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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.

14/15th March, 2020

Year A

Third Sunday of Lent

Entrance Antiphon

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the
snare.

Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

Responsorial Psalm

If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord
Jesus Christ!

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of
the world;

give me living water, that I may
never thirst again.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord
Jesus Christ!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon

For anyone who drinks it, says the
Lord, the water I shall give will
become in him a spring welling up
to eternal life.

Jesus identifies himself as the source of water that guarantees eternal life.:

Now that our Lenten journey is well under way, we move into a new phase of the season. So far we've been guided by the twin stories of Jesus' testing in the wilderness and his transfiguration on the holy mountain. For the next three weeks we turn to dramatic scenes in the gospel of John which reveal fundamental features of his identity and mission.

He is the living water (4:5-42),

The light of the world (9:1-41), and

The resurrection and the life (11:1-45).

So central are these stories in the liturgical tradition, and so apt for the preparation of the elect for their baptism at Easter, that these gospels and the readings that go with them may be read every year. We begin this series of profound revelations with the story of Jesus' dialogue with the Samaritan woman at the well. From so long ago it challenges us to reflect deeply. What do we really thirst for in our lives? And who or what will quench our heartfelt longings?

SPIRITUAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

Adoration –

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

Masses this week -

Tuesday: 11am @ Mercy Place Aged Care

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)

TUESDAY NIGHT – come and be informed!

Join with us and many others on Tuesday night to hear Brother Mark O'Connor help us to know some important issues greatly affecting our church.

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

All this right on our very own door step.
When: -8PM THIS TUESDAY 17TH MARCH
Where: -AT ST KEVIN'S CHURCH.

How does Br Mark know? He is an accredited press agent for Bishop Vincent Long and as such he attended all the Amazon Synod meeting and he will share with us what this means for Australia.

“Be educated, be adult, be informed!”

A NEW WEBSITE, particularly connected with the upcoming Plenary Council and signalling and informing us of the forever “Reforming Church” (2nd Vatican Council).is now up and ready to view. To visit this exciting initiative, simply go to www.senseofthefaithful.org.au Take a minute to have a look, you will be impressed with the articles on ‘Climate Change’ & ‘Women’s’ role in Church’

DIARY DATES FOR MARCH:

17th Mass @ Mercy Place @ 11.00am
17th Speaker – Br Mark O'Connor on
‘How Pope Francis & others are
attempting to change the Catholic
Church’ @ 8pm

18th Craft Group @ 1.00pm
Baptism Preparation Evening

20th Nadia returns from Cruise!

21st Confirmation Commitment Mass
TGI's Youth Group @ 6.45pm

22nd Baptism Presentation Mass
Confirmation Commitment Mass

24th Sacrament Night – Michael McGirr

ST KEVIN'S CATHOLIC SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

A Parent Information Night is being held on Wednesday 24th March, 2020, at 7.30pm. with our guest speaker **Michael McGirr** (teacher, author, parent and journalist). Michael will enlighten us all with some important and stimulating thoughts as we begin to prepare our children receiving their sacraments.

This is a compulsory evening for all parents. Where instructions will be given for online bookings. For your child's sacrament.

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.

LAST WEEK'S GIVING

Envelopes	\$ 360.00
Direct Debit/Credit Card	\$ <u>1,040.00</u>
Total	\$ <u>1,400.00</u>

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Priests' Living Costs: \$ 780.00

Number of Envelopes: 29

(1) Weekly Pledged amount \$3,020.65

Please contact the office if you would like to join.

