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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.

18/19<sup>th</sup> January, 2020

Year A

### Baptisms Weekend Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Entrance Antiphon

All the earth shall bow down  
before you, O God,  
and shall sing to you,  
shall sing to your name,  
O Most High!

#### Responsorial Psalm

Here I am, Lord;  
I come to do your will.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and  
dwelt among us.  
He enabled those who accepted him  
to become the children of God.  
Alleluia!

#### Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Loving God please hear our prayer.

#### Communion Antiphon

You have prepared a table  
before me,  
and how precious is the chalice that  
quenches my thirst.

*This weekend, we have the **Baptisms** of our  
friends, the **Eshaghi Family**:  
**Mohsen, Farnoosh, Soshiant and Soshian**  
(who will also be celebrating his very  
first birthday)*

#### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is there still a chance that someone will imagine a more inspiring name than "Ordinary Time" for the Sundays of the liturgical year outside the great seasons? It might even be an improvement to call it "Extraordinary Time"! After all, these Sundays seek to encourage Mass-goers to let their routine lives be radically changed by the far-from-ordinary good news of Jesus Christ. "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news," said Jesus (Mark 1: 1-4). This verse alone, taken to heart, could sow a seed of transformation.



# 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 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)

## DIARY DATES FOR JANUARY:

**19<sup>th</sup>** Baptism Mass @ 10.00am

**21<sup>st</sup>** Mass @ Mercy Place @ 11.00am

**25<sup>th</sup>** Baptism Presentation Mass

**26<sup>th</sup>** Baptism Presentation Mass

**27<sup>th</sup>** St Charles Teachers return

**28<sup>th</sup>** St Kevin's Teachers return

**29<sup>th</sup>** St Kevin's Testing Appointments

**30<sup>th</sup>** St Kevin's Testing Appointments  
St Charles Foundation First Day

**31<sup>st</sup>** All students begin New Year  
St Charles Uniform Shop reopens

## *Praying the Lord's Prayer*

**Leader:** When we feel insignificant and have lost our sense of worth, Lord, teach us to pray:

**All:** **Our Father, who art in heaven**

**Leader:** When we want to withdraw from involvement in work to be with you in prayer,  
Lord, teach us to pray:

**All:** **Hallowed be thy name**

**Leader:** When we think of the future as fixed and impossible to change,  
Lord, teach us to pray:

**All:** **Thy Kingdom come**

**Leader:** When we evade life's deep demands by saying they are too idealistic,  
Lord, teach us to pray:

**All:** **Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven**

**Leader:** When we are satisfied and forget that others are hungry, in need, homeless,  
deprived, Lord, teach us to pray:

**All:** **Give us this day our daily bread**

**Leader:** When we allow bitterness and resentment into our lives, Lord teach us to pray:

**All:** **Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us**

**Leader:** When we are faced with pressures that are likely to be too much for us,  
Lord, teach us to pray:

**All:** **Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil**

**Leader:** When we become self-centred and seek our own satisfaction, Lord, teach us to pray:

**All:** **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## LAST WEEK'S GIVING

Envelopes	\$ 485.00
Direct Debit/Credit Card	\$ <u>1,040.00</u>
Total	\$ <u>1,525.00 (1)</u>
Priests' Living Costs:	\$ 627.00
Number of Envelopes:	30
(1) Weekly Pledged amount	\$3,020.65

*Please contact the office if you would like to join.*

## **stkevinsparish.org.au**

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

- "Bushfire Divisions Etched In Sand" by Andrew Hamilton.
- Parish Bulletins and Mass Readings.
- Access to many articles that can be helpful in open discussions.
- Artworks from our schoolchildren.

## LITURGYROSTER

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 25/26<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

**1<sup>st</sup> Read: Isaiah 8: 23-9: 3 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: 1 Corinthians 1: 10-13, 17 Gospel: Matthew 4: 12-23**

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion	Welcomers
5.30pm	Carmen Childs	Chelsea Soklevski	Maryann McNamara Bredenia Raquel	Volunteer Family
8.30am	Paul Polidano	Rebecca Sandwell	Brigid Jordon Betty Natoli	Volunteer Family
9.00am	Ken Sharpe	Bernard Charnley	Margaret Mangan Peter Norman Jo Ridgeway	Maria Robson
10.00am	Julie O'Donnell	Lucy Halliburton	Mary Calleja Geraldine Williams Tony Whelan	Volunteer Family

**We pray for Better Health:** Mike Westbrook, Loretta Kearney, Salvatore Scaffidi, Vincent Natoli, Adriano Virgona and Stephen Lynton Fernando.

