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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.

**5/6<sup>th</sup> December, 2020**

**Year B**

### Second Sunday of Advent

#### Entrance Antiphon

O people of Sion, behold,  
the Lord will come to save the nations,  
and the Lord will make the glory of his  
voice heard in the joy of your heart.

#### Responsorial Psalm

Lord, let us see your kindness,  
and grant us your salvation.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

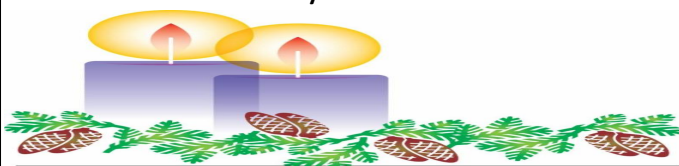
Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths:  
all people shall see the salvation of God.  
Alleluia!

#### Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Loving God please hear our prayer.

#### Communion Antiphon

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon  
the heights, and behold the joy which  
comes to you from God.



### ***GOD WILL MAKE A WAY***

God will make a Way  
where there seems to be no way.  
God works in ways we cannot see  
He will make a Way for me  
With love and strength for each  
new day.

By a roadway in the wilderness  
God will lead me  
and I will see  
rivers in the desert.

Heaven and earth will fade  
but God's word will still remain  
And together we will do something  
new today.

Sr Colette Selvam

# 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:

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

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

9<sup>th</sup> Needlecraft Group @ 1pm

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

## Christmas Mass Times 2020

We are having an extra Christmas Eve Mass this year – 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



Registering (booking) is essential. Because of covid, numbers are limited.

No walk-ins – sorry!

Don't delay, book TODAY! via our website ([stkevinsparish.org.au](http://stkevinsparish.org.au))

Our apologies for this, but we are still very much living in a bubble.

Please help to keep Melbourne safe. Thank you.

### ***Funeral of Shirley Anne Fitzsimons***

*This was held last Wednesday here at St Kevin's Church. The last page of her Mass book, had the following reflection:*

Do not fear what may happen tomorrow

The same everlasting Father who cared for you today will take care of you then and everyday.

He will either shield you from suffering or will give you unfailing strength to bear it.

Be at peace and put aside anxious thoughts and imagination.



### ***Help Please!***

Gwenda Gidrey lives at Bluecross Ashby, 23-31 Ashford Street, Lower Templestowe, and requires assistance in coming to one of our Masses. If you feel you can help, please contact her on 8850 4500. Thank you.

### ***Advent Thoughts***

In the Christian tradition, Advent is a time of waiting and preparation for the great feast of Christmas. In Australia, it also takes on the flavour of endings and anticipation as many of us look forward to a quieter January. For many it is a happily busy time.

These waiting days of Advent offer us an opportunity for reflection about the birth and rebirth of hope and about what God means to us.

## LITURGY ROSTER

Third Sunday of Advent – 12/13<sup>th</sup> December 2020

1<sup>st</sup> Read: Isaiah 61: 1-2, 10-11 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: 1 Thess 5: 16-24 Gospel: Mark 1: 6-8, 19-28

Time	Commentator	Lector
5.30pm	Peter Howes	Margaret Turner
8.30am	Frank Ozzimo	Rebecca Sandwell
10.00am	Tony Byrne	Liz O'Connell

At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart?  
Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others.

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

**Anniversaries:** Stephen Byrne, June Flood, Ben Skadiang and Sharon McCluskey

**Recently Deceased:** Joe Chadwick and Claire Ryan and Margaret Anderson (friends of Dot Sharkey)



## 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. Or, you can call them directly on 1800 024 413.

***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.



St Kevin's Parish warmly welcomes through the Sacrament of Baptism...

*Sofia Eve Mantineo*

Daughter of Samuel and Veronica

Your vision will become clear only when you can look into your own heart.  
Who looks outside, dreams:  
who looks inside, awakens.

Carl Jung

### Articles of Interest (You will find these articles on our website)

- Massimo Faggioli – Action Plan Missing From McCarrick Report Can be Found Down Under.
- Thomas O'Loughlin – Advent 2020 Season of Renewed Hope.
- Michael Kelly – Praying in adverse times.
- Penny Travers - The Christmas Tree: From Pagan Origins and Christian Symbolism to Secular Status.

### "The Swag" magazine is out!

The voice of the faithful is free today!  
It features articles on the seal of confession, change/reform and the Plenary Council, science and religion seeking truth together and much more.  
Make sure you grab your copy before leaving today!





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**

In meditation, each of us is invited to start, wherever we are in our lives, to be open to the life of Jesus. By being open, we are taken beyond ourselves into the life that Jesus enjoys with the Father. We become 'lost in God'. As the Gospel says: 'Whoever would find their life must lose it'. Meditation is a sure way of losing one's life. In losing it we find ourselves at one with God and creation.

### **Reflection on the Readings...**

The most encouraging part of the first reading is:

- a) "Console my people"
- b) "Sin is atoned for"
- c) "Prepare for the Lord"
- d) "The Lord God coming with power"
- e) "The prize is with him"
- f) "He is like a shepherd"

If I were to choose background music for the first reading it would be

- a) soft and mellow
- b) stong with lots of contrast
- c) a waltz
- d) a march
- e) four different melodies.



### **The Second Sunday of Advent**

If the first Sunday of Advent serves as a bridge between Ordinary Time and Advent, then the second Sunday is a stepping stone towards the feast of Christmas. Our horizon changes. Without losing sight of the end times that lie before us, we begin to shift focus to the event that transformed human history: the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We don't hone in immediately on the story of Jesus' birth; that will come later. We first allow ourselves to be drawn into ancient Israel's deep and patient longing for the Messiah. We retell the story of John the Baptist whose preaching echoes the prophets of old and whose baptising ushers in a new era of grace. There is good news to be heard, if we can find the time and space at this busy time of the year to listen to the whisper of the Spirit in our hearts.

### **Help Please!**

We must adhere to government guidelines during these covid times. Therefore, we are seeking "Covid Marshalls" to assist us with our Mass Celebrations. Duties include:

- Arriving early to ensure our Church facilities are prepared accordingly.
- Ensuring Mass attendees are checking their name off the registration list.
- Ensuring Mass attendees are wearing masks.
- Ensuring Mass attendees are sanitising their hands before entering the Mass area.
- Spraying the chairs after Mass.
- Ensuring chairs are put back to their original position.

If you feel you can help, please indicate on the sign-up sheets provided in the Gathering Space. We need more than just one volunteer for each Mass. Thank you all.