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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.

29th February/1st March, 2020

Year A

**Baptisms Weekend
First Sunday of Lent**

March! The month to be in Templestowe (and St Kevin's of course)!

6th March – World Day of Prayer – 8.00pm next Friday.

17th March Irishman Brother Mark O'Connor (well ... Irish for the day) who was an observer for the whole of the recent Amazon Synod which is likely to have repercussions world-wide, will inform us on the implications for our Plenary Council.

Don't miss this outstanding speaker, Tuesday 17th @ 8.00pm.

21st March Confirmation Commitment Mass @ 5.30pm

22nd March Confirmation Commitment Mass @ 10.00am

24th March – Michael McGirr – come and hear Michael bring alive the sacraments.

31st March – Our Communal Reconciliation (Penance) Celebration @ 7.30pm

Making Connections *Opportunities for group discussion and personal prayer*

- What are the temptations you experience?
- How is the balance in your life? How much energy do you expend in looking after your physical and material domain as opposed to your mental and spiritual domain?
- Have there been periods or events in your life that tested you?
What did you learn of your own strengths and weaknesses from this?
- Make a commitment to your own special regime of prayer, fasting and almsgiving during this Lenten period. Find out about and give support to Project Compassion.
- Use this verse from this week's psalm as your prayer:

*A pure heart create for me, O God,
Put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
Nor deprive me of your holy spirit.*

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: 11.00am @ Willowbrae

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 FEB/MAR:

29th Baptisms Mass @ 5.30pm
TGI's Youth Group @ 6.45pm

1st Baptisms Mass @ 10.00am
Church Leadership Seminar

3rd St Charles Borromeo Open Day
Mass with St Kevin's Middle C
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

4th Craft Group @ 1.30pm

6th World Day of Prayer Event

8th TGI's Teens Group @ 4.30pm

11th Craft Group @ 1.30pm

12th Interchange Outer East

17th Mass @ Mercy Place @ 11.00am

18th Craft Group @ 1.30pm
Baptism Preparation Evening

World Day of Prayer 2020, Friday, March 6th

World Day of Prayer, held each year on the first Friday in March, is the only occasion on which our local churches come together in ecumenical prayer. This year it is St Kevin's turn to host the 8pm WDP service in our Church and Gathering Space.

Please mark Friday the 6th March in your calendars.

Zimbabwe is the focus of this year's event with the theme being: **Rise! Take Up Your Bed And Walk!**

Our guest speaker will be Dr Samir Ibrahim - Psychiatrist extraordinaire and recent OAM recipient.

After the service, our welcoming Gathering Space will be utilised for refreshments and socialising. Do come along, it's always an uplifting experience to join in worldwide prayer.

Rise – Home Awaits, March 21, 2020

The Rise team invites young people of our parish to participate in **Rise 2020 – a one day Catholic youth festival on Saturday 21st March**, at Emmaus College, Vermont South 10am-6pm. This gathering attracted over 800 young people from all over Melbourne in 2019! The festival features interactive exhibitions, festival activities, engaging workshops, live music and heartfelt prayer and worship experiences. Participation in **Rise** will contribute in an ongoing way to the rich faith life of our parish communities. Further information regarding workshops, guest speakers, the schedule of the day as well as the official Rise 2020 promotional video, can be found on the website: www.risemelbourne.com or via our social media channels @risemelbourne. Ticket purchases can be made via the Rise website - \$20 early bird price applies until 6th March.

LAST WEEK'S GIVING

Envelopes	\$ 510.00
Direct Debit/Credit Card	\$ <u>1,040.00</u>
Total	\$ <u>1,550.00 (1)</u>
Priests' Living Costs:	\$ 805.00
Number of Envelopes:	34
(1) Weekly Pledged amount	\$3,020.65

Please contact the office if you would like to join.

Music at the Monastery - 14th March

Please come and join us at the Holy Cross Centre, Serpells Road, Templestowe for a night of music on the back lawn.

Bring your own picnic, drinks, chair or rug. From 6pm.

All funds raised will go towards Bushfire Relief. Please see flyer for more details.

