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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.

In the interests of health and well-being, please take this newsletter home with you.  
Please do NOT return it to the table in the Gathering Space.

**28/29<sup>th</sup> November, 2020**

**Year B**

### First Sunday of Advent

#### Entrance Antiphon

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.  
In you, I have trusted;  
let me not be put to shame.  
Nor let my enemies exult over me;  
and let none who hope in you be put  
to shame.

#### Responsorial Psalm

Let us go rejoicing to the house of  
the Lord.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.  
Alleluia!

#### Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Loving God please hear our prayer.

#### Communion Antiphon

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our  
earth shall yield its increase.



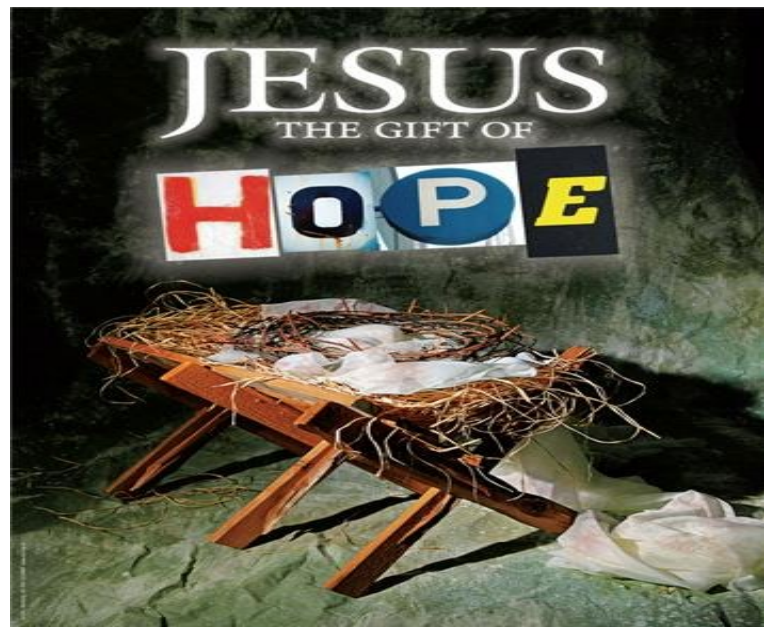
FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Back in the Church after almost 9 months!

What a way to start the New year!

Our Church holds 110 covid-safe folk.

Please register as soon as you can. The details  
are on our website: [stkevinsparish.org.au](http://stkevinsparish.org.au)



We spend a lot of our lives waiting for  
something or someone.

Waiting cannot be rushed – sometimes all  
we can do is be still and wait.

wait with quiet, gentle, hope-filled hearts.

# SPIRITUAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

## Adoration –

Wednesday mornings @ 11.00am

## Masses this week –

**Tuesday:** 9.15am @ St Kevin's Chapel

**Friday:** 9.15am @ St Kevin's Chapel

**Saturday:** 5.30pm (Vigil)

**Sunday:** 8.30am & 10.00am

**Christian Meditation –** Wednesdays @ 9.30am in the Parish Chapel

**Reconciliation -** First Saturday of the month @ 10.00am (or by appointment)

## DIARY DATES FOR NOV/DEC:

29<sup>th</sup> Baptism Presentation @ 10am

6<sup>th</sup> Baptism Mass @ 10.00am

8<sup>th</sup> St Kevin's Graduation Mass 6pm

9<sup>th</sup> Sense of the Faithful zoom 7.30pm

10<sup>th</sup> St Charles' Graduation Mass 11am

Liturgy Meeting @ 7.30pm

15<sup>th</sup> Last day for primary schools 2020

## *And so we start the first (and shortest Gospel) Mark.*

Let us drink this in together! We shall have a discussion/study group next year depending on interest.

Mark's Gospel divides naturally into two parts. At the centre in Chapter eight there is Jesus' question: *Who do you say I am?*, followed by Peter's affirmation: *You are the Christ*, and Jesus' teaching about suffering. Before Chapter eight there is the public ministry of Jesus in Galilee. In this first part of the Gospel Mark shows how there is no one who understands who Jesus is. The people, his own family and friends, and the religious authorities, all fail to understand. Finally, in Chapter eight, Peter expresses the truth: *You are the Messiah*. But then the rest of the Gospel explains what kind of Messiah Jesus is – he is a suffering Messiah. Three passion predictions (8: 31, 9: 31, 10: 33) are accompanied by intense teaching on discipleship. They lead to the real focus of the Gospel, the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Mark, then, was a writer who effectively shaped his material in order to communicate his theology. There is a starkness about his presentation which is appropriate in the light of his concern for the suffering Messiah. He presents a vivid picture, however, which has many observations of detail which the later writers tend to omit. He stresses the humanity of Jesus by showing him to have strong feelings (see, eg 3: 5; 10: 14; 14: 36). This first Gospel portrait of Jesus is one to which we can easily relate.

