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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.

19/20th October, 2019

Year C

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catholic Mission Sunday

St Charles Borromeo School Senior Level Mass

Entrance Antiphon

To you I call;
for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings
protect me

Responsorial Psalm

Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives
of our heart.

Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Loving God please hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon

Behold, the eyes of the Lord
are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

A warm welcome to St Charles' Borromeo Levels 5 & 6 children, families and school staff helping us to celebrate our 5.30pm Eucharist.

Thoughts to mull over from today's Readings:

1. If I had been Moses, I would have
 - a. taken a sword and led the troops into battle.
 - b. prayed while the army fought.
 - c. expected victory.
 - d. wondered why God brought us out of Egypt.
 - e. been grateful for Aaron and Hur.
 - f. felt I did my part to win the battle.
2. The gospel urges us to
 - a. pray constantly.
 - b. stand up for our rights.
 - c. believe that God and people will help us.
 - d. believe God will help us.
 - e. keep working for justice.
3. God delays in helping people because God
 - a. prefers to let nature take its course.
 - b. won't go against people's free will.
 - c. wants us to see the opportunity in every crisis.
 - d. gets conflicting prayers.
 - e. knows how little we value instant answers.
 - f. knows best.

SPIRITUAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

Adoration –

Each weekday @ 8.30am and
7.15-8.15pm on Wednesday evening

Masses this week -

Tuesday: 11.00am @ Mercy Place

Thursday: 11.00am @ Ashby Aged Care

Friday: 9.15am @ St Kevin's Chapel

Saturday: 5.30pm (Vigil)

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

Christian Meditation –

Wednesdays @ 9.30am in the Parish Chapel

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

DIARY DATES FOR OCT/NOV:

19th St Charles Mass hosted by 5/6

TGI's Youth Group Session 6.30pm

22nd Mass @ Mercy Place

23rd Needlecraft Session @ 1.00pm

24th Mass @ Ashby Aged Care

26th Baptism Presentation 5.30pm

Mass hosted by St Kevin's Junior level

27th TGI's Teens Session 4.30pm

29th Liturgy Team Meeting @ 7.30pm

30th Needlecraft Session @ 1.00pm

31st St Charles Borromeo

Feast Day Mass @ 9.15am

5th Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Plenary Council Update: Remember the 6 themes the Plenary Council Committee has given us? -

How is God calling us to be a Christ-Centred Church in Australia that is:

- * inclusive-participatory-synodal?
- * open to conversion, renewal and reform?
- * Prayerful and Eucharistic?
- * humble, healing and merciful?
- * a joyful, hope-filled & servant community?
- * missionary and evangelising?

Beginning today, and continuing each week leading to mid November, we will be discussing each of these themes, and promotional material will be included in our Mass Presentations and displayed around our Church to assist with any ideas that may arise for you. Please diarise the workshop dates. *You* are potential leaders in the movement towards much needed reform.

This weekend our parish is holding the annual **Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal**.

The Eden Gardens Children's Home has been supporting the physical and spiritual needs of children for nearly 50 years, allowing them the opportunity to dream big and achieve their goals. The home currently provides 250 children from disadvantaged backgrounds with basic needs, such as food and water, education and a safe home, as well as faith formation through activities like daily Mass, praying the rosary and catechism. However, with challenges such as lack of water, the home urgently needs to update their infrastructure to continue providing practical and spiritual support to the children. Today, in the midst of this Extraordinary Missionary Month celebration, you have the opportunity to support the children at the Eden Gardens Children's Home, and similar projects around the world, by becoming a monthly giving partner. Your one-off gift today is also very much appreciated and will make a great difference to those in need.

LAST WEEK'S GIVING

Envelopes	\$ 825.00
Direct Debit/Credit Card	\$ <u>1,040.00</u>
Total	\$ <u>1,865.00 (1)</u>
Priests' Living Costs:	\$ 955.00
Number of Envelopes:	39
(1) Weekly Pledged amount	\$3,020.65

Please contact the office if you would like to join.

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

- "Pope Francis and the Synod: Recovering our History to Reform the Church" by Massimo Faggioli.
- "The Good Words of John Henry Newman" by Andrew Hamilton.
- Gospel Reflections by our schoolchildren.

LITURGY ROSTER

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 26/27th October 2019

1st Read: Eccles 35: 12-14, 16-19 2nd Read: 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18 Gospel: Luke 18: 9-14

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion	Welcomers
5.30pm	Carmen Childs	Le Gall Family	De-anne McAdams Maryann McNamara Bredenia Raquel	St Kevin's School
8.30am	Kirsten Collins	Rebecca Sandwell	Betty Natoli Frank Ozzimo Paul Polidano	Cannon Family
9.00am	Des Thornton	Helen Norman	Bernard Charnley Dianne Flannery Marlene Thornton	Maria Robson
10.00am	Julie O'Donnell	Lucy Halliburton	Mary Calleja Geraldine Williams Tony Whelan	Cirianni Family

We pray for Better Health: Madeleine Hill, Caroline Muscat, the Curmi Family, Salvatore Scaffidi, Betty Natoli, Carmela Orsillo, Michelle McIntosh, Kim Bedford, Josh (our Youth Minister), Mike Westbrook and Don Mullin.

