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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.

22nd/23rd February, 2020

Year A

Baptisms Presentations Weekend Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.
My heart will rejoice in
your salvation.

I will sing to the Lord who has been
bountiful with me.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Whoever keeps the word of Christ,
grows perfect in the love of God.

Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon

I will recount all your wonders,
I will rejoice in you and be glad,
and sing psalms to your name,
O Most High.



Remember the Fr Ray Sanchez retreat last year?

It started on this very Sunday night, last year.

Fr Ray is coming back to us next year at the end of February.

Making Connections

- How easy or difficult is it to go beyond the minimum required of us? To offer real generosity of spirit?
- How easy or difficult is it to love those who ridicule or persecute you? To reach out to those who are different from us?
- Have you ever 'gone the extra mile'? Have you ever had to do something that was 'beyond the call of duty'? What were the circumstances? What were the outcomes? How easy or difficult was it for you? Share your reflections.
- Go beyond the minimum this week and reach out in generosity to someone you may not ordinarily associate with. Offer friendship or material support to someone who may be seen as an outcast in our society.
- Today's entrance antiphon makes a suitable prayer for this week:

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SPIRITUAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

Adoration –

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

Masses this week -

Tuesday: *** No Mass Today ***

Ash Wednesday: 9.15am, 11.45am, 7.30pm

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 FEB/MAR:

22nd Baptisms Presentation Mass

23rd Baptisms Presentation Mass

26th Ash Wednesday

St Kevin's School Mass @ 9.15am

St Charles' School Mass @ 11.45am

Parish Mass at 7.30pm

Craft Group @ 1.00pm

No school for St Kevin's Preps

Crazy Day lunch for St Kevin's

St Kevin's Assembly @ 2.45pm

28th Sacrament Registrations close

29th Baptisms Mass @ 5.30pm

TGI's Youth Group @ 6.45pm

1st Baptisms Mass @ 10.00am

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	\$ 630.00
Direct Debit/Credit Card	\$ 1,040.00
Total	\$ 1,670.00 (1)
Priests' Living Costs:	\$ 825.00
Number of Envelopes:	35
(1) Weekly Pledged amount	\$3,020.65

Please contact the office if you would like to join.

LENT 2020 Have you recovered from Christmas? Good because, **Ash Wednesday is this coming Wednesday.** You are spoilt for choice coming to Mass: 9.15am & 7.30pm @ St Kevin's Church 11.45am @ St Charles Borromeo School It is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat.

LITURGYROSTER

First Sunday of Lent – 29th February/1st March 2020

1st Read: Genesis 2: 7-9, 3: 1-7 2nd Read: Romans 5: 12-19 Gospel: Matthew 4: 1-11

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion	Welcomers
5.30pm	Peter Howes	De-anne McAdams	Anne Maguire Maryann McNamara Lynne O'Brien	Volunteer Family
8.30am	Paul Polidano	Frank Ozzimo	Betty Natoli Mary Waddick Peter Waddick	Volunteer Family
9.00am	Margaret Mangan	Michael Doyle	Bernard Charnley Dianne Flannery Jo Ridegway	Maria Robson
10.00am	Julie O'Donnell	Mishika Perera	Raffaella Dinelli 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, Tony & Shirley Fitzsimons, Br John McMahon, Don Mullin and Ray Ross.

Anniversaries: Domenica Ianno
Yvette Mascarenhas (1) and
Anna Toppi (1).

Recently Deceased:
Fr Rodney (Rod) Fredrick Philip Pitts

ST KEVIN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

**If you would like your child/ren to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation,
First Communion or Reconciliation this year, the time to act is now!**

Expressions of Interest are currently being accepted for students to receive these Sacraments this year. A Parent Information Night is planned for next month, Tuesday 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. You have until Friday, 28th February to register your interest. Late applications will definitely **not** be accepted. 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.

**Read what the UN has to say about
our Environment:**



**SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT GOALS**
KNOWLEDGE PLATFORM

This informative site has both some scary facts about our future, as well as some positive ways for reassuring our future.

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

World renowned speakers (Faggioli-Lennon-Wijlens)
Sunday, 1st March at Catholic Theological College,
1.30 – 4.30pm

RSVP: 25th February to Sarah Styring 9412 3366
Do yourself a favour and note this important event
for Melbourne Catholics.

Below are the six **Plenary Council Writing Groups** – please don't delay in sending off your thoughts. Time is running out. These are the last weeks!

Missionary and Evangelising
missionary@catholic.org.au

Inclusive Participatory and Synodal
inclusive@catholic.org.au

Prayerful and Eucharistic
prayerful@catholic.org.au

Humble and Healing
humble@catholic.org.au

Joyful, Hope-Filled and Serving Community
joyful@catholic.org.au

Open to Conversion, Renewal and Reform
conversion@catholic.org.au

For information on our Parish
Schools please contact:

St Kevin's Primary School
Phone: 9273 9999

St Charles Borromeo Primary School
Phone: 9842 7634

DESPERATELY SEEKING

Graphic Designers!...

We are seeking the expertise of a Graphic Designer to assist us in producing an electronic version of our existing Parish Logo. If you feel you can help (or know of someone who can), please let Rebecca or Fr Gerry know. Thank you.

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

- Latest information regarding Lent
- News on our Plenary Council

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

See your meditation, your prayer, not as your own but as the prayer of Jesus. The time is His. The prayer is His. The miracle is: Jesus' prayer is ours! We start mediation with hope, not with a desire to get somewhere or something. We leave behind all our thoughts, plans, ideas, concerns and even OUR prayers. We open our hearts to the prayer of Jesus.

CATHOLICCARE BUSHFIRE APPEAL

This weekend is our last collection for this Appeal. Thank you to those who have already and continue to give. Thousands of people all over Australia have lost their livelihoods and/or their homes, or have suffered the trauma of escaping the raging fires.



Lent begins on Wednesday.
Please make sure you collect your Project Compassion box before you leave today.

Baptism Welcome!

This weekend we welcome:

Christopher and Lauren Akers

who will be introducing **Ethan Anthony, John and Vincenzina (Enza) Belfield**

who will be introducing **Leonardo Vincent, Blessing and Munachi Enyi**

who will be introducing **Chiziterem God'swill, Agnes and Thomas Hermans**

who will be introducing **Penelope Sky and Hakan and Leanne Ibrahim**

who will be introducing

Lily Grace, Milla Rose and Aiden Charles Paul

to our Parish Community in preparation for their Baptisms next weekend.

Celebration
of the
Sacrament of Baptism



TGI'S Templestowe Parish's YOUTH GROUP

We're Baaaaack!

The first TGI's session for 2020 will be on Saturday, 29th February @ 6.45pm. Looking forward to the return of our familiar faces and of course a big welcome to our "newbies". See you there!