion	Welcomers
5.30pm	Le Gall Family	Le Gall Family	Lucy Halliburton Maryann McNamara Bredenia Raquel	
8.30am	Mike Westbrook	Rebecca Sandwell	Betty Natoli Frank Ozzimo Paul Polidano	
9.00am	Helen Norman	Margaret Mangan	Pat Bond Christine Flannery Dianne Flannery	Maria Robson
10.00am	Julie O'Donnell	Johnson Family	Mary Calleja Betty Natoli Tony Whelan	

***We pray for Better Health:*** 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.

***Anniversaries:*** Michael De Luca, Giuseppe Giannini, Maria Egan, Margaret Materazzo, Vito Adamo, Bryan O'Toole & Mario Bolzonello.

***Plenary Postcards*** Thank you for sending them off. If you wish us at the Parish to post them, we shall do so on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January. So please bring them back to us as soon as possible.

***Fr Ray Sanchez is coming!***

Please take note that the wonderfully engaging Passionist Priest, Fr Ray Sanchez, will be giving us a series of morning talks to continue updating our faith. The week is from Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February to Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March. A brief summary of his week's retreat is on the noticeboard and in our website.

***Quotes from our Pope Francis...***

Please do not look at life from the balcony, but commit yourself, immerse yourselves in the large social and political dialogue.

***Counselling at St John's Heidelberg***

If you have a lot on your mind, it can be helpful to talk with a counsellor. A private and confidential space is offered in the newly appointed counselling room at St John's Parish House, Heidelberg. Julie Jensen provides this free service to parishioners. She specialises in the loss and grief associated with experiencing life events. Julie holds post graduate qualifications in counselling and is a Certified Bereavement Practitioner recognised by the Australian Centre for Grief and Bereavement. For more information, please contact Julie on 0411 241 005 or [julie@changesinbetween.com](mailto:julie@changesinbetween.com)

***Gathered Around the Table*** A preacher was completing a temperance sermon. With great expression he said, "If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river." With even greater emphasis he said, "And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river." And in conclusion, he said, "And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river." He sat down. The song leader then stood very cautiously and announced with a smile, "For our closing song, let us sing hymn number 365: 'Shall We Gather at the River.'"

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

Faithfulness to the mantra, from beginning to end, brings us to simplicity because it enables us to leave self behind. Our survival, spiritually and physically, depends on recovering an awareness of the redeeming power of poverty, purity and simplicity.

This is the way of the mantra. 'It is not ourselves we proclaim; we proclaim Christ Jesus and ourselves as servants for Jesus' sake.' (2 Cor 4:5)

# **SHALOM WORLD**

## **OFFICIAL MEDIA PARTNER FOR WYD, PANAMA 2019**

The largest youth event of the Church, the World Youth Day from Panama, will be broadcast LIVE on Shalom World Television from January 22 to 27.

Shalom World is named by the Archdiocese of Panama to be the official media partner of World Youth Day 2019, giving audiences around the world a chance to participate in the world's largest spectacular youth event.

The live coverage will include all major WYD occurrences, including events with Pope Francis and will be featured in English and Spanish during January 22-27 on **shalomworld.org/wyd**.

**St Josephine Bakhita** We are all most heartily invited to attend the Vigil Mass to celebrate the Feast of St Josephine Bakhita and to mark the International Day of Prayer, Reflection and Action Against Human Trafficking. Mass will be celebrated:

**Time: 7.30pm**      **Date: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

**Place: St Patrick's Cathedral**

**Celebrant: Archbishop Peter A Comensoli**

**RSVP/Inquiries: [justice@cam.org.au](mailto:justice@cam.org.au)**

N.B.: Holy Hour will be celebrated as usual at 6.30pm

Our primary guide through the two parts of this year's Ordinary Time is the gospel writer Luke. Each of the four gospels has a unique perspective on the story of Jesus. Scripture scholar Brendan Byrne SJ suggests reading Luke through the lens of hospitality – both human and divine. The divine visitor-guest, Jesus Christ, returns the hospitality he receives. What he offers is the "hospitality of God" that invites humanity and creation into a home where salvation may be experienced (*The Hospitality of God*. Sydney: St Paul's, 2000). Luke's gospel is also distinguished by the fact that it does not stand alone, it has a companion volume, the Acts of the Apostles. On the Sundays of Ordinary Time we hear an Old Testament reading (accompanied by a psalm) that in some ways relates to the gospel. This year the independent second reading comes from a greater variety of New Testament writings than usual. There are extracts from Paul's letters to the Corinthians, Galatians, Thessalonians and Philemon, from letters attributed to Paul (Colossians and 1 and 2 Timothy), and from the letter to the Hebrews (of unknown authorship). A rich feast of the word of God lies before us.

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