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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 public health, please take this newsletter home with you.
Please do NOT return it to the table in the Gathering Space.

19/20th December, 2020

Year B

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Entrance Antiphon

Drop down dew from above,
you heavens,
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;
let the earth be opened and bring forth
a Saviour.

Responsorial Psalm

For ever I will sing the goodness of
the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.

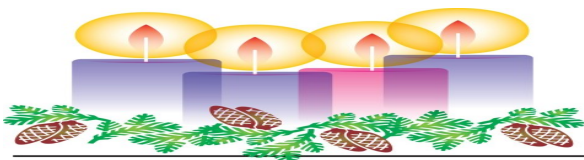
Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear
a son;
and his name will be called Emmanuel.



to our very own

Fr Gerry McKernan!

Congratulations and
Best Wishes to you Fr Gerry
and thank you for all that you
do for us and for our parish.
May Our Lord continue to
bless your good works.

AN ADVENT PRAYER

Emmanuel, God with us,
help us to stand firm in our faith and to go
on discovering what the Good News is
for us, here and now.

Help us not to take refuge in words:
other people's words, abstractions,
bland formulations, churchy jargon.

Surprise us with your poetry,
your pictures, which are beyond words,
your living letters, which are people,
your signs,
which are at once here-and-now and
belong to all places, all times, all people,
your wisdom,
which can only be understood by the child
in us. God of surprises, God with us.

Amen.

Advent Readings from Iona

SPIRITUAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

Adoration –

Wednesday mornings @ 11.00am

Masses this week –

Tuesday: 9.15am @ St Kevin's Chapel

Thursday: Christmas Eve Masses

Friday: Christmas Mass @ 10.00am

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 DECEMBER/JAN:

22nd Mass @ Mercy Place @ 11.00am

23rd Adoration @ 11.00am

Needlecraft Group @ 1pm

24th Christmas Eve Mass @ 5.00pm

Christmas Eve Mass @ 7.00pm

Christmas Eve Mass @ 9.00pm

25th Christmas Day Mass @ 10.00am

1st New Year's Day Mass @ 10.00am

Christmas Mass Times 2020

We are having an extra Christmas Eve Mass this year – thus the times are:

24th Dec - Christmas Eve 4.45pm Carols

5.00pm Mass (fully booked)

6.45pm Carols

7.00pm Mass

8.45pm Carols

9.00pm Mass

25th Dec - Christmas Day 10.00am Mass



Have you booked/registered? Yes our numbers for each Mass have increased but ... to comply with government regulations and to keep our community safe, we can only have 145 attendees. Yes. 145 attendees inside at each Mass. So register today! Please. We'd hate to think of you having to stand outside or be asked to come to another Mass.

Register via your parish website – stkevinsparish.org.au or ring the Parish House during office hours and Nadia, Rebecca or Liza will register for you.

Help Please!

To adhere to government guidelines, we require 3 or 4 people at each Christmas Mass to act as "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 sanitising their hands before entering the Mass area.
- Spraying the chairs after Mass.
- Ensuring chairs are put back to their original position.
- Checking the computer operator has used disinfectant wipes to sanitise keyboard and mouse.

More information is available on the noticeboard in the Gathering Space or on our website. If you feel you can help, please indicate on the sign-up sheets provided. Thank you to those of you who have already indicated their willingness to help. We now only need three more helpers for the 7.00pm Christmas Eve Mass and three more helpers for the 10.00am Christmas Morning Mass. Thank you all.

LITURGY ROSTER

Christmas Eve/Day – 24th/25th December 2019

1st Reading: Isaiah 9: 1-7 2nd Reading: Titus 2: 11-14 Gospel: Luke 2: 1-14

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion	Covid Wardens
5.00pm Christmas Eve	Fiona Watson	Rebecca Sandwell East Watson	Lyn O'Brien Mick O'Brien Anne Maguire	Barry Sharkey The Salvo Family
7.00pm Christmas Eve	Margaret Mangan	TBA	Jo Ridgeway Tony Whelan	Maureen Quinlaven Mario Fantin
9.00pm Christmas Eve	Jo Le Gall	TBA	Lyn Robinson Tony Robinson Bredenia Raquel	Maree McTaggart Lyn Murphy Kaye Byrne
10.00am Christmas Day	Julie O'Donnell	Frances Johnson Carmel Shiel	Raffaella Dinelli Carmiel Shiel Paul Polidano	Paul Polidano Carmel Shiel

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

Anniversaries: Ken McKenzie, Alan Behrendorff and Tom Materazzo

Recently Deceased:

Reconciliation at St Kevin's Parish

If you wish to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, there will be an opportunity on Wednesday 23rd @ 7.00pm. It will be one-to-one (1st Rite).



