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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.

**30<sup>th</sup>/1<sup>st</sup> December, 2019**

**Year A**

### **Baptisms Weekend First Sunday of Advent**

#### **Entrance Antiphon**

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.  
In you, I have trusted;  
let me not be put to shame.  
Nor let my enemies exult over me;  
and let none who hope in you be put  
to shame.

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

Let us go rejoicing to the house of  
the Lord.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.  
Alleluia!

#### **Response to Prayers of the Faithful**

Loving God please hear our prayer.

#### **Communion Antiphon**

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our  
earth shall yield its increase.



FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

### *ADVENT FAMILY PRAYER*

Dear God, thank you for giving us  
these four weeks to prepare to  
celebrate the birth of your Son.

We are so thankful for all the  
people who help us along this path  
we're travelling to welcome Jesus.

God, bless our family and prepare  
our home and hearts to welcome  
your Son, Jesus Christ, into the  
world.

AMEN.



# SPIRITUAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

## Adoration –

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

## Masses this week –

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

**Thursday:** 11.00am @ St Kevin's Church  
followed by Drop-In Luncheon.

**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 NOV/DEC:

**30<sup>th</sup>** Baptism Mass @ 5.30pm

**1<sup>st</sup>** Baptism Mass @ 10.00am  
Parish Working Bee @ 11.00am

**3<sup>rd</sup>** Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

**4<sup>th</sup>** Needlecraft Session @ 1.00pm

**5<sup>th</sup>** Mass followed by Drop-In Lunch

**10<sup>th</sup>** St Kevin's Graduation Mass 6pm

**11<sup>th</sup>** Needlecraft Session @ 1.00pm  
Reconciliation Service @ 7.30pm

**12<sup>th</sup>** St Charles' Graduation Mass 6pm

**17<sup>th</sup>** Mass @ Mercy Place @ 11.00am  
Mass @ St Charles @ 11.45am

## The First Sunday of Advent

The Advent season begins where Ordinary Time left off – with the coming of Christ at the end of time. Paul and Matthew issue an urgent call for us to be vigilant, to be awake and ready for the day of the Lord. The note of warning in their message is counter-balanced by the vision of the prophet Isaiah. He foresees a time of peace, a world illuminated by the light of the Lord. This work of the Lord is something to rejoice in, as the psalm makes clear. The call to watch out for the coming of the Lord may seem like a threat, but is meant to challenge us to be fully alive in the here and now. The mission of Jesus was to set us free, not to leave us imprisoned in fear or anxiety. "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full" (John 10: 10). We are always at risk of becoming obsessed with our needs and wants, blinded by the 'way things are', weighed down by our struggles and limitations. This first Sunday of Advent summons us into a world of grace, to lift up our heads, open our eyes, and see the work of God around us.

## Some More Advent Thoughts...

What are the waiting moments that you experience? How can our St Kevin's community accompany you? "Let us rethink our usual way of doing things; let us open our eyes and ears and above all our hearts, so as not to be complacent about things as they are but unsettled by the living and effective Word".  
(Pope Francis – Gaudete et Exsultate).

## Drop-In Get Together

The final Drop-In Get Together for this year will be held next Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> December beginning with Eucharist at 11.00am followed by lunch. Come along and catch up with other members of our St Kevin's Community. All are welcome and lunch is provided. Further enquiries to Pat Rowland on 9850 3387 or 0425 744 903.

## LAST WEEK'S GIVING

Envelopes	\$ 525.00
Direct Debit/Credit Card	\$ <u>1,040.00</u>
Total	\$ <u>1,565.00 (1)</u>
Priests' Living Costs:	\$ 975.00
Number of Envelopes:	38
(1) Weekly Pledged amount	\$3,020.65
<i>Please contact the office if you would like to join.</i>	

## SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST KEVIN'S

The month of December is our "**Philippines month**". This year, we have our new sister school, "**Loyo**" to support as well as Charity Graff's orphanage/home for 140 babies, children and young adults, "**Gentle Hands**". You have always been very generous in the past – thank you in anticipation.

## LITURGY ROSTER

**Second Sunday of Advent – 7/8<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 11: 1-10    2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 15: 4-9    Gospel: Matthew 3: 1-12**

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion	Welcomers
5.30pm	Carmen Childs	D'Costa Family	De-anne McAdams Lynne O'Brien Bredenia Raquel	Skadiang Families
8.30am	Mike Westbrook	Kirsten Collins	Betty Natoli Frank Ozzimo Paul Polidano	Volunteer Family
9.00am	Bernard Charnley	Margaret Mangan	Christine Flannery Dianne Flannery Jo Ridgeway	Maria Robson
10.00am	Michael Lynch	Johnson Family	Betty Natoli Geraldine Williams Tony Whelan	Cirianni Family

**We pray for Better Health:** Michelle McIntosh, Mike Westbrook, Don Mullin, Mary Brady, Ana Lieza Van Nieu Kirk, Loretta Kearney and Salvatore Scaffidi.

