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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.

1st/2nd February, 2020

Year A

Baptism Weekend The Presentation of the Lord

Entrance Antiphon

Your merciful love, O God,
 we have received in the midst of
 your temple.
 Your praise, O God, like your name,
 reaches the ends of the earth;
 your right hand is filled with
 saving justice.

Responsorial Psalm

Who is this king of glory?
 It is the Lord!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
 This is the light of revelation to
 the nations,
 and the glory of your people Israel.
 Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon

My eyes have seen your salvation,
 which you prepared in the sight of all
 the peoples.



Our next major event is our **Community Welcome** to our new families starting at our schools. Beginning with Mass on Saturday @ 5.30pm followed by a BBQ. This is also our chance to meet St Charles Borromeo's new Principal – Ms Miranda Zuzic and St Kevin's new Deputy Principal, Mr Jarrod Mulavey. Parish Groups will also be commissioned.



St Kevin's Parish warmly welcomes
 through the Sacrament of Baptism...

Oliver James Copsey
 Son of James and Elise

O.B.E. *over bloomin' eighty* 

More OBE's over the next few weeks...

We start with **Gabby Cunico** last Tuesday (her neighbours keep her young). Soon after, you won't believe it, **Brother Gerry Rush** (surely not you say!). Following up the straight, **Bernie Brady** (that's the true position for North supporters). Any others? Let the Parish House know. We are fortunate to have these experienced and dedicated people in our community.

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 Church
St Kevin's Opening of the School Year Mass

Thursday: 9.15am @ St Charles' School
St Charles' Opening of the School Year Mass

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 FEBRUARY:

2nd Baptism Mass

4th St Kevin's Begin School Mass
Parish Council Meeting @ 7.30pm

5th Craft Group recommences for 2020

6th St Charles' Begin School Mass
Liturgy Team Meeting @ 7.30pm

8th Welcome to New Year Mass

11th St Kevin's Mass with Senior C

12th St Kevin's School Closure Day
(Implementation Planning Day)
Craft Group @ 1.00pm

13th Interchange Outer East

18th St Kevin's Mass @ Mercy Place

Breaking Of The Bread By reason of the sign, the material for the Eucharistic Celebration must truly have the appearance of food. It is desirable that the Eucharistic bread, even though unleavened and made in the traditional form, be fashioned in such a way that the priest at Mass with the people is truly able to break it into parts and distribute these to at least some of the faithful... The gesture of the fraction or breaking of bread, which was quite simply the term by which the Eucharist was known in apostolic times, will bring out more clearly the force and importance of the sign of the unity of all in the one bread... GIRM 321

Have you thought? – The role of the observer In today's gospel passage, it is the devout Simeon and the prophetess, Anna, who declare the greatness and far-reaching influence of the child that has been brought to the Temple. This is a common feature of the gospel accounts. It is not Jesus himself who proclaims his greatness but those who have observed him and recognised the revelation of God's presence amongst the people. It is a role that continues today. Those of us who believe and recognise the presence and influence of God in the world are challenged to proclaim it in both our actions and our words.

Questions For Us

Q. Why might the Church mark this presentation in the Temple event as a special feast day?

Q. How might Simeon's predictions about their child have affected Joseph and Mary?

Q. Why did the first-born son hold such a special place in ancient times?

Q. In what ways do people 'offer their lives to God' today?

Q. In what ways can you be like Simeon and Anna and proclaim the importance of Jesus?

LAST WEEK'S GIVING

Envelopes	\$ 390.00
Direct Debit/Credit Card	\$ <u>1,040.00</u>
Total	\$ <u>1,330.00 (1)</u>
Priests' Living Costs:	\$ 640.00
Number of Envelopes:	31
(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...

- An article by John Warhurst entitled "Australian Bishops Have A Transparency Problem"
- An article by Hugh Mackay entitled "What Kind Of Society Do We Want To Become?"

LITURGY ROSTER

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 8/9th February 2020

1st Read: Isaiah 58: 7-10 2nd Read: 1 Corinthians 2: 1-5 Gospel: Matthew 5: 13-16

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion	Welcomers
5.30pm	Carmen Childs	Le Gall Family	Anne Maguire Maryann McNamara Lynne O'Brien	Volunteer Family
8.30am	Kirsten Collins	Paul Polidano	Brigid Jordan Betty Natoli Isadora Silva	Volunteer Family
9.00am	Helen Norman	Ken Sharpe	Bernard Charnley Peter Norman Jo Ridgeway	Maria Robson
10.00am	Julie O'Donnell	Miriam Ayoub	Mary Calleja Lyn Robinson Tony Robinson	Volunteer Family

We pray for Better Health: Mike Westbrook, Loretta Kearney, Salvatore Scaffidi, Vincent Natoli, Stephen Lynton Fernando, Will Hockey (Dot Sharkey's great nephew), Michael Doyle and Tony and Shirley Fitzsimons.

