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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.

**23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> March, 2019**

**Year C**

### Third Sunday of Lent

#### Entrance Antiphon

My eyes are always on the Lord,  
for he rescues my feet from  
the snare.

Turn to me and have mercy on me,  
for I am alone and poor.

#### Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is compassion and love.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God,  
Lord Jesus Christ!

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of  
the world; give me living water,  
that I may never thirst again.

Glory to you, Word of God,  
Lord Jesus Christ!

#### Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord you are always there for us,  
please hear our prayer.

#### Communion Antiphon

For anyone who drinks it,  
says the Lord,  
the water I shall give will become in  
him a spring welling up to  
eternal life.

**LENT**

**A Special Welcome** to students, staff, families and friends of Senior Level of our St Kevin's Primary School who are enfleshing our Eucharist this Saturday evening. We shall also bless and send forth Fulvia Gerolisimo on your behalf (see below).

#### ***Major announcement concerning our sister community of Patupat***

We have done such a good job that Kadasig (the overarching body of our Philippine connection) have suggested that Patupat can now be largely self-sufficient!! Well done us and them! Consequently, Kadasig has asked us to take on a new community. This is the community of LOYO.

St Kevin's teacher Fulvia Gerolisimo is going to represent us at the end of the month. She will come back with more information to help us understand the needs of LOYO.

However, rest assured, Kadasig is keeping an eye on our friends in Paupat and we shall maintain a small presence there.

**The Melbourne Passion Play** will be in its 23<sup>rd</sup> year of production this Easter season. This FREE event will take place in the open, at the grounds of the Holy Cross Centre on Palm Sunday at 1.30pm and Good Friday at 10.00am.



# 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 in the Chapel

**Thursday:** 9.15am in the Chapel

**Friday:** 9.15am in the Chapel

## Christian Meditation –

Wednesdays @ 9.30am in the Parish Chapel

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

## DIARY DATES FOR APRIL/MAY:

5<sup>th</sup> Chapel Mass with St Kevin's  
Middle Level

11<sup>th</sup> Communal Penance Service

13<sup>th</sup> ACU Gathering re Plenary Themes

18<sup>th</sup> Holy Thursday Mass @ 7.30pm

19<sup>th</sup> Good Friday Service @ 3.00pm

20<sup>th</sup> Easter Vigil @ 7.00pm

21<sup>st</sup> Easter Sunday Masses @ 8.30  
and 10.00am

24<sup>th</sup> St Kevin's School Holy  
Week/Easter Liturgy

26<sup>th</sup> St Kevin's School Anzac Day Service

27<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Commitment Mass

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18<sup>th</sup> Vigil Mass hosted by  
St Charles Borromeo Level 1/2

**Plenary Council** Last Wednesday, the parishes of Cheltenham, Grovedale, Kilmore, Parkville and ourselves invited 50 other parishes to send representatives to a meeting on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> April. Our representatives will be two from our Parish Council Sub-Committee (Tony Byrne and Peter Sheehan). The purpose of the meeting is to draft a statement to send to the Plenary Committee. The full letter is on our website.

## Communal Penance Service

Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> April  
at 7.30pm.



## Thoughts and Prayers to New Zealand

*They are us.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims.*

*They loved our community.*

*We represent diversity, kindness and compassion.*

*These values shall not be overtaken.*

All these quotes are from Jacinda Adern but is she describing St Kevin's at our best?

## Scriptural context – Parables

The parable of the unproductive fig tree at the end of today's passage is not a straightforward story with a clear message. Indeed, this is a hallmark of the style of storytelling that we call 'parable'. A parable is deliberately open to interpretation at different levels. In the first instance, today's parable is a simple farming story. However, the original audience knew (as we know) that there had to be more to the story. Parables use metaphoric and symbolic language that invites the listener or reader to explore deeper and find a meaning that lies beyond the literal.

## LAST WEEK'S GIVING

Envelopes	\$ 630.00
Direct Debit/Credit Card	\$ <u>1,040.00</u>
Total	\$ <u>1,670.00 (1)</u>
Priests' Living Costs:	\$ 944.00
Number of Envelopes:	40
(1) Weekly Pledged amount	\$3,020.65

Please contact the office if you would like to join.

## stkevinsparish.org.au

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

*Why do prominent Catholics remain faithful?*

A couple of inspiring articles appear on our website this week. Plus a Benedictine Abbess from a well respected monastery joins the growing call for women priests.

# LITURGY ROSTER

Fourth Sunday of Lent – 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> March 2019

1<sup>st</sup> Read: Joshua 5: 9-12 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5: 17-21 Gospel: Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion	Welcomers
5.30pm	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	Margaret Mangan	Bernard Charnley Christine Flannery Dianne Flannery	Maria Robson
10.00am	Mishika Perera	Michael Lynch	Lyn Robinson Tony Robinson Tony Whelan	

**We pray for Better Health:** Fr Kevin Hennesy, Br John McMahon, Salvatore Scaffidi, Wilma Barrow, Susan Turner, Pauline Maloney, Marie Reichert, Kaye Ohara, Frank Connellan, Tess Uniake, Yvonne Wilson and Jane O'Brien.

