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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.

7/8<sup>th</sup> December, 2019

Year A

### Second Sunday of Advent

#### Entrance Antiphon

O people of Sion, behold,  
the Lord will come to save the nations,  
and the Lord will make the glory of his  
voice heard in the joy of your heart.

#### Responsorial Psalm

Justice shall flourish in his time,  
and fullness of peace for ever.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths:  
all people shall see the salvation of God.  
Alleluia!

#### Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Loving God please hear our prayer.

#### Communion Antiphon

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon  
the heights,  
and behold the joy which comes to you  
from God.



SECOND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

### *AN 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:** 9.15am @ St Kevin's Chapel

**Friday:** 8.30am @ Marcellin College

**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)

**A big "Thank You"** to Pat Rowland and her amazing team of helpers in ensuring that our Drop-In Get Together, held last Thursday was an outstanding success!

The Mass was lovely, the food delicious and of course it was a wonderful opportunity to catch up with other members of our St Kevin's Community. Well done to everyone who assisted in any way.

## DIARY DATES FOR DECEMBER:

**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

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

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

Christmas Eve Mass @ 6.00pm

Christmas Eve Carols @ 8.45pm

Christmas Eve Mass @ 9.00pm

**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.

## 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**

**People are asking** are we going to have a party after 9pm Christmas Eve Mass, like we always do? The answer is **yes indeed** so bring along a plate of food and your biggest smiles.

to everyone who supported our blanket raffle. Winners will be drawn over the weekend at all of our Masses  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize on Saturday evening  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize at the 8.30am Mass and  
1<sup>st</sup> Prize at the 10.00am Mass.  
Good luck everyone!

## 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).

## LAST WEEK'S GIVING

Envelopes	\$ 450.00
Direct Debit/Credit Card	\$ <u>1,040.00</u>
Total	\$ <u>1,490.00 (1)</u>
Priests' Living Costs:	\$ 735.00
Number of Envelopes:	32

## 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

**Third Sunday of Advent – 14/15<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10    2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: James 5: 7-10    Gospel: Matthew 11: 2-11**

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion	Welcomers
5.30pm	Janet Parsons	Chelsea Soklevski	Ann Maguire Lynne O'Brien Bredenia Raquel	Marini Family
8.30am	Frank Ozzimo	Paul Polidano	Betty Natoli Mary Waddick Peter Waddick	Volunteer Family
9.00am	Des Thornton	Ken Sharpe	Christine Flannery Margaret Mangan Marlene Thornton	Maria Robson
10.00am	Carmel Purdey	Liz O'Connell	Mary Calleja Betty Natoli Julie O'Donnell	Ai/Huang Families

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

**Anniversaries:** June Flood, Ben Skadiang and Sharon McCluskey

**Recently Deceased:** Stephen Byrne  
(Tasha Vercauteren's Father)

### ***Sustainability –***

ARE YOU SOLARED UP YET?

So far:

- 2.15m Australian houses now have rooftop solar
  - 120mw energy produced by Victoria's largest solar farm at Numurkah
  - 50% State renewable energy target by 2030
- BUT
- 1.3m Victorian households facing possible blackouts this summer

NB - Source Power Play- Royal Auto Dec  
- Jan edition

***This weekend at the 10 o'clock Mass,*** we have the **Rite of Welcome** for MOSHEN, FARNOOSH and their two children, SASHIANT and SOSHIAN as they and LIZ RIMES prepare for Baptism. All indeed are welcome at St Kevin's.

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

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. We have collected Christmas Celebration items such as Christmas cakes and puddings, fruit mince tarts, chocolates, table decorations, and other items associated with Christmas. 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>. Well done and thank you to all who contributed to this cause.

**Changes:** 1) St Charles Borromeo's new Principal – Miranda Zuzic

2) St Kevin's new Deputy Principal – Jarrod Mullavey

The interviews for both positions produced wonderful candidates. Catholic Education is doing lots right, judging by the calibre of people applying for each of these positions.

3) At Holy Cross too a) Kevin Hennessy is going to Endeavour Hills.

b) Dennis Travers is going to Adelaide.

c) Jose Matthews is joining the Melbourne Archdiocese.

d) Brian Traynor will be the new leader at Holy Cross.

All these take place in February next year.

For information on our Parish  
Schools please contact:

**St Kevin's Primary School**  
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**St Charles Borromeo Primary School**  
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### **Inspirational Quotes From Christian Meditation Network**

As we meditate, we learn to build on our poverty, to deepen it. The call we have from Jesus is to follow the Way. Not *my* way but the *way*. This can be hard for us because we think that my way will give happiness and peace. The Way is Jesus. The Way is union with Jesus. This is our source of power and hope. This is our energy, taking us into deeper truth and greater life.

#### **Working Bee**

Well done folks! Many, many thanks to each one of you who has made such a difference to our surroundings. A small group of people sure can beautify/clean up very efficiently. Just wait when summer begins and the windows are cleaned!

#### **Masses Next Week...**

On Tuesday and Thursday next week in our Church, we shall celebrate Grade 6 Graduation Masses at 6pm.

On Tuesday, it is also St Kevin's End of Year Mass.

On Thursday, it is St Charles Borromeo's Graduation Mass.

On Friday, at 8.30am, it is the occasion of Mark Murphy's final Mass at Marcellin College.

It will be celebrated in the College Chapel. Thank you, Mark, you have been a wonderful Leader/Principal for Marcellin College.

### **ROLL UP, ROLL UP!!**

**Visit our Advent Fair Trade stall  
THIS SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER  
@ 8.30 & 10.00am.**

Come along and choose some great Christmas and Kris Kringle gift ideas. These gifts have been crafted with care and you know you are paying a fair price.

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

#### **Just a Comparison...**

In Sweden no child may be detained by immigration longer than 6 days.

In the UK it is no longer than 72 hours.

Australia has detained children for 4.5 years.

We have yet to see the long term effects on children who have been subjected to Australia's detention regime.

## **PATIENT TRUST**

Above all, trust in the slow work of God. We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay.

We would like to skip the intermediate stages.

We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown, something new.

And yet it is the law of all progress that it is made by passing through

some stages of instability –

and that it may take a very long time.

And so I think it is with you;

your ideas mature gradually – let them grow,

let them shape themselves,

without undue haste.

Don't try to force them on

as though you could be today what time,

(that is to say, grace and circumstances acting on your own good will)

will make of you tomorrow.

Only God would say what this new spirit gradually forming in you will be.

Give Our Lord the benefit of believing

that his hand is leading you,

and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete.

Teilhard de Chardin SJ