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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.

11/12th January, 2020

Year A

Feast Of The Baptism Of The Lord

Entrance Antiphon

After the Lord was baptised,
 the heavens were opened,
 and the Spirit descended upon him
 like a dove,
 and the voice of the
 Father thundered:
 This is my beloved Son,
 with whom I am well pleased.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord will bless his people
 with peace.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
 The heavens were opened and the
 Father's voice was heard:
 this is my beloved Son, hear him.
 Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Christ strengthen us.

Communion Antiphon

Behold the One of whom John said:
 I have seen and testified that this is
 the Son of God.

***Baptism is a feast of belonging to
 a community.***

Real community is real messy.
 But if you stick with it you will discover that it is
 truly a magnificent mess.

Next Sunday at 10.00am we have the joy and
 privilege of supporting the Baptism of Moshen,
 Farnoos. Soshiant and Soshian.

The Baptism of the Lord

In two distinct ways the feast of the Baptism of
 the Lord serves as a bridge. Firstly, it doubles up
 as the concluding feast of the Christmas season
 and as the First Sunday of Ordinary Time.
 Secondly, and much more significantly, it
 highlights a dramatic transition in Jesus' life. All
 three synoptic gospels identify Jesus' baptism as
 the event which plucks him out of obscurity and
 impels him into public ministry.

A Blessing for the New Year

May we live 2020:

Compassionate of heart,
 Clear in word,
 Gracious in awareness,
 Courageous in thought,
 Generous in love,
 With Jesus at our side.

(Adapted from John O'Donohue, Benedictus, p26)

SPIRITUAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

Adoration –

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

Masses this week -

Tuesday: *** No Mass ***

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

DIARY DATES FOR JANUARY:

15th Baptism Preparation Session

19th Baptism Mass @ 10.00am

21st Mass @ Mercy Place @ 11.00am

25th Baptism Presentation Mass

26th Baptism Presentation Mass

28th St Kevin's Teachers return

29th St Kevin's Testing Appointments

30th St Kevin's Testing Appointments
St Charles Foundation Day

31st All students begin New Year
St Charles Uniform Shop opens

Christian Meditation – Wednesdays @ 9.30am in the Parish Chapel

Reconciliation - First Saturday of the month @ 10.00am (or by appointment)

Questions to Ponder:

- Each year we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, an important moment in Jesus' life and a transition to his public ministry. How do you celebrate the anniversary of your own baptism?
- The first reading from the prophet Isaiah seems to contain an oxymoron – the Lord's chosen one will "bring forth justice to nations" while "not crying out, not shouting, / not making his voice heard in the street". Who models this quiet, nonviolent justice for you?
- In the Acts of the Apostles, Peter ends his summary of Jesus' ministry by stating, "He went about doing good / and healing all those oppressed by the devil, / for God was with him." How does your family and parish community continue to carry out the ministry of Jesus?
- After Jesus is baptised, a voice from the heavens proclaims, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." From this place of "belovedness" Jesus begins his public ministry. How would it change your ministry if you were to hear the voice of God proclaim to you each day, "You are my beloved in whom I am well pleased"?

*Thank
You*

Many, many thanks for your cards and gifts over the Christmas period. Your expressions gave me great heart and once again I have felt very cared for in this wonderful parish of St Kevin's. Fr Gerry

Do you have accessibility to "Netflix"? If so, you may like to watch the movie "The Two Popes". It is a film about Pope Benedict's surprising decision to quit on 11th February 2013, shattering a 600 year old tradition.

At this time of the year, the story of two popes is a tale of hope and redemption.

LAST WEEK'S GIVING

Envelopes	\$ 1,109.00
Direct Debit/Credit Card	\$ <u>1,040.00</u>
Total	\$ <u>2,149.00 (1)</u>
Priests' Living Costs:	\$ 730.00
Number of Envelopes:	36
(1) Weekly Pledged amount	\$3,020.65

Please contact the office if you would like to join.

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

- "Pope Francis Begins The Most Important Year Of His Pontificate" by Robert Mickens.
- Parish Bulletins and Mass Readings.
- Access to many articles that can be helpful in open discussions.
- Artworks from our schoolchildren.