LITURGY ROSTER

Fourth Sunday of Lent – 21st/22nd March 2020

1st Read: Samuel 16: 1,6-7,10-13 2nd Read: Ephesians 5: 8-14 Gospel: John 9: 1-41

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion	Welcomers
5.30pm	Peter Howes	Margaret Turner	De-Anne McAdams Maryann McNamara Lynne O'Brien	Volunteer Family
8.30am	Paul Polidano	Isadora Silva	Betty Natoli Frank Ozzimo	Volunteer Family
9.00am	Michael Doyle	Helen Norman	Christine Flannery Dianne Flannery Peter Norman	Volunteer Family
10.00am	Vianney Shiel	Mishika Perera	Pat Rowland Carmel Shiel Geraldine Williams	Volunteer Family

We pray for Better Health: Mike Westbrook, 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: Fr Denis Edwards

Recently Deceased: Loretta Kearney, and Mary-Ann Southwell (dear Aunt of Rebecca Sandwell our Pastoral Worker)

Did you Know???

- There was an ancient enmity between the Jews and Samaritans that sprung from the split of Israel and Judah into two kingdoms after the death of Solomon. Samaria was the capital of the northern kingdom while Jerusalem remained the capital in the south. The Samaritans built a 'break-away' Temple on Mount Gerizim
- In speaking to a woman who is unknown to him, and a Samaritan woman at that, Jesus is contravening the acceptable social mores of his time. This causes shock in the disciples but indicates that the kingdom of God is open to all who recognise Jesus.

The Scrutinies

– A long, careful look

This weekend, we shall start the first of the three consecutive weekends of scrutinies. Let's uncover all that is defective or weak in our hearts to bring out and strengthen all that is strong and good...together. The scrutiny for those preparing for baptism or reception takes place today.

Lent offers the opportunity for individuals and the community as a group to respond to God's invitation to renewal and deepening of commitment to the following of Jesus. It is a time for listening more attentively to God in our lives and allowing him to bring the light of his loving presence to our innermost selves, often so deeply buried that we rarely are conscious of this level of our being. And this is where the scrutinies lead us. The celebration of the scrutinies is a great opportunity for the whole community to face the reality of Christian commitment.

Blessing Blankets

Our wonderful knitting group (who meet each Wednesday in our Gathering Space at 1pm) have been creating hand sewn, bespoke blankets for those in need. Last weekend Fr Gerry blessed their latest colourful batch of blankets which are to be thoughtfully gift wrapped with words of strength & prayer; to be donated to the 'Good Samaritan Inn' - who provide short term accommodation for women & children escaping domestic violence. Keep up the good work dear knitters ♥

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.

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. Sign of Peace – we are to be mindful of contact with others and as such we take another meaningful approach to offering a sign of peace... With a slight nod in the recipient's direction, let's look each other in the eyes with true acknowledgement, warmth and peace....

Catholic Theological College – 2020 study options now available. Visit their website <http://www.ctc.edu.au> to discover their rich & diverse range of courses for you to study for perhaps your own interest or professional development.

Inspirational Quotes From Christian Meditation Network

We move beyond all thoughts about God... We move beyond all words about God... We are called to know God through the experience of God's Spirit. It is the simplicity of God, the one-ness of God, that calls us to meditate. It is our biggest question: 'How can God be so mysterious yet so simple?' The mantra helps us past this big question. The mantra helps us to find, in the silence of our heart, the experience of God beyond words and beyond questions.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Our delightful Liz Whyte has moved from weeds & plants to caring for animals. Thank you for being one of the people keeping our gardens looking cared for and welcoming. Liz is moving on, so give her a ring as to how you can help in keeping our Parish grounds look welcoming; or call the Parish House .

Our gardens are well established, we have Greg already mowing the lawns and the community pays you a little pocket money too – Wow! Please give Liz a call to find out more. (0419 300 804).

Making Connections

Opportunities for group discussion and personal prayer

- 'How will you get this living water?' Reflect on your journey so far.
- 'If you only knew what God is offering...' What is it that you are being offered by God? What would you ask of Jesus?
- What sense do you have of the spring welling up inside of you?
- Recall your own first invitation to faith. What was it that led you to seek the living water? Share your reflections and offer thanks to those who have assisted your journey.
- Who do you know who is thirsty for company, acceptance or affirmation? Respond to their needs this week.
- Use today's gospel acclamation for your prayer this week:

*"Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world,
give me living water that I may never thirst
again".*