## Christmas Mass Times 2020

To cater for the probable covid restricted numbers, we are having an extra Christmas Eve Mass – thus – the times are:

24<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Eve 4.45pm Carols

5.00pm Mass

6.45pm Carols

7.00pm Mass

8.45pm Carols

9.00pm Mass

25<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Day 10.00am Mass

Please, you must register via our website ([stkevinsparish.org.au](http://stkevinsparish.org.au)) to comply with government regulations. Remember, numbers may still be limited!



## LITURGY ROSTER

Second Sunday of Advent – 5/6<sup>th</sup> December 2020

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Peter 3: 8-14 Gospel: Mark 1: 1-8

| Time    | Commentator      | Lector            |
|---------|------------------|-------------------|
| 5.30pm  | De-anne McAdams  | Chelsea Soklevski |
| 8.30am  | Mike Westbrook   | Kirsten Collins   |
| 9.00am  | Bernard Charnley | Margaret Mangan   |
| 10.00am | Michael Lynch    | Johnson Family    |

Every year we celebrate the holy season of advent, O God.  
Every year we pray those beautiful prayers of longing and waiting, and sing those lovely songs of hope and promise.  
Karl Rahner



**We pray for Better Health:** Jan Dalton and Lucy Molony.

**Anniversaries:** Benita Mabo (1) and Matthew Wilkins

**Recently Deceased:** Augusta Menis (Rick's mother), Brian Clifton (Bulleen Parish) and Diego Maradona.



## GLOBAL GIFT CARD

You can give a gift that changes lives this Christmas

### HOW DOES IT WORK? CHOOSE YOUR GLOBAL GIFT CARD

A Global Gift is a special Christmas card that gives twice. First, your donation will help families struggling with poverty and injustice. Second, your card will bring a smile to someone you love. It's called a Global Gift because it's a gift that will send joy, hope and love across the globe for the people who need it most. More information is available from the table in the Gathering Space.

***Please note*** Christmas Day is a Friday this year. The Liturgy Committee is putting a lot of work into helping us prepare. They have made the four weekends of Advent into a unique package and urge each one of us to fully participate. Please be aware that there will **not** be a 9am Mass at Holy Cross on Christmas Day.



### ***Baptism Welcome!***

*This weekend we welcome:*

**Samuel and Veronica Mantineo** who will be introducing **Sofia Eve**

to our Parish Community in preparation for her Baptism next weekend.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism



It seems to me we can never give up longing and wishing while we are still alive. There are certain things we feel to be beautiful and good, and we must hunger for them.  
George Eliott

### ***Articles of Interest***

- Numbers are back in Church. Journalist Barney Swartz has a tongue in cheek crack at his own Anglican Church's sermons.
- Sr Patty Fawkner – Good Samaritan congregational leader – always has something thought provoking.
- Is our media sufficiently diverse? Your Australian senate is holding an enquiry until 11<sup>th</sup> December. We offer you assistance if you wish to participate in this part of our democracy.



For information on our Parish  
Schools please contact:

**St Kevin's Primary School**  
Phone: 9273 9999

**St Charles Borromeo Primary School**  
Phone: 9842 7634

**Columban Calendars** are available  
from the table in the Gathering  
Space. \$10 each.

### **Inspirational Quotes From Christian Meditation Network**

What are we actually doing when we are meditating? Is saying the mantra really praying? In the New Testament, prayer is the prayer of Jesus and this is the prayer that we are learning to be part of. Saying the mantra is simply *keeping guard* over our hearts so that everything else that does not matter, does not get in! Nothing can interrupt the stream of prayer that is the love of Jesus for his Father. We too must be open to this stream and the mantra is like a guard at the gate of our hearts.



**We, our Parish Community, prays that our families will be deeply touched by the power of God's Spirit, especially to the following children who receive Confirmation next week, conferred by our very own Fr Gerry McKernan**

*Siena Alessi*  
*Stefania Angerosa*  
*Mae Batiller*  
*Maria Batiller*  
*Cecilia Burke*

*Tayah Carafa*  
*Julian Cutugno*  
*Max Enriquez*  
*Christopher Farrell*  
*Chiara Guerra*

*Chiara Marchionno*  
*Bethany Nakhoul*  
*Madeline Nesci*  
*Olivia Scardamaglia*  
*Piper Soklevski*

*Sienna Tierney and Aimee van Nieuwkerk*

**Congratulations Children!**

### **Quotes:**

- "Do not fear the truth, hard as it may appear ... it is best friend and closest sister" (Dom Helder Camara)
- "The fact that there is only one loaf means that though there are many of us we form a single body" (St Paul, 1 Corinthians)
- "Although the Church is not a democracy, nothing should prevent it from being a community of dialogue, mutual respect and shared decision making" (Sr Maree March CSB)
- "Everybody in Argentina can remember 'the hand of God' in the England match in the 1986 World Cup. Now, in my country, the 'hand of God' has brought us an Argentinian pope" (Diego Maradona)

### **Thoughts to Ponder...**

If the second reading were written directly to me I would treasure the words

- a) "grace and peace"
- b) "Never stop thanking God for all the graces"
- c) "enriched in so many ways"
- d) "especially in your teachers and preachers"
- e) "you will not be without any gifts of the Spirit"
- f) "steady and without blame"
- g) "God by calling you"
- h) "God is faithful"