LITURGY ROSTER

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 18/19th January 2020

1st Read: Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6 2nd Read: 1 Corinthians 1: 1-3 Gospel: John 1: 29-34

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion	Welcomers
5.30pm	Janet Parsons	Carmen Childs	Anne Maguire Bredenia Raquel Volunteer	Volunteer Family
8.30am	Frank Ozzimo	Paul Polidano	Betty Natoli Mary Waddick Peter Waddick	Volunteer Family
9.00am	Margaret Mangan	Des Thornton	Christine Flannery Dianne Flannery Marlene Thornton	Maria Robson
10.00am	Vianney Shiel	Liz O'Connell	Raffaella Dinelli Betty Natoli Carmel Shiel	Volunteer Family

We pray for Better Health: Mike Westbrook, Don Mullin, Mary Brady, Ana Lieza Van Nieu Kirk, Loretta Kearney, Salvatore Scaffidi, Vincent Natoli, Richard Ryan and Adriano Virgona.

Anniversaries: Graeme Burgess, Cecilia Hennessy and Peter McCluskey
Recently Deceased: Loretta Kervin (niece of Dot Sharkey)



PRAY FOR AUSTRALIA

Australia is currently being devastated by fire.

It is time to Pray powerfully together.

Pray for the firefighters and emergency workers

Pray for the victims and families

Pray for the homes and businesses destroyed

Pray for the burnt land and death and injury of our animals

Pray for rain, so much rain needed

Pray for healing.

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Plans National Response to Bushfire Crisis

Australia is facing an unprecedented calamity as fire engulfs the land in many areas. Vinnies is responding in all affected states and territories. Its network of local conferences and support services has seen them rapidly respond throughout the nation as the fire crisis has spread. We here at St Kevin's Parish will be holding a "Bushfire Appeal" on the weekend of 25/26th January (Australia Day weekend). As well as these donations, we are encouraged to support the immediate response and the ongoing work of Vinnies here in Victoria or throughout bushfire-affected communities. A genuinely Catholic response to a crisis of this magnitude must draw strength from prayer which inspires concrete and compassionate action. More information is available on Gathering Space noticeboard.

The Animal Rescue Collective Craft Guild are holding a Melbourne Wildlife Sewing Bee on Sunday, 12 January, 10.30am-5.00pm at 1st North Balwyn Scout Hall, Macleay Park, 151 Belmore Road, Balwyn North. BYO sewing machine and equipment, knitting needles (4mm) and 8 ply wool. Patterns and some fabric provided. Light refreshments provided. Even if you can't sew, please come along anyway. There will be other things you can do to help.

For information on our Parish Schools please contact:

St Kevin's Primary School
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St Charles Borromeo Primary School
Phone: 9842 7634

Thank you

Bernard Charnley is retiring from his long and dedicated service to Charlesbrook Aged Care as Communion Minister. Our community thanks you very sincerely Bernard.

Campion Ignation Spirituality Centre is holding a six day silent retreat. "To deepen your relationship with God, we offer you silence, a peaceful ambience, a spiritual director and ample time for prayer". 17-14th January. More information on the noticeboard.

Thank you to all our generous parishioners. With your help we were able to raise \$2,600 for Gentle Hands and \$2,600 for Loyo. Both of these organisations are extremely grateful.



to Peter Sheehan whose 80th Birthday is Monday 13th. Thank you for all that you do for us and our parish Peter!

Catholic Parrots

A lady goes to her priest one day and tells him, "Father, I have a problem. I have two female parrots, but they only know how to say one thing".
"What do they say, my child?" the priest inquired.
They say, "Hi, we're hookers! Do you want to have some fun?"
"That's obscene!" the priest exclaimed, then he thought for a moment. "You know," he said, "I may have a solution to your problem. I have two male talking parrots, which I have taught to pray and read the Bible. Bring your two parrots over to my house, and we'll put them in the cage with Frank and Jacob. My parrots can teach your parrots to pray and worship, and your parrots are sure to stop saying that phrase in no time."
"Thank you," the woman responded, "this may very well be the solution."
The next day, she brought her female parrots to the priest's house.
As he ushered her in, she saw that his two male parrots were inside their cage, holding rosary beads and praying.
Impressed, she walked over and placed her parrots in with them.
After a few minutes, the female parrots cried out in unison:
"Hi, we're hookers! Do you want to have some fun?"
There was a stunned silence.
Shocked, one male parrot looked over at the other male parrot and exclaimed:
"Put the beads away, Frank. Our prayers have been answered!"