Please Note: There will NOT be a 9.00am Mass at Holy Cross Centre on Christmas Day.

Mass on New Year's Day
will be celebrated here at St Kevin's Church at 10.00am.

An Advent Reflection...

Our spirit of hope has been growing in intensity as the weeks of Advent have passed. In a rather paradoxical way we have been encouraged to look forward by progressively moving back in time. We began with the final day of the Lord, then turned our attention to the mission of John the Baptist, and now we focus on the birth of the Messiah. All this looking both to the future and to the past serves but one purpose: that we live joyfully and faithfully in the present. Such a simple thing to state, but such a challenge to achieve. It is only by God's grace that we can live in the present, free from the burden of a dead past and untroubled by fear of an unknown future. For this grace we give thanks today.

Have you checked out our website lately? (stkevinsparish.org.au)

If you "rummage around" you will find it is full of useful material:

- Information about an upcoming "Carols Special" on Sunday night.
- A story about an asylum-seeking Tamil Family who have now spent more than 1,000 days in immigration detention.
- An ex- ACTU president who has been appointed to a new Vatican body aimed at reforming capitalism.
- Garden needs a spruce up just in time for Christmas? Never fear! Robert is here to help!
- The "Plenary Council Flame" went to Parramatta for the first time.
- Check out the Plenary Council 2021 page, for some updates and interesting reading.

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

One of the hardest things about meditation is learning to be simple. Think of learning to ride a bike. We have to learn about balance and also about steering straight. With practice, we can ride easily. We don't even think about balancing and steering. The same is true of meditation. We have to learn. We have to concentrate. We give all our energy to the simple task of being balanced and traveling straight ahead. We turn aside from everything else and then we find harmony and freedom.



PASTORAL CARE VACANCY

Mercy Health is currently advertising for a Pastoral Carer to work at its aged care home at Mercy Place Templestowe. In this role you will enjoy sharing the lives of older people by helping to nurture their emotional and spiritual wellbeing. Applications close 11 Jan 2021. For a copy of the Position Description and to apply online visit the Mercy Health Careers webpage.

Christmas Cheer... NOT

Unfortunately, our annual *Christmas Celebration* after 9pm Mass on Christmas Eve has been cancelled for this year.

The health and safety of our parishioners is of the utmost importance to us.

However, we look forward to recommencing this annual event next year. See you then!

Person Wanted

We are a professional couple looking for a person (male or female) who would be interested in working for us for up to five days a week. The position is located in a private home in Templestowe and we would like someone to help prepare meals, some general cleaning and/or gardening between the hours of 09:30 and 4:30. We are located on a rural property - so other tasks may be included in the position if the successful person had the skills, and willingness to undertake other tasks. The position could be either paid as a casual employee or as a permanent part time employee. Maximum hours a week could be up to 35 hours or less depending on the successful applicant and their availability. The position could start immediately or could start early in 2021 by agreement. Applications should be sent to administrator@kekeco.com.au

Immediately after Christmas, we shall be introducing a new way of keeping an electronic record of your attendance at Church: a QR code. This will assist us with contact tracing and it means that you no longer need to register on-line to come to Mass. You may already be familiar with using it as it is very popular in restaurants, hotels and cafes. It costs nothing to use and it meets government requirements as well as our data privacy and security criteria. The contact data is deleted after 28 days.

How to use QR code for check-in?

The directions for using this code are on the "Table Toppers" stands placed all over the Gathering Space. Please feel free to practice using this new way of electronic recording today. It doesn't matter if you have already registered for Mass today, you are welcome to try this new system – no harm will be done.