**Anniversaries:** Corina Bertolini, Val Giannarelli, Augusta Gianninni (Raffaella Dinelli's Sister) and Giuseppina Ziino

**Recently Deceased:**

## Project Compassion –

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help provide essential care, employment and training for First Australians.



## Confirmation Commitment

**Masses** will be held on the weekend of 27/28<sup>th</sup> April. Come along and support and pray together with our parish families as our children continue along their faith journey.

## EASTER CEREMONIES

To assist in making our Easter Ceremonies even more meaningful, our Liturgy Committee, along with Fr Gerry, have decided to temporarily change the layout of the Church setting.

This includes setting up a temporary altar, changing the position of the organ, chairs, lectern, etc.

The idea is to enhance and improve on our Church atmosphere for the Easter Season.

All will be “back to normal” by Pentecost Sunday.

## A quote from Joan Chittister (a modern day visionary):

Some people aren't happy unless they're unhappy. Beware. Negativity is an infectious disease. Find someone else with whom to enjoy life before you lose your own.

## Super Supper –

**(after the Vigil Mass at 7pm, 20<sup>th</sup> April)**

The PAB and helpers invite you to join with your fellow parishioners in a fitting celebration in our Gathering Space after the Vigil Mass. A shared plate for supper would be most appreciated if you will be attending. This will help to mark the joyous celebration of Christ's Resurrection. Drinks and music will be provided! Trish Wilson (PAB)

## An important Holy Thursday

**reminder...** We are both givers and receivers, those who have and those who need. At the heart of service is mutuality: we learn from those we teach and are healed by those we tend.



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Please be generous on this wonderful night, in both washing a foot and having your own foot washed.



For information on our Parish Schools please contact:

**St Kevin's Primary School**  
Phone: 9850 4609

**St Charles Borromeo Primary School**  
Phone: 9842 7634

*Happy Easter!*

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

The more we enter into the mystery of unity, the more human we become. By deepening the commitment to our own human journey, we also deepen our commitment to humanity. We are committed to Christ, to the whole of creation, to the struggles and hopes of our people, of our nation, of our community. Every part of life is deepened when we enter the mystery of Christ. The sure way to this is through the daily practice of meditation.

Meditation is the way of love through our commitment.

### **EASTER TIMETABLE**

11<sup>th</sup> April: Communal Penance Service at 7.30pm

18<sup>th</sup> April: Holy Thursday at 7.30pm

19<sup>th</sup> April: Good Friday at 3.00pm

20<sup>th</sup> April: Easter Vigil at 7.00pm

21<sup>st</sup> April: Easter Sunday at 8.30 and 10.00am

**Help Wanted!** The Easter Ceremonies are fast approaching and as we enter into this extremely busy time of the Liturgical Year, we are seeking some extra Readers and Commentators please for all Services. Please contact Jill Hodson on [thehodsons62@hotmail.com](mailto:thehodsons62@hotmail.com) if you can help.

### **Gospel Focus – Repent**

Throughout the gospels, Jesus challenged the prevailing 'purity codes' that separated and classified people. The Jewish religious officials of the day were obsessed with the 'letter of the Law' as it applied to purity observance. Jesus told them that a spirit of compassion was much more important than the blind adherence to the Law. He suggests that it is not the lack of observance of purity codes that makes a person 'unclean' or 'sinful'; rather, it is lack of compassion informing their actions towards others. The call to 'repent' is a call to complete conversion of heart – to take on an attitude of compassion.

**SPARC Worship Night** The parish of Ss Peter & Paul's are inviting all to a Lent Worship Night at their Church on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> March at 7.15pm. It will be an evening of song, prayer and adoration. As we prepare for Easter, we invite you to carve out some time to join them in preparing your hearts for this occasion.

**TGI'S**

*Templestowe  
Parish's*

## **YOUTH GROUP**

### **We had a great turn out last Saturday!**

Great to see so many familiar faces return and of course a big welcome to our "newbies".

Youth Group is going strong and we can't wait to see you again at our next event on Saturday, 18th May, 6.45pm-8.45pm.

Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks.

### **Fr Ray Sanchez**

Remember last month's parish mission? Wasn't it great! We want to keep alive our conversations at that time. We the Pastoral Council wish to refresh, reflect and re-invigorate our "learnings", so we are going to organise some groups to add to our growth. Please express to the Parish House your interest and best time for a group.

We are seeking a donation of a portable basketball hoop with stand. If you or anyone you know has one and is happy to donate it, please contact Rebecca at the Parish House. Thank you.