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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.

16/17th November, 2019

Year C

World Day of the Poor

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

PHASE 2 OF THE PLENARY COUNCIL JOURNEY

The writing groups are asking for our help to provide REAL, PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS that we can suggest to the Bishops on how to achieve the changes that Australian Catholics are asking.

In the most simple terms:

We are asking all of you to come together and brainstorm ideas to achieve true outcomes.

Workshop Week 2: Themes

- Missionary and Evangelising
- A Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community
- Prayerful and Eucharistic



Wednesday Nov 20th 7.30pm AND Friday Nov 22nd 10.30am

Phase 2 is about ACTION

Let us come together for OUR Church and make a difference.

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: 9.15am @ St Charles Borromeo

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 NOVEMBER:

16th TGI's Youth Group @ 6.45pm

19th Mass @ Mercy Place

20th Needlecraft Session @ 1.00pm
Baptism Preparation Session

21st Mass with St Charles Level 5/6

23rd Baptism Presentation Mass
Greg Thomas' Farewell Mass
followed by BBQ. All welcome.

24th Baptism Presentation Mass
TGI's Teens Group @ 4.30pm

27th Needlecraft Session @ 1.00pm

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord said:

I think thoughts of peace and not
of affliction.

You will call upon me,
and I will answer you,
and I will lead back your captives
from every place.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord comes to rule the earth
with justice.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.
Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon

To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.

Farewell to Greg Thomas: Come! Give Thanks!

Our Parish Tribute to our St Charles Borromeo Principal will be held next Saturday, 23rd November beginning with Mass at 5.30pm and followed by a BBQ. 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.

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

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

Sustainability –

Check out the stance our Church is taking towards the Climate Challenge we face.

Visit – catholicclimatemovement.global
DON'T BE A BYSTANDER - PARTICIPATE

LAST WEEK'S GIVING

Envelopes	\$ 935.00
Direct Debit/Credit Card	\$ <u>1,040.00</u>
Total	\$ <u>1,975.00 (1)</u>
Priests' Living Costs:	\$ 1,015.00
Number of Envelopes:	39
(1) Weekly Pledged amount	\$3,020.65

Please contact the office if you would like to join.



**GLOBAL CATHOLIC
CLIMATE MOVEMENT**

LITURGY ROSTER

Feast of Christ the King – 23rd/24th November 2019

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 5: 1-3 2nd Reading: Colossians 1: 12-20 Gospel: Luke 23: 35-43

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion	Welcomers
5.30pm	Lucy Halliburton	Chelsea Soklevski	Maryann McNamara Lynne O'Brien Fiona Watson	Lane/Connelly Families
8.30am	Kirsten Collins	Rebecca Sandwell	Brigid Jordon Frank Ozzimo Paul Polidano	Volunteer Family
9.00am	Des Thornton	Bernard Charnley	Christine Flannery Dianne Flannery Marlene Thornton	Maria Robson
10.00am	Carmel Purdey	Liz O'Connell	Mary Calleja Betty Natoli Pat Rowland	Cirianni Family

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

Anniversaries: Giuseppina Bolzonello

Recently Deceased:

Angel Ibrahim (friend of Vianney Shiel)

The Gospel of Matthew – Year A

External Context

- A region under siege
- Israel – historically a nation under oppression
- Jewish – Roman crisis leads to the great Jewish diaspora
- Matthew's community are likely to be in a major city with others from the Jewish diaspora, confronting influences from other religions
- Encounter social issues relating to wealth, power, culture and immorality

Matthew's Community

- Gospel written during a period of expansion for Christians
- The Second Coming of Jesus no longer seen as imminent
- The threat of total persecution has passed but external tensions exist between Christians and their Jewish and Gentile neighbours
- Community made up largely of converts from Judaism
- Growing separation and distinctive identity from other Jews.

Christmas Support for the Sisters of Charity, Fitzroy

Through the Social Justice Group, the Parish is once again assisting the Sisters 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 Sisters 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 during Masses over the next two weekends. They will be delivered to the Sisters on Tuesday, December 10th. As in previous years students from both Parish schools are gathering and packing gifts for each member of 10 families selected by the Sisters. These too will be delivered on December 10th. If you and your family would like to be involved this year and in future years please contact Leo on 0418 223 166.

St Kevin's Church is holding a **Working Bee** on Sunday, 1st December at 11am. You can come to the 10am Mass casually dressed (we don't think God will mind). BYO gardening and working tools. Let's get our Church ready for Christmas!

For information on our Parish Schools please contact:

St Kevin's Primary School
Phone: 9273 9999

St Charles Borromeo Primary School
Phone: 9842 7634

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.

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.

As promised, we reveal what was on our banner –

Listen deeply for the truth. Listen for God.



ST KEVIN'S PARISH BLANKET RAFFLE

A wonderful 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. |

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. 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.



WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

The hope of the poor will not perish forever.

2019

Pope Francis calls on us to reflect on how to restore hope in those whom the world would like to relegate to a life of loneliness and discrimination.

Once again, the *World Day of the Poor* gives us an opportunity to ensure that no one will be left without our help and closeness.

The Church cannot close its eyes on the needy, let alone those who are voiceless.

We are therefore urged to abandon our selfishness, which closes us in on ourselves and on our own needs, to change our mentality with the hope of becoming God's instruments for the liberation and advancement of the poor.

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

After reading the first reading I am

- ready to straighten out my life
- glad I'm not arrogant
- hot
- looking for an explanation of the fear of the Lord
- righteous
- unchanged.

The gospel

- gives hope in the midst of turmoil
- does not say when the events will happen
- cautions against those who say they know when the Lord will come again
- is very discouraging.