Anniversaries: Doug Wise and Peter Bonser

Recently Deceased:

Below are the six **Plenary Council Writing Groups** – please don't delay in sending off your thoughts. The next month is surely critical.

Missionary and Evangelising

missionary@catholic.org.au

Humble and Healing

humble@catholic.org.au

Inclusive Participatory and Synodal

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Joyful, Hope-Filled and Serving Community

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Prayerful and Eucharistic

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Open to Conversion, Renewal and Reform

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Thank You to all who contributed towards our recent **Bushfire Appeal**. Together, we managed to raise \$1,015 which has been transferred to our St Vincent De Paul Conference which will in turn be used to assist and support our country Victorians who are suffering as a result of this traumatic event. We stand with all those affected by the devastation of these bushfires, as well as those working tirelessly to assist in the recovery efforts. Well done everyone!

Liturgy Team Meeting

Our first meeting for the year will be held on Thursday, 6th February in the Parish House at 7.30pm. A chance to review Christmas Masses and prepare for Lent/Easter.



Farewell and Thank You to our dear Passionist Priest friend, Fr Kevin Hennessy.

Thank you for all that you did for us and for our parish. Look after the good people of St Paul Apostle Parish in Endeavour Hills.

Free to a good home...

Are you, or anyone you know of, in need of a desktop printer? We have one in surplus here in the parish office. It is an hp LaserJet CP1025nw colour printer and is in perfect working order. We have updated some of our office equipment and no longer require this printer. We shall also throw in some colour cartridges. Please let Fr Gerry know.

For information on our Parish
Schools please contact:

St Kevin's Primary School
Phone: 9273 9999

St Charles Borromeo Primary School
Phone: 9842 7634

**Church Leadership for a Post-Christendom Era
Formation Partnership Accountability**

World renowned speakers (Faggioli, Lennon and Wijlens)
Sunday, 1st March at Catholic Theological College
1.30pm – 4.30pm
RSVP: 25th February to Sarah Styring 9412 3366
Do yourself a favour and note this important event for
Melbourne Catholics.

**Schools' Commissioning Mass and Welcome to Prep Families Mass
Saturday 8th February @ 5.30pm**

Mass is part of the celebration of our refurbished Church. This Mass is also the occasion of our community's welcome to families starting this year at our schools. Third (and perhaps most importantly) at this Mass we shall commission our parish groups and teachers to serve the reign of God in 2020. Let us start the school year well. All of this will be followed by a BBQ.

Joan Chittister is an outspoken advocate of justice, peace and equality — especially for women world-wide — and has been one of our visionary spiritual voices for more than 30 years. After much controversy, she is definitely coming to Melbourne. The organisers have hired the Melbourne Town Hall, but will this be big enough for this major Catholic event? Already by Christmas, 1,200 seats have been sold. Please don't wait. We don't want you to miss out – tickets \$20.00. When? Tuesday, 8th September, 2020 at 7.00pm.
Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BFSNU. More details are on the flyer on the noticeboard.

Some Be-Attitudes

1. Blessed are those who can laugh at themselves. They shall have endless amusement.
2. Blessed are they who can tell a mountain from a molehill. They shall be spared a lot of trouble.
3. Blessed are those who can go to bed and fall asleep without looking for excuses. They will become wise.
4. Blessed are those who know when to shut up and listen. They will learn new things thereby.
5. Blessed are those who are intelligent enough to take themselves seriously. They will be appreciated by those around them.
6. Blessed are those who are attentive to the call of others without thinking themselves indispensable. They will be sowers of joy.
7. Happy are you if you know how to take small things seriously and large things peacefully. You will go far in life.'
8. Happy are you if you can admire a smile and forget a frown. Your path will be sunlit.
9. Happy are you if you can keep quiet and smile, even when someone cuts you off in mid-sentence; when someone treads on your toes or contradicts you. The gospel is beginning to penetrate your heart.
10. Blessed, above all, are you if you can recognise the Lord in everyone you meet. You have the true light and true wisdom.