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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.

7/8th March, 2020

Year A

Second Sunday of Lent

Entrance Antiphon

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek
his face.

It is your face, O Lord,
that I seek;

hide not your face from me.

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you,
Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's
voice is heard:

this is my beloved Son,
hear him.

Glory and praise to you,
Lord Jesus Christ!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon

This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.

The Twofold Character of Lent: It's clear that Lent is a penitential season. However, that's just half the story. Lent has a twofold character. First, it is a time to recall or prepare for baptism. That is why we celebrate so many of the rites from the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults during Lent. All the baptised assist those preparing to be initiated by "joining the catechumens in reflecting on the value of the paschal mystery and by renewing their own conversion" (RCIA 4). In Lent, we renew our conversion to Christ, particularly through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Recollecting our baptism leads us to the second character of the season. As members of the baptised, we realise that we have not always lived up to our baptismal promises. Our actions and attitudes do not always reflect our faith in the Father, in Jesus, or in the Holy Spirit. Those preparing for Baptism may have their moments of doubt as well. For them and for the baptised, penance, especially through more attentive listening to the word of God and fervent prayer, helps us reorient our lives to Christ and dispose us to celebrate his death and resurrection.

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 MARCH:

8th TGI's Teens Group @ 4.30pm

9th Labour Day Public Holiday

10th St Kevin's School Open Day

11th Craft Group @ 1.00pm

12th Interchange Outer East

13th St Kevin's School Working Bee

17th Mass @ Mercy Place @ 11.00am

18th Craft Group @ 1.00pm

Baptism Preparation Evening

21st Confirmation Commitment Mass

TGI's Youth Group @ 6.45pm

22nd Baptism Presentation Mass

Confirmation Commitment Mass

“How Pope Francis And Others Are Attempting To Change The Catholic Church”

Brother Mark O'Connor, accredited press observer at the recent Amazon synod in Rome and an astute analyser, is coming here to speak to us at St Kevin's on Tuesday, 17th March at 8pm.

Mark has reflected deeply on the impact of this synod for the changing face of the Church.

Come along and be filled with hope as this engaging and wise man offers us precious insights on our Catholic tradition at the local, regional and universal level.

This wonderful evening will be rounded off by the articulate and passionate Peter Johnstone.

We look forward to welcoming as many of us as possible here at St Kevin's on Tuesday 17th March, as we make St Patrick proud!

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.

LAST WEEK'S GIVING

Envelopes	\$ 655.00
Direct Debit/Credit Card	\$ <u>1,040.00</u>
Total	\$ <u>1,695.00 (1)</u>
Priests' Living Costs:	\$ 1,090.00
Number of Envelopes:	39
(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

Third Sunday of Lent – 14/15th March 2020

1st Read: Exodus 17: 3-7 2nd Read: Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8 Gospel: John 4: 5-16, 39-42

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion	Welcomers
5.30pm	Janet Parsons	Chelsea Soklevski	Anne Maguire Lynne O'Brien Bredenia Raquel	Volunteer Family
8.30am	Frank Ozzimo	Paul Polidano	Betty Natoli Mary Waddick Peter Waddick	Volunteer Family
9.00am	Ken Sharpe	Margaret Mangan	Bernard Charnley Margaret Mangan Jo Ridgeway	Volunteer Family
10.00am	Tony Byrne	Liz O'Connell	Mary Calleja Betty Natoli Julie O'Donnell	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, Don Mullin, Ray Ross, Patricia Keeghan, Orazio Scaffidi, Luigi Amalfi, Bianca Guerra and Maria Robson.

Anniversaries: Sheldon Fernando, Joseph Boniventure, Mary Gage, Pauline McKenzie, Roger Bannister, William & Alice Cowsley, Tony Bendall and Les Carlyon.

Scrutinies Next weekend, we shall start the first of the three consecutive weekends of scrutinies. Well, we could say, come next weekend and find out! But in general they are a GHLAY – See you next weekend!

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.

Lessons From The Coronavirus

We have been advised from the Cathedral authorities that for the time being, only one person should drink from the Communion Cup. As baptised people we are all celebrants at Mass (no one is passive). Hopefully, each week a different person can have the privilege of drinking the precious blood. The question has been consistently asked "Why is Communion on the tongue still allowed as it is a far more unhygienic practice than sipping alcohol?" Please seriously consider this question and receive Communion in the hand, at least for the time being.

Making Connections

Opportunities for group discussion and personal prayer

- "It is wonderful for us to be here".
What does this phrase mean to you at the moment?
- What glimpses of the glory of God do you see in your daily life?
- Have you ever had an experience that caused you to see another person in an entirely different light?
Or an experience of seeing attributes in someone that had never been revealed to you before? Share your reflections.
- "It is wonderful for us to be here". This week make a special effort to recognise the gifts of each day. Be aware of and rejoice in those small moments of joy or wonder or 'revelation' that often slip by unnoticed. Reflect on these for a time each evening as you review your day.
- Use today's response to the psalm as your prayer this week:

*Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.*

For information on our Parish
Schools please contact:

St Kevin's Primary School
Phone: 9273 9999

St Charles Borromeo Primary School
Phone: 9842 7634

SUSTAINABILITY CORNER...

Coffee Drinkers!

We all love that cup of coffee, especially if we are out and on the run, getting coffee in a take away form is so easy. But those cups we get our coffee in are becoming one of the greatest bits of waste that we just discard.

Instead:

Use reusable cups such as keep cups, when you are out and want that cup of coffee to take away.

Keep a reusable cup with you.

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. 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

In meditation we leave our 'prayers' behind and enter into the prayer, the prayer of Christ. Our way is the way of one little word, saying the mantra: *Ma-ra-na-tha* 'Come Lord Jesus'. Our whole being goes into the way of emptiness. What we find is that the full vision of God can only come when our heart is set on God. It is not too hard. It is not too difficult.

Our task is daily fidelity to saying the mantra.

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

Moments of Blessing

In the mystery of a new birth,
in the baby as she discovers the world about
and the people in whom she can trust,
we glimpse a holy moment telling of God.

In the tranquility of the silent moment,
in the music which thrills our innermost being
and the glories of nature powerfully majestic,
we glimpse a holy moment telling of God.

In the loving word,
in the concern expressed from the heart
and the presence of friend who does not impose,
we glimpse a holy moment telling of God.

In the opportunity to care,
in the sense of being upheld by the care of others
and the privilege of seeing deep into the solitude
of another,
we glimpse a holy moment telling of God.

In the artist's imagination
in the composer's music
and the scientist's leap of faith,
we glimpse a holy moment telling of God.

In the problem being resolved,
in the transformation of decline
and the community which embraces the
most vulnerable,
we glimpse a holy moment telling of God.

God, Parent,
God, companion in Jesus,
God, enlivening Spirit,
Your blessing is in all moments of our life,
Grant us the sense to rejoice!

John L Humphreys, Wales