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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.

2nd/3rd November, 2019

Year C

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;
be not far from me!

Make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation!

Responsorial Psalm

I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God loved the world so much,
he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might
have eternal life.

Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Loving God please hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
O Lord.



The Month of November

We begin today, a series on Matthew's Gospel – gosh Advent starts soon doesn't it?

BACKGROUND

Who was Matthew?

- Like the other Gospel writers, he is anonymous
- Despite tradition teaching that the author is the disciple Matthew (9: 9, 10: 3), it is unlikely that he knew Jesus directly as he relies heavily on Mark's Gospel, using over 600 of Mark's 661 verses.

- Likely that the author converted from Judaism who was familiar with the Law, prophets, Jewish traditions and messianic expectation.

Distinctive Structure

- Prologue 1: 1-2: 23 (Infancy Narrative)
- 5 Discourses – (possible parallel to the five books of the Torah)
 - * Book One 3: 1-7: 29
 - The Proclamation of the Reign
 - * Book Two 8: 1-11: 1 – The Ministry in Galilee
 - * Book Three 11: 2-13: 52
 - Controversy and Parables
 - * Book Four 13: 53-18: 35
 - Formation of Disciples
 - * Book Five 19: 1-27: 66 – Judea and Jerusalem
- Climax 26: 1-28: 20 (Passion Narrative, Resurrection Narrative, Commissioning)

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: 9.15am @ St Kevin's Chapel

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)

Farewell to Greg Thomas: Come!

Give Thanks! Our Parish Tribute to our St Charles Borromeo Principal will be held on Saturday, 23rd November beginning with Mass at 5.30pm. Please keep this date free and join in the celebrations of this remarkable man who has left a huge impression on our school, its staff and our parish community.

If everything continues as it is, if we spend our days content that 'this is the way things have always been done', the gift vanishes, smothered by the ashes of fear and concern for defending the status quo.

Pope Francis at the end of the Amazonian Synod.

Plenary Council: Workshops for the weekly promoted themes will take place on Wednesdays 13th and 20th November at 7.30pm and Fridays 15th and 22nd November at 10.30am. All are encouraged and welcome to attend. Please diarise these important workshop dates. Don't leave it "to someone else". You are potential leaders in the movement towards much needed reform.

The Archdiocesan Office for Justice and Peace are hosting a **Rerum Novarum Oration** entitled **WALKING TALL - A Journey Towards Treaty and Reconciliation**

When: Tuesday, 25th November

Where: Philippa Brazill Theatre, ACU
8 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy

RSVP: justice@cam.org.au or 9926 5727

Have your voice heard – discuss with friends – will you share a ticket – or buy one outright or not interested?



We
Need
Your
Help
Please

A client at Ashby Aged Care would love to attend our 10.00am Sunday morning Masses but is unable to drive. If you are able to help, please let the Parish Office know. Thank you.

LAST WEEK'S GIVING

Envelopes	\$ 635.00
Direct Debit/Credit Card	\$ <u>1,040.00</u>
Total	\$ <u>1,675.00 (1)</u>
Priests' Living Costs:	\$ 915.00
Number of Envelopes:	40
(1) Weekly Pledged amount	\$3,020.65

Please contact the office if you would like to join.

DIARY DATES FOR NOVEMBER:

2nd All Souls Day Mass @ 5.30pm

3rd Art exhibition ends

7th Mass with St Kevin's 4/5D
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

10th Baptism Mass @ 10.00am

13th Needlecraft Session @ 1.00pm

16th TGI's Teens Group @ 4.30pm

19th Mass @ Mercy Place

20th Needlecraft Session @ 1.00pm
Baptism Preparation Session

23rd Greg Thomas' Farewell Mass

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

- "Letters From The Synod No6" by Br Mark O'Connor (it is quite lengthy but well worth the endeavour).
- "Building A Dementia Tolerant Society" by Jill Sutton.
- Parish Bulletins and Mass Readings.

LITURGY ROSTER

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 9/10th November 2019

1st Read: 2 Maccabees 7: 1-2, 9-14 2nd Read: 2 Thess 2: 16-3: 5 Gospel: Luke 20: 27-38

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion	Welcomers
5.30pm	Carmen Childs	Chelsea Soklevski	Ann Maguire Maryann McNamara Lynne O'Brien	Skadiang Family
8.30am	Kirsten Collins	Rebecca Sandwell	Brigid Jordan Betty Natoli Frank Ozzimo	Volunteer Family
9.00am	Margaret Mangan	Des Thornton	Bernard Charnley Jo Ridgeway Marlene Thornton	Maria Robson
10.00am	Julie O'Donnell	Miriam Ayoub	Mary Calleja Lyn Robinson Tony Robinson	Cirianni Family

We pray for Better Health: Michelle McIntosh, Kim Bedford, Josh (our Youth Minister), Mike Westbrook, Don Mullin, Mary Brady, Adrian Wilson and Ana Lieza Van Nieu Kirk.

