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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.

**15/16<sup>th</sup> February, 2020**

**Year A**

### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Entrance Antiphon

Be my protector, O God,  
a mighty stronghold to save me.  
For you are my rock, my stronghold!  
Lead me, guide me,  
for the sake of your name.

#### Responsorial Psalm

Happy are they who follow the law  
of the Lord!

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father,  
Lord of heaven and earth;  
you have revealed to little ones the  
mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

#### Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer.

#### Communion Antiphon

They ate and had their fill,  
and what they craved the Lord  
gave them;  
they were not disappointed in what  
they craved.

#### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

No sooner have we set out on our way through Ordinary Time than we are confronted with the demands of gospel living. Jesus is uncompromising. It is not enough to be outwardly good and religious; our inmost thought and feelings must be thoroughly purified as well. If we wish to be his disciples we must undergo conversion of heart and mind. Gospel living does not allow any dichotomy between the outer self and the inner self. It calls for complete integrity of life. This teaching of Jesus is complemented today by wisdom ancient and new. The author of Ecclesiasticus invites us to choose between life and death, and Paul offers the Corinthians the mysterious wisdom that is now revealed by the Spirit who alone knows the depths of God. Together they offer encouragement. "To behave faithfully is within your power", says Ben Sira. And Paul writes that the wisdom he teaches is "the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began".

#### What Can You Do To Reduce your Ecological Footprint in the Home?

These actions could reduce your energy bill by 10 to 50%. Please take one of the handouts before you leave today.

# 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 FEBRUARY:

**18<sup>th</sup>** St Kevin's Mass @ Mercy Place

**19<sup>th</sup>** No school for St Kevin's Preps  
Craft Group @ 1.00pm

Baptism Preparation Evening

**22<sup>nd</sup>** Baptisms Presentation Mass

**23<sup>rd</sup>** Baptisms Presentation Mass

**26<sup>th</sup>** Ash Wednesday

St Kevin's School Mass @ 9.15am

St Charles' School Mass @ 11.45am

Parish Mass at 7.30pm

Craft Group @ 1.00pm

**29<sup>th</sup>** Baptisms Mass @ 5.30pm

TGI's Youth Group @ 6.45pm

## World Day of Prayer 2020

**Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**

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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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 6<sup>th</sup> March.

## LAST WEEK'S GIVING

Envelopes	\$ 565.00
Direct Debit/Credit Card	\$ <u>1,040.00</u>
Total	\$ <u>1,605.00 (1)</u>
Priests' Living Costs:	\$ 995.00
Number of Envelopes:	35
(1) Weekly Pledged amount	\$3,020.65

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

## **LOST PROPERTY** *Have you left behind...*

- a fold up umbrella
- a (toy) panda
- a winter jacket
- little persons thongs?

If yes, please collect from the Gathering Space. Otherwise these items are going to go to a good home – soon.

## LITURGY ROSTER

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020**

**1<sup>st</sup> Read: Lev 19: 1-2, 17-18 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: 1 Corinth 3: 16-23 Gospel: Matthew 5: 38-48**

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion	Welcomers
5.30pm	Janet Parsons	Margaret Turner	Maryann McNamara Lynne O'Brien	Volunteer Family
8.30am	Kirsten Collins	Rebecca Sandwell	Brigid Jordan Frank Ozzimo Isadora Silva	Volunteer Family
9.00am	Ken Sharpe	Helen Norman	Christine Flannery Dianne Flannery Peter Norman	Maria Robson
10.00am	Carmel Purdey	Liz O'Connell	Mary Calleja Betty Natoli Pat Rowland	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 McMahan, Don Mullin and Ray Ross.

**Anniversaries:** Reynaldo Tagala (1), Jim Hannon, Frances Alexander (1), Roger Anthony & Meng Kong Cheng, and Masino Cappadona (1).

**Recently Deceased:** John Watts

### ***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 24<sup>th</sup> 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, 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:templestowe@cam.org.au) or [pam.cohen7@icloud.com](mailto:pam.cohen7@icloud.com) for further information.

#### **ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>**

It is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat.

Masses will be:

9.15am St Kevin's Church

11.45am St Charles Borromeo School

7.30pm St Kevin's Church

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

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

RSVP: 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:missionary@catholic.org.au)

**Inclusive Participatory and Synodal**  
[inclusive@catholic.org.au](mailto:inclusive@catholic.org.au)

**Prayerful and Eucharistic**  
[prayerful@catholic.org.au](mailto:prayerful@catholic.org.au)

**Humble and Healing**  
[humble@catholic.org.au](mailto:humble@catholic.org.au)

**Joyful, Hope-Filled and Serving Community**  
[joyful@catholic.org.au](mailto:joyful@catholic.org.au)

**Open to Conversion, Renewal and Reform**  
[conversion@catholic.org.au](mailto: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.

## 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH

**Michael McGirr**, teacher, author, parent, journalist is coming to St Kevin's on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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, 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 at 7.00pm. Bookings: [www.trybooking.com/BFSNU](http://www.trybooking.com/BFSNU). More details are on the flyer on the noticeboard.

## Inspirational Quotes From Christian Meditation Network

In the journey of meditation we say our mantra: *Ma-ra-na-tha*. We let go of thoughts and plans, ideas and imaginings. We let go of the images of ourselves. We let go of our desires, our fears, what others might think of us. This "letting go" leads us into communion with the Other (God) and others at a deeper level. The solitude of meditation is a foundation stone. Meditation helps to build true community: all are one in God.

## Visit of Bethlehem University Vice Chancellor:

Come and hear Brother Peter Bray speak about life in Bethlehem and the amazing ministry of the only Catholic University in Palestine and its challenge to educate a new generation of Christian and Muslim leaders in a land ravaged by injustice, occupation and oppression. Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 6.00pm at The Cunningham Centre (opposite St. Bernadette's School) 53 Stanley St, Ivanhoe. Please RSVP to Parish Office 9499 1515 or [Ivanhoe@cam.org.au](mailto:Ivanhoe@cam.org.au) All Welcome!

## CATHOLIC CARE BUSHFIRE APPEAL

Thousands of people all over Australia have lost their livelihoods and/or their homes, or have suffered the trauma of escaping the raging fires. The flashbacks/depression these people are facing or will face when the shock turns to reality must be addressed. CatholicCare Australia is gearing up to provide counselling in the months and years ahead. They ask for our financial assistance which will be used to assist and support our country Victorians who are suffering as a result of this traumatic event. We stand in solidarity with all those affected by the devastation of these bushfires, as well as those working tirelessly to assist in the recovery efforts.

## TGI'S Templestowe Parish's YOUTH GROUP

### We're Baaaaack!

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