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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.

25/26th January, 2020

Year A

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time St Vincent De Paul Bushfire Appeal

Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty
and splendour,
strength and honour in his
holy place.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my light and
my salvation.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of
the kingdom and healed all who
were sick.

Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Loving God please hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon

Look toward the Lord and
be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.



What a wonderful day of celebration we had last Sunday!

St Kevin's at our best! Thanks to so many of you who made the morning very special. Please continue to make Mohsen, Farnoosh and the boys welcome.

Our next major event is our **Community Welcome** to our new families, starting at our schools. February 8th @ 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.

Australia Day Award for one of our own!
Congratulations to Vianney Shiel on receiving the major award entitled "**Member of the Order of Australia**". Well done Vianney! A fitting award for a most generous man who gives of his time and talents not only to our parish community but to all that he comes into contact with. We are all very proud of you!

Baptism Welcome!

This weekend we welcome:

James and Elise Copsey

who will be introducing **Oliver James** to our Parish Community in preparation for his Baptism next weekend.

Celebration
of the
Sacrament of Baptism



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: 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:

25th Vinnies Bushfire Appeal
Baptism Presentation Mass

26th Australia Day
Vinnies Bushfire Appeal
Vianney Shiel receives his OAM

28th School Teachers return

29th St Kevin's Testing Appointments

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

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

BUSHFIRES

Dear God, Your creation has gone up in flames
Ash and char, now the only remains,
Before us spreads a sea of destruction!
We search in our hearts; is there an instruction?
We wonder, we ponder, we look and we seek
For meaning, amid a life-situation so bleak.

What is the cause? Can we see any?
Fuelled by drought? Neglect? Not just one.
Many. Looking to blame is a waste of energy,
It deflects, distracts and blinds to synergy.
Being open, with care and sensitivity,
Will reveal new horizons and new possibility.

Metaphors and images can convey
What the heart cannot grasp,
what words cannot say.

Our comprehension is tilted and confined
When left only to the working of the mind.
So I open my heart and my soul to see,
Is there a lesson that exists for me?

The bushfires mirror what happens in life,
Similarly bringing destruction and strife.

The human being, God's creation is good,
God's image and likeness, best understood
Through soul and spirit,
but while emotions are a mixture,
We are unable to see there's a bigger picture.

Drought and neglect of spirit are like fuel,
Unnourished and weakened, the forces of evil
Spread like wild fire and assume control,
Overwhelm, confuse and shatter the soul.
But, in the quiet, in silent contemplation,
New hope arises:
resurrection and regeneration!

Growth will recur and renew the landscape,
It will take time and effort to remould
and reshape,
Review is needed, a relook at life's purpose,
We realise community is sustained
through service,
Like the firefighters and heroes who give of
their best,
To save and protect life, withstanding the test.

May this life-situation serve to remind,
We each contribute to the well-being
of humankind.
We each play a part, big or small,
We make time to listen, to hear our call.
Awakened to truth we see this life-situation
Not as disaster, but as catalyst,
for life and new creation.

LAST WEEK'S GIVING

Envelopes	\$ 535.00
Direct Debit/Credit Card	\$ <u>1,040.00</u>
Total	\$ <u>1,575.00 (1)</u>
Priests' Living Costs:	\$ 896.00
Number of Envelopes:	34
(1) Weekly Pledged amount	\$3,020.65

Please contact the office if you would like to join.

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LITURGY ROSTER

Presentation of the Lord – 1st/2nd February 2020

1st Read: Malachi 3: 1-43 2nd Read: Hebrews 2: 14-18 Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion	Welcomers
5.30pm	Peter Howes	Margaret Turner	Anne Maguire Bredenia Raquel	Volunteer Family
8.30am	Frank Ozzimo	Rebecca Sandwell	Betty Natoli Mary Waddick Peter Waddick	Volunteer Family
9.00am	Des Thornton	Michael Doyle	Christine Flannery Dianne Flannery Marlene Thornton	Maria Robson
10.00am	Tony Byrne	Liz O'Connell	Raffaella Dinelli Lyn Murphy Pat Rowland	Volunteer Family

We pray for Better Health: Mike Westbrook, Loretta Kearney, Salvatore Scaffidi, Vincent Natoli, Adriano Virgona, Stephen Lynton Fernando and Will Hockey (Dot Sharkey's great nephew)

Anniversaries: Gerard Selleck, Jenny Henderson, Roger Anthony Cheng, Crofton (Croft) Uniake, Men Kong Cheng, Patricia Wood, Jacob Cheong and Andreas (Andy) Sugeng

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Plans National Response to Bushfire Crisis

"For days now, our skies across Melbourne have been filled with the smell and haze of the fires – a steady reminder that our neighbours, so close to us particularly in the Gippsland areas, the bordering States of NSW and South Australia, are in dire need. We stand with all those affected by the devastation of these bushfires, as well as those working tirelessly to assist in the recovery efforts." —Archbishop Peter Comensoli.

Help our neighbours by donating at www.vinnies.org.au or as part of our Parish Special Collection on Australia Day weekend.

Bushfire donations likely won't cover repair bill, St Vincent de Paul chief says

The more than \$250 million donated to charities for bushfire relief in recent weeks is "probably not enough" to repair the damage caused by blazes across the country, the head of St Vincent de Paul Society said.

"Just driving through the South Coast of New South Wales and seeing every sign melted, roads damaged, then you need to rebuild all of the town halls, rebuild the schools that have been damaged," he said.

"I think the money is probably not enough yet to cover the infrastructure that's been lost."

"We're only half way through a bushfire season, too, so I think people will continue to be very generous." "The difficulty is once the fires go and people get back on with their lives, these communities [still] won't be". "That's why these funds are really important, because this will enable agencies like ours to stay there and be with communities. "It's impossible to say at this stage exactly what will be needed, but we absolutely know this has devastated a lot of communities and it will take communities years to recover." "People have died protecting their farms, they lost fences, they lost pasture, they lost hay sheds in the fires, and they now have no feed for their cattle." The bushfire emergency has put pressure on the food supply chain and that will be costly to remedy. "To keep the food supply going — re-establishing orchards, re-establishing pastures, re-establishing fence lines — it will be a lot of cost."

(By David Claughton and Ainslie Drewitt-Smith, ABC News/Jack De Groot, SVDP Society)

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**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.

Did you know...

- When the people of Israel returned to the Promised Land after their liberation from Egypt, the land was divided among the twelve tribes descended from the twelve sons of Jacob. Zebulun and Naphtali were two of those sons.
- The town of Capernaum stood on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, on the border of the areas given to these two sons of Jacob.
- Matthew uses the term *kingdom of heaven* rather than *kingdom of God*. This may have been because his audience is largely Jewish, and Jews avoided using the sacred name of God.
- This is another example of Matthew stating that, in Jesus, the old Testament prophecies of the Messiah coming are fulfilled.

Making Connections...

- What have you left behind to follow Jesus?
- How do you feel about that?
- Have you ever felt 'called' to do something? A challenge you just could not pass by? A strange urge to move beyond your normal behaviour? To pursue something outside your experience? What was the outcome? Share your reflections.
- Try to be a light for other people this week. Be aware of opportunities through which you could draw other people to Christ.
- Use a part of today's psalm as your prayer this week:
*The Lord is my light and my salvation
Whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink?
The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

AUSTRALIA DAY