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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.

23rd/24th November, 2019

Year C

**Baptism Presentations Weekend
Feast of Christ the King**



FAREWELL TO OUR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, GREG THOMAS

Oh dear! Thank you Mr Thomas!



The year is racing away! (*Next weekend, we welcome in a New Year!*)

This Saturday night, we of St Kevin's have the privilege to give a big parish "hug" to Greg and send him on his way to St Peter Julian Eymard's.

(Greg doesn't officially leave us until January 29th.)

We do so with grateful hearts, recognising the outstanding contributions Greg has given to our community.

As we go to print, we can proudly announce that our Parish panel has managed to short list from a record number of applicants.

We shall interview these people next Wednesday.

The applicants are amazingly well qualified to continue Greg's fine work. Please pray that our panel has the Holy Spirit's gift of wisdom as we make this onerous decision.

That more than for any other school, skilled people want to lead St Charles Borromeo is a tribute to all involved in the school community and
ESPECIALLY YOU GREG.



Thank you and Blessings!!



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: No Mass

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:

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

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

27th Needlecraft Session @ 1.00pm

28th Mass with St Kevin's Junior G

30th Baptism Mass @ 5.30pm

1st Baptism Mass @ 10.00am

3rd Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

4th Needlecraft Session @ 1.00pm

10th St Kevin's Graduation Mass 6pm

Entrance Antiphon

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever
and ever.

Responsorial Psalm

Let us go rejoicing to the house of
the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom
of David our Father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of
the Lord.

Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Your Kingdom Come, O Lord.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Drop-In Get Together

The final Drop-In Get Together for this year will be held next Thursday, 5th 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.

Sustainability – Think carefully this Christmas in the amount of food you buy - don't make it a season of waste. In **Australia** 5 million tonnes of **food** ends up as landfill, enough to fill 9,000 Olympic sized swimming pools. One in five shopping bags end up in the bin = \$3,800 worth of groceries per household each year. 35% of the average household bin is **food waste**.

Channel potential wasteful purchases into bringing joy to a less fortunate person this Christmas. There is JOY in giving

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

LAST WEEK'S GIVING

Envelopes	\$ 590.00
Direct Debit/Credit Card	\$ <u>1,040.00</u>
Total	\$ <u>1,630.00 (1)</u>
Priests' Living Costs:	\$ 940.00
Number of Envelopes:	34
(1) Weekly Pledged amount	\$3,020.65
<i>Please contact the office if you would like to join.</i>	

St Kevin's Church is holding a **Working Bee** next weekend at 11am! Are we proud of our Parish surroundings? Want to make them attractive and welcoming? Do we really belong? Do we leave it to someone else? 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 beautiful Church ready for Christmas!

LITURGY ROSTER

First Sunday of Advent – 30th November/1st December 2019

1st Reading: Isaiah 2: 1-5 2nd Reading: 1 Romans 13: 11-14 Gospel: Matthew 24: 37-44

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion	Welcomers
5.30pm	Peter Howes	Margaret Turner	Ann Maguire Maryann McNamara Lynne O'Brien	Guo/Han Families
8.30am	Paul Polidano	Frank Ozzimo	Betty Natoli Mary Waddick Peter Waddick	Volunteer Family
9.00am	Helen Norman	Michael Doyle	Bernard Charnley Dianne Flannery Peter Norman	Maria Robson
10.00am	Julie O'Donnell	Mishika Perera	Raffaella Dinelli Lyn Robinson Tony Robinson	Keenan Family

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

Anniversaries: Kim West and Karl Haussegger

Recently Deceased: Nina Luca

The Gospel of Matthew – Year A

The world BEHIND the text

- Against this socio-political-religious backdrop, Matthew's community are:
 - * searching for identity
 - * wanting to consolidate as a community made up of various groups
 - * establishing structures as individuals vied for power
 - * seeking assurance of authentic interpretation of God's will
 - * renewing and reaffirming their faith in Jesus
 - * finding a new sense of purpose and mission in a changing world

The world OF the text – Jesus' context

- Roman occupation of Palestine
- Mixed landscape
 - sea, desert, hills, valley
- Galilee and Jerusalem
 - key trades
- Teaching – oral/aural tradition
- Jewish world
- Jewish customs and social paradigms

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.



Happy 80th Birthday to our dear friend and parishioner Adrian Wilson!
 Congratulations and Best Wishes to you Adrian and thank you for all that you do for us and for our parish.

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.

- 1st Prize A gorgeously warm large-sized blanket.
- 2nd Prize A beautifully created medium-sized blanket.
- 3rd 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.

Baptisms Welcome!

This weekend we welcome:

Cameron James and Jie (Carol) Barr

who will be introducing **Kiera Xiayu,**

Mario and Lauren Poggiolini

who will be introducing **Luca and**

Nick and Megan

who will be introducing **Liam**

to our Parish Community in preparation
for their Baptisms next weekend.

Celebration
of the
Sacrament of Baptism



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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST KEVIN'S

Contributions towards our second collection are going towards the **Sisters of Charity** who will use the money for families in need at Christmas.

Christmas Mass Times 2019

11th Dec - Reconciliation Service 7.30pm

24th Dec - Christmas Eve 5.30pm Carols

6.00pm Mass

8.45pm Carols

9.00pm Mass

25th Dec - Christmas Day 9.00am Mass

Reconciliation

- **Communal Penance Service -**

Wednesday 11th December @ 7.30pm

- **1st Rite**

(one to one in the Reconciliation Room)

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

Plenary Council Success

- A. Our first week of discernment gatherings went really well. (It is hard and perhaps new for us Catholics to in Pope Francis' words "Parrhesia" – ie speak boldly, listen humbly and always with an open, trusting heart.) It is never too late for you to form a group and do some discerning yourselves – Vatican II called for just this 60 years ago. Remember the Plenary is the beginning not the end of the process.
- B. Eight St Kevin's parishioners participated in an inspiring weekend at the "Voices of Hope and Challenge" conference. They were reminded that as Baptised Catholics "it is our right and responsibility to express our opinions on those things which concern the good of the Church", that Canon Law is to serve the Church, not imprison us etc etc. Next week, the "YTU" website will have the full texts of the papers if you desire to read them.