Anniversaries: Mary Bonnici (mother of Rose Curmi), Orazio Torre (father of Tiziana D'Costa) and Eahle Kim (5th)

Recently Deceased:

Sustainability - Stop Flushing Wet Wipes

A major problem currently exists regarding the suitability of wet wipes to be flushed down the toilet. Unfortunately, a huge oversight in packaging laws means companies can advertise their wet wipes as being "flushable" simply because they will disappear when flushed, without taking into account the long-term repercussions of the product on plumbing systems. In February, a one-tonne cluster of wet wipes blew out a pumping station near Lake Macquarie, requiring specialised equipment to remove the blockage. 300 kilograms had to be removed by hand, one bucket at a time. And that's at just one council. In short, wet wipes should not be flushed under any circumstances. If you must use, put it in the bin. Wet wipes may say they're flushable but they're not.

At the last **Parish Pastoral Council** meeting, we were delighted to welcome Silvana and our newest member Liz Rimes.

Items discussed -

- TGI's Youth Group, its success and continuing on in 2020.
- The Plenary Council Phase 2 and the Parish's involvement over the coming weeks.
- Archbishop Peter Comensoli and the Joint Parish Statement.
- Fr Gerry, Jan and Peter Sheehan's encouraging meeting with Bishop Vincent Long.
- Successful creation of 2 new Parish committees - Child Safety and an Environmental group

Well Done to our very own **Maree Holt** whose artwork is included in an exhibition entitled **"The Reason We Paint"**.

This exhibition will run from 23rd October – 3rd November at the Australian Guild of Realist Artists Gallery, 1 Inglesby Rd, Camberwell, with the Gala Opening on **Saturday, 26th October @ 2pm**. For information, please call 9882 5859.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

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ST KEVIN'S

Contributions towards our second collection for the month of October are going towards the victims of the bushfires in NSW and Queensland.

The next **Liturgy Team**

Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 29th October at 7.30pm in the Parish House. We look forward to seeing you all there. The main agenda items will be planning for Advent and plenary Council.

For information on our Parish Schools please contact:

St Kevin's Primary School
Phone: 9273 9999

St Charles Borromeo Primary School
Phone: 9842 7634

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FOR TEENS

TGI'S TEENS GROUP

Our next gathering is on Sunday
27th October, 4.30-7.30-pm.

A great way to keep in touch with
friends, reconnect with old ones
and make new ones!

Contact the team at
tgiyg17@gmail.com

Good News for Mohsen Esaghi.
He has now been reunited with
his wife Farnoos and baby here
in Melbourne.

Thank you for your prayers.
His family is now complete.

The **Foodbank at St Charles Borromeo** is running short of supply. If you are able to contribute some meals, please ensure that ingredients are listed on outside packaging. These can be left at the school office.

Inspirational Quotes From Christian Meditation Network

Through meditation our life finds inner meaning. If we are disciplined enough, we can find our own inner harmony with God. No one can be content to live their life at 10% of its potential. Each of us must live at 100% of our potential. To do this we must enter the inner life of God. We are not just called to inner harmony with God but in God. This is our call: to find peace beyond ourselves in God. The way is the practice of daily meditation, through saying the mantra.

"The Church is on mission in the world"

– Pope Francis, message for Mission Sunday 2019

During the third week of this **Extraordinary Missionary Month**, we reflect on how all the baptised, in small daily steps, contribute to the work of mission: 'Faith in Jesus Christ enables us to see all things in their proper perspective, as we view the world with God's own eyes and heart' (message for Mission Sunday 2019). May our eyes and heart be opened to the needs of the world around us as we encourage a missionary spirit in our communities this week.

Have Your Voice Heard!

Voices of Hope and Challenge Conference 2019
November 15-17 @ Yarra Theological Union
98 Albion Road, Box Hill

"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia?"
Join with others as we, the 'People of God', endeavour to ensure that the upcoming Plenary Council is an effective means of renewing and reforming our Church as it faces very challenging times.

More information is available on the noticeboard.

If a dog was your teacher, you would learn stuff like: * Nap and stretch before rising
* When loved ones come home, always run to greet them * Run, romp and play daily
* Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride * Never pretend to be something you're not
* Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy * Be loyal
* When it's in your best interest-practice obedience * Avoid biting when a simple growl will do
* Let others know when they've invaded your territory * Delight in the simple joy of a long walk
* Thrive on attention and let people touch you * If what you want lies buried, dig till you find it
* On warm days, stop to lie on your back in the grass * No matter how often you're scolded, don't buy into the guilt thing and pout ... run right back and make friends
* On hot days, drink lots of water and lay under a shady tree
* When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body
* Eat with gusto and enthusiasm. stop when you have had enough
* When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently.