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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.

A Christmas Prayer

God of good news,
today you begin again to reshape our lives and communities.

You do not start from the outside, but from within.

You begin in the hidden place.

Behind the inn. Before the marriage. At the wrong time.

You invite a handful of guests into your company.

Shepherds. Local children perhaps. Maybe some animals.

You join the community of the invisible ones.

The homeless and hopeless. Refugees, fleeing a tyrant king.

Later, you find fisherfolk. And a tax collector. More children.

The small. The unimportant. The forgotten. The frightened.

These are the people you choose,

as little by little you start sharing

the secrets of a kingdom that will change the whole world.

From within. From the hidden place.

Amen

From "Iona"





Liza, Nadia, Rebecca and Fr Gerry wish you peace and relaxation this Christmas season.

May you bask in the wonder of God's care for each one of us.

Christ Is Born

Thank you



to all of you came/were involved in my birthday party last Saturday. I feel oh so loved and appreciated. What a remarkable night that went off brilliantly. I have known for a long time that I am very fortunate to have you as central to me and St Kevin's. It stimulates me all the more to work as best I can to keep the great spirit not just alive but tangible.

Fr Gerry

Can't help but feel we have "learnt" this Christmas.

While we are aware of our need for social distance and social awareness, let us rejoice in each other's disciplined commitment to keep us safe.

Let us learn the lessons for "connectedness" that 2020 has taught us. "Iso" may be the most used word in 2020, but "we're all in this together" has been and will continue to be the most important phrase.

Fr Gerry

New Year's Eve Mass

will be celebrated here at St Kevin's Church on Thursday, 31st December at 9.15am.

New Year's Day Mass

will be celebrated here at St Kevin's Church on Friday, 1st January at 10.00am.



Thank you!

Great liturgies don't just happen

they come about because people dedicate themselves to helping us celebrate wholeheartedly. Let us join as a community in thanking the Lord, for the thoughtful and skillful work of many of our fellow parishioners.

Fr Gerry



LITURGY ROSTERS

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph – 27/29th December 2020
1st Read: Genesis 15: 1-6, 21: 1-3 2nd Read: Hebrews 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19
Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40



Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30 pm	Fiona Watson	Chelsea Soklevski	Ann Maguire Lynne O'Brien Bredenia Raquel
8.30am	Kirsten Collins	Rebecca Sandwell	Betty Natoli Mary Waddick Peter Waddick
10.00am	Carmel Purdey	Mishika Perera	Mary Calleja Betty Natoli Geraldine Williams

The Epiphany of the Lord – 2nd/3rd January 2020

1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6 2nd Reading: Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6
Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30 pm	Peter Howes	Margaret Turner	Ann Maguire Maryann McNamara Lynne O'Brien
8.30am	Kirsten Collins	Frank Ozzimo	Brigid Jordon Betty Natoli Paul Polidano
10.00am	Michael Lynch	Johnson Family	Betty Natoli Pat Rowland Tony Whelan

The Baptism of the Lord – 9/10th January 2020

1st Reading: Isaiah 55: 1-11 2nd Reading: 1 John 5: 1-9
Gospel: Mark 1: 711

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30 pm	Janet Parsons	Carmen Childs	Anne Maguire Bredenia Raquel
8.30am	Frank Ozzimo	Rebecca Sandwell	Betty Natoli Mary Waddick Peter Waddick
10.00am	Vianney Shiel	Liz O'Connell	Betty Natoli Carmel Shiel

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

Thank You

for the cards, gifts
and best wishes
expressed to me
over this
Christmas Season.
You are very special
people. *Fr Gerry*



Over the Christmas holidays, you may like to checkout the latest news about the Plenary Council on our website.

What's Christmas without some corny Christmas bon bon jokes?.....

- Q.** What do reindeer hang on their Christmas trees? **A.** Horn-aments!
- Q.** What did Santa ask Rudolph about the weather? **A.** Is it going to rain, dear?!
- Q.** Why didn't the skeleton go to the Christmas Eve party?
A. He had no body to go with.
- Q.** What do elves post on social media? **A.** Elf-ies!
- Q.** What do Santa's little helpers learn at school? **A.** The elf-abet!



Loving

Father

help us remember

the birth of **JESUS**

that we may share in

the song of the angels

the gladness of the shepherds

and the worship of the wise men

Close the door of hate and

open the door of love all over the

world. Let kindness come with every gift and

good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from

evil by the *blessing which Christ brings*, and teach us

to be merry with clear hearts. May the Christmas morning

make us happy to be *Thy children*, and the Christmas

evening bring us to our beds with graceful thoughts,

for giving and for given,

for Jesus' sake

AMEN