**Anniversaries:** Benita Mabo (1) and Matthew Wilkins

**Recently Deceased:**

***Sustainability*** – A great site to reference for the Scientific story  
[NASA: Climate Change and Global Warming](https://climate.nasa.gov)  
<https://climate.nasa.gov>  
 Vital Signs of the Planet: **Global Climate Change and Global Warming.**  
 Current news and data streams about global warming and climate change from NASA.  
[The Causes of Climate Change](#)  
[Global Warming vs. Climate ...](#)  
[Global Ice Viewer](#)

***Next Sunday at 10am Mass*** we shall have the pleasure and privilege of welcoming 2 adults and 2 children who are wishing to be baptised. Saturday night people know well Moshen, Farnoos and their children. In these challenging and diminishing times for the Church, how interesting and a sign of hope that the Holy Spirit at St Kevin's community again goes against the tide with new life!

### **Christmas Support for the Missionaries of Charity, Fitzroy**

Through the Social Justice Group, the Parish is once again assisting the Missionaries of Charity to provide Christmas Cheer to some of the families that they see on a regular basis. During November we have been using the second collection at Mass to provide funds for the Missionaries to provide food parcels relevant to the customs and origins of those they serve. In addition we will be collecting Christmas Celebration items such as Christmas cakes and puddings, fruit mince tarts, chocolates, table decorations, and other items associated with Christmas. These can be left at Masses. They will be delivered to the Sisters on Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. As in previous years students from both Parish schools are gathering and packing gifts for each member of 10 families selected by the Missionaries. These too will be delivered on December 10<sup>th</sup>. If you and your family would like to be involved this year and in future years please contact Leo on 0418 223 166.

***Voices of Hope and Challenge Conference of Mid November*** papers are now available online. Much good material –  
<https://ytu.edu.au/voices-of-hope-and-challenge-conference-2019/>  
 Especially recommend John Warhurst, Rosie Joyce and Mary Coloe presentations.



For information on our Parish  
Schools please contact:

**St Kevin's Primary School**  
Phone: 9273 9999

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

## ST KEVIN'S PARISH BLANKET RAFFLE

**A great opportunity** to win some lovingly created bespoke blankets, all 100% handmade by our highly skilled Artisans.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize A gorgeously warm large-sized blanket.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize A beautifully created medium-sized blanket.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize A charming and traditional baby blanket.

What a perfect opportunity to own these special keepsakes for yourself or they will make lovely gifts – Christmas is just around the corner after all. Tickets are on sale after all Masses at a cost of \$1 per ticket or 6 for \$5. This raffle will be drawn after Sunday morning's Mass on 8<sup>th</sup> December. All funds raised will go towards purchasing additional materials to keep this hard-working group going to further assist members of our parish community and beyond.

**Also**, we have some cards with beautiful artwork on sale @ \$5 each. These cards have been donated by a generous parishioner. Thank you everyone for supporting our fundraising efforts.



St Kevin's Parish warmly welcomes  
through the Sacrament of Baptism...

**Kiera Xiayu Barr**  
Daughter of Cameron and Jie (Carol)

**Liam Parnham**  
Son of Nicholas and Megan

and

**Luca Gianni Poggiolini**  
Son of Mario and Lauren  
Little brother of Gabriella

**Please note** Christmas Day is a Wednesday this year. The Liturgy Committee is putting a lot of work into helping us prepare. They have made the 4 weekends of Advent into a unique package and urge each one of us to fully participate. Please be aware that there will **not** be a 9am Mass at Holy Cross on Christmas Day.

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

**Thank You from Greg Thomas**  
I am so grateful for the beautiful Mass last weekend and to everyone who came to help celebrate the Eucharist as a community.  
Thank you for such a special gift and I look forward to sitting in my garden reflecting and giving thanks for the seven amazing years I spent with you all.  
A special thank you to Fr Gerry, we are blessed to have him guiding us on our faith journey.  
God bless you all and thank you for your hospitality.  
Every blessing  
Greg

## Christmas Mass Times 2019

**11<sup>th</sup> Dec - Reconciliation Service 7.30pm**

**24<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Eve 5.30pm Carols**

**6.00pm Mass**

**8.45pm Carols**

**9.00pm Mass**

**25<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Day 9.00am Mass**

### Reconciliation

- **Communal Penance Service -**

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December @ 7.30pm

- **1<sup>st</sup> Rite**

**(one to one in the Reconciliation Room)**

10am on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> December  
or as usual by appointment (9850 5983).