**Anniversaries:** Giuseppe Giannini, Michael De Luca, Maria Egan, Margaret Materazzo, Mario Bolzonello, Vito Adamo, Bryan O'Toole and Giovanni Pennisi

**Recently Deceased:** Marie Reichert

### ***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. We here at St Kevin's Parish will be holding a "Bushfire Appeal" on the weekend of 25/26<sup>th</sup> January (Australia Day weekend). 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.

### ***Making Connections***

- How do you witness to the Chosen One of God?
- Twice John says that he did not know Jesus himself, but that Jesus was revealed to him by God. What was it that first revealed Jesus to you?
- What sin of the world is in need of redemption today?
- Have you ever been an eye witness to something significant, either in your family or in the wider community? Share stories of what you have seen? How did you bear witness to this event? What effect did it have on you?
- Like John, give witness to Christ this week. Share something of your search for faith with others.

### ***Sharing the Tradition***

Down the centuries, there have been many people who, filled with conviction, have given brave witness to Christ. In the early church, this sometimes meant death. The martyrs of the church are revered for their loyal faith and witness to the truth of Christ, and they hold a special place among the saints.

- Let us remember that even in this modern day, people are still persecuted for their faith, and modern missionaries sometimes pay the ultimate price.
- We may not expect to lose our lives for our faith, but there are times we may be persecuted or reviled for being believers. Discuss how this may manifest in our own society.
- In recent years we have heard of instances where Christian minority groups are persecuted because of their faith. Discuss some examples of this. How should we best promote religious freedom today?

For information on our Parish  
Schools please contact:

**St Kevin's Primary School**  
Phone: 9273 9999

**St Charles Borromeo Primary School**  
Phone: 9842 7634

### **Living the Word**

How does our community give public witness to Christ, outside the Sunday liturgy?

**Gosh!** \$1,320 plus \$50 voucher for Sean Carr. What a huge gift. Well done us!

### **Plenary Council – Call for Delegates**

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has requested that each Diocese nominate four people, who may be laypersons, members of religious orders or Clergy, who are willing to be called as delegates for the Plenary Council Sessions in October 2020 and June and July of 2021. Each delegate will participate in the process of discernment and contribute to a variety of forums before, during and after the Plenary Council Sessions. This is an important and critical role for the life of the Catholic Church in Australia. If you are interested in applying, please fill out the following online form and submit by the deadline of **Friday 24 January 2020**. (Note that the application process requires two referees including one active Priest [on appointment]).

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2RPTKHZ>

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Since its inception, St Kevin's Parish has been a welcoming community. The power of our parish lies within our parishioners finding their place to serve and contribute to our mission. Over time, a diverse range of community groups have evolved to meet the needs of parishioners and people who call on us from time to time. When our parishioners serve the Lord with the gifts He's given us, our church can accomplish all that God has called us to. Our ministry groups reflect the way St Kevin's encourages people to live their lives, through the message of Jesus 'to love one another as I have loved you'. Groups include:

#### **Liturgical Groups**

Eucharistic Ministers  
Liturgy Planning  
Liturgy Environment  
Music  
Lectors/Commentators  
Mass PowerPoints  
Welcoming  
Thanksgiving Program  
Counters

#### **Spiritual Formation**

Catechists  
Guest Speaker Program  
Mindfulness Meditation  
Adoration

#### **Pastoral Care Groups**

Ministry to the sick/aged  
Bereavement  
Care  
Visitation

#### **Parish Community**

Pastoral Council  
Youth Group/Teens  
Social Justice  
Finance/Maintenance  
Family Groups  
Godstart  
Driving  
Knitting Group  
Environment

Please complete the sign-up sheets on the table in the Gathering Space

### **Papal appointment breaks glass ceiling**

Pope Francis has broken a Vatican glass ceiling by appointing the first female manager at the Holy See's Secretariat of State.

Francesca Di Giovanni has been given a senior diplomatic role as the new under-secretary at the Section for Relations with States and will have responsibility for working with international bodies such as the United Nations. Her role makes her one of two deputy foreign ministers at the Holy See's ministry for foreign affairs, which is led by former Apostolic Nuncio to Australia, Archbishop Paul Gallagher.

*Source: Christopher Lamb, The Tablet*