Anniversaries: Denise Pickard, John McGinty (1st) and Piers Clarke (1st)

Recently Deceased: Rebecca French

Sustainability – Stop Buying One-Use Items

Many households are host to single-use items that can easily be replaced with a more long-term solution. Ditch plastic water bottles, buy a reusable cup for takeaway coffee, use loose-leaf tea instead of tea bags, refuse plastic bags and swap paper napkins for cloth.

SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST KEVIN'S

Contributions towards our second collection are going towards the **Open Doors Foundation.**
Thank you to you all.

Foodbank at St Charles Borromeo

This week our St Kevin's Parish Needlecraft Group and others, put down their needles and put on their 'chef hats' and had a massive cook-up in our Church kitchen.

In two and half hours, this amazing group of women lovingly created, cooked, packaged and labelled a variety of 22 meals for the Foodbank at St Charles Borromeo. An amazing feat!

Additionally, thank you to the families from St Kevin's Primary School and other parishioners who have cooked at home and also contributed.

These meals are so very much appreciated by the St Kevin's greater community including St Charles' families, to whom they are served in times of sickness and hardship.

Thank you to all for cooking and thank you St Charles Borromeo for providing the freezer for a truly valuable community service. The Freezer is FULL!

(By the way Ladies, your cookware is ready for collection from the table in the Gathering Space.)

St Kevin's Annual Bereavement Mass

21st November @ 7.30pm

As a compassionate people, we are encouraged to come together on this important night in support of all who are grieving the death of a loved one. At this Mass, we shall also bless the plaques on our memorial wall. All are welcome, in particular those who have lost loved ones in the last 12 months.

For further information, please contact Lyn Murphy on 9857 4437 or 0419 897582.

Memorial Book:

If you wish to have a relative or friend inscribed in this precious book, please fill out a form from the table in the Gathering Space and give it to Fr Gerry. Thank you.

For information on our Parish Schools please contact:

St Kevin's Primary School
Phone: 9273 9999

St Charles Borromeo Primary School
Phone: 9842 7634



Birthday to Don Tynan!
Congratulations and well done!

Inspirational Quotes From Christian Meditation Network

In the New Testament peace is a prized gift. It is 'beyond understanding.' To enter into this peace we enter into the experience of meditation. We believe that Jesus is our redeemer. This means that we are free of the chains of fear and guilt, and we are made free in the depth of our spirit. Peace is full of vitality.

With a sense of joyous well-being we find order within ourselves, every part of our being is in harmony.

It has begun! The involved process of finding a Principal for St Charles Borromeo in 2020 has begun. A small group of 3 teachers, a parent from St Charles Borromeo and Fr Gerry has worked to set criteria combining best education skills and the requirements of a good Principal. Many of these were found in the recommendations from the teachers of St Charles Borromeo and the school parents. The group "clicked", listened well to each other and in a few days' time, we shall have an advertisement ready. After much checking of references and researching wherever we legally and politely can, we hopefully shall interview by the end of November. Please keep praying for wisdom and generosity in all concerned.

Needlecraft Group Members Please Note: there will NOT be our usual gathering this Wednesday as the Church will be in use for a Funeral. We look forward to seeing you all again in a couple of weeks' time. Thank you.



ST KEVIN'S PARISH BLANKET RAFFLE

Lookout for an opportunity to win some lovingly created bespoke blankets, all 100% handmade by our highly skilled Artisans.

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

All blankets will be available for viewing from next weekend. 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 will be on sale after all Masses from next weekend at a cost of \$1 per ticket or 3 for \$2 or 6 for \$5. 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. This raffle will be drawn after Sunday morning's Mass on 8th December.

Thank you everyone for supporting us and our fundraising efforts.

Yarra Theological Union is conducting a Conference entitled: Have Your Voice Heard! Voices of Hope and Challenge

from 15-17th November @ 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. Don't miss this important event and seize the opportunity to contribute to the renewal and reform of the Australian Catholic Church – now, and for the generations to come. The full program is available from the table in the Gathering Space including costs and booking information.