LITURGY ROSTER

Second Sunday of Lent – 7/8th March 2020

1st Read: Genesis 12: 1-4 2nd Read: 2 Timothy 1: 8-10 Gospel: Matthew 17: 1-9

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion	Welcomers
5.30pm	Carmen Childs	Le Gall Family	De-anne McAdams Lynne O'Brien Bredenia Raquel	Volunteer Family
8.30am	Paul Polidano	Kirsten Collins	Brigid Jordon Betty Natoli	Volunteer Family
9.00am	Helen Norman	Bernard Charnley	Christine Flannery Dianne Flannery Peter Norman	Volunteer Family
10.00am	Tony Byrne	Johnson Family	Kaye Byrne Tony Whelan Geraldine Williams	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, Br John McMahan, Don Mullin, Ray Ross, Patricia Keeghan, Orazio Scaffidi, Luigi Amalfi, Bianca Guerra and Maria Robson.

Anniversaries: Claude Natoli (9th – Betty's Son).

Recently Deceased:

Entrance Antiphon

When he calls on me,
I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

Responsorial Psalm

Be merciful, O Lord,
for we have sinned.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from
the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon

One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth
from the mouth of God.



ST KEVIN'S CATHOLIC SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

A Parent Information Night is planned for Wednesday 24th March, 2020, at 7.30pm in the Church, where instructions will be given for online bookings. This is a compulsory evening for all parents. Please ring the Parish Office on 9850 5983 (Tuesday-Friday 9am-4pm) or email: templestowe@cam.org.au or pam.cohen7@icloud.com for further information.

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

Ethan Anthony Akers

Son of Christopher and Lauren

Leonardo Vincent Belfield

Son of John and Vincenzina (Enza)

Little brother of Orlando and Rafael

Chiziterem God'swill Enyi

Son of Blessing and Munachi

Penelope Sky Hermans

Daughter of Thomas and Agnes

Lily Grace, Milla Rose and

Aiden Charles Paul Ibrahim

Children of Hakan and Leanne

For information on our Parish Schools please contact:

St Kevin's Primary School
Phone: 9273 9999

St Charles Borromeo Primary School
Phone: 9842 7634

Well Done to the parish of St Kevin's! Together, we managed to raise \$2,377.50 for the recent CatholicCare Bushfire Appeal. An outstanding result!

Also, we raised \$750 for the Catholic Mission Appeal last year. Go Team!

24th MARCH

Michael McGirr, teacher, author, parent, journalist is coming to St Kevin's on Tuesday, 24th March. His primary audience is parents whose children hope to celebrate sacraments this year. However, he could well give each of us important and stimulating thoughts. Consequently, you are invited to come on 24th March @ 7.30pm.

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.

Inspirational Quotes From Christian Meditation Network

We each find our own way of saying the sacred word. Many people say it in rhythm with their breathing. Say the mantra in the silence of your mind, a silence that is ever deeper. Concentrate on the mantra over all other thoughts and ideas, feelings and concerns. You may be tempted to 'turn off the motor' and just float. Return to the faithful saying of your mantra. The way to overcome this temptation is to keep saying the mantra. This is the way to your heart.



We are now in the Season of Lent. Please make sure you collect your Project Compassion box before you leave today.

Summer Abundance

*Let the sacred period of late summer teach you the virtues
of contentment
and at-homeness with its multicoloured riches.
Let it teach you to take stock of what you have given and received,
to know that these are enough.
May it open you to delight in the abundance of life.
So often scarcity, or the fear of scarcity,
captures our attention and takes our energy.
Abundance is a presence that supports and nurtures us
without demands.
It is an awareness of life's riches.
Take time to notice areas of abundance in your life:
your health, your chosen family and friends,
your training and experience,
your home, and your relationship with the Earth
and the stars.
What abundance do you have in your life:
and how are you returning blessing to all creation
from what you have received?*

Return Blessings – Dion L Neu

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Parish's*

FOR TEENS

We're Baaaaack!

Our very first gathering for the year will be on Sunday 8th March, 4.30pm-7.30pm. A great way to keep in touch with friends, reconnect with old ones and make new ones! All Years 9-12 students welcome