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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.

**30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> January, 2021**

**Year B**

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

#### Entrance Antiphon

Save us, O Lord our God!  
And gather us from the nations,  
to give thanks to your holy name,  
and make it our glory to praise you.

#### Responsorial Psalm

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

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a  
great light:  
a radiant dawn shines on those lost  
in death.

Alleluia!

#### Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer.

#### Communion Antiphon

Let your face shine on your servant.  
Save me in your merciful love.  
O Lord, let me never be put to  
shame, for I call on you.



# SAVE THE DATES!

When I retire in May, what are our options – what might we hope will happen?

The Vicar General of the Archdiocese (Fr Joe Caddy) will meet and consult with us on the evening of Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> February.

In order to prepare for this session, you are encouraged to attend one of two sessions on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> evening at 7.30pm or Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> morning at 9.45am.

At each Mass next week, parishioners will explain some of the process of our parish meetings.

Please make sure you come and be informed.

At our Mass last Thursday, we read these words from the letter to the Hebrews:

*“Do not stay away from the meetings of the community, as some do,*

*but encourage each other to go;*

*the more so as you see the Day drawing near.”*

We are being encouraged to attend.

*Fr Gerry*

# SPIRITUAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

## Adoration –

Wednesday mornings @ 11.00am

## Masses this week -

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

**Thursday:** 9.15am @ St Kevin's Church

**Friday:** 9.15am @ St Charles Borromeo

**Saturday:** 5.30pm (Vigil)

**Sunday:** 8.30am & 10.00am

**Christian Meditation –** Wednesdays @ 9.30am online

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

## DIARY DATES FOR JAN/FEB:

**31<sup>st</sup>** Baptism Presentation Mass

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

**3<sup>rd</sup>** Needlecraft Group @ 1.00pm

**4<sup>th</sup>** St Kevin's School New Year Mass

**5<sup>th</sup>** St Charles' School New Year Mass

**7<sup>th</sup>** Baptism and Presentation Mass

**10<sup>th</sup>** Needlecraft Group @ 1.00pm

**13<sup>th</sup>** Schools Commissioning Mass

**14<sup>th</sup>** Baptism Mass

## Schools' Commissioning Mass and Welcome to Prep Families Mass Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February @ 5.30pm

Mass is part of the celebration of our refurbished Church. This Mass is also the occasion of our community's welcome to families starting this year at our schools. Third (and perhaps most importantly) at this Mass we shall commission our parish groups and teachers to serve the reign of God in 2021. Let us start the school year well.

### **Baptism Welcome!**

*This weekend we welcome:*

**Nicholas and Jodi-Lyn Gibley**

who will be introducing

**Georgia Rose**

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

Celebration  
of the  
Sacrament of Baptism



### **Australia Day Award for one of our own!**

**Congratulations to Vianney Shiel** on receiving the major award entitled "**Member of the Order of Australia**". Well done Vianney! A fitting award for a most generous man who gives of his time and talents not only to our parish community but to all that he comes into contact with. We are proud of you!

## 2021 World Day of the Sick

The Faculty of Theology and Philosophy, and in partnership with Catholic Health Australia (CHA), is running a webinar event that brings together international experts and thought leaders to discuss mental health, public health and the question of solidarity in the face of this global pandemic. The first event in this series, entitled **Vaccines, Viruses and Vulnerabilities: Catholic health and care of the human person** is taking place on World Day of the Sick which is February 11. In addition to the promotional flyer on our noticeboard, we also provide the following information which gives all necessary details:

- Website (*noting that online registration is essential*): [www.acu.edu.au/wdos2021](http://www.acu.edu.au/wdos2021)
- The Catholic Weekly event preview: <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/vatican-covid-19-chief-to-speak-at-australian-forum/>

We are sure there would be much interest in such an event given its theme, and the expertise of the speakers

Our first Parish Meeting for the New Year will be the regular first Tuesday of the month **Pastoral Council Meeting** (2<sup>nd</sup> February). If you are interested in joining this dynamic team, please let Fr Gerry know.



## LITURGY ROSTER

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 6/7<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

**1<sup>st</sup> Read: Job 7: 1-4, 6-7 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: 1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23 Gospel: Mark 1: 29-39**

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion	Welcomers
5.30pm	Fiona Watson	Chelsea Soklevski	Anne Maguire Lynne O'Brien Bredenia Raquel	Volunteer Family
8.30am	Kirsten Collins	Rebecca Sandwell	Betty Natoli Mary Waddick Peter Waddick	Volunteer Family
9.00am	Bernard Charnley	Margaret Mangan	Christine Flannery	Maria Robson
10.00am	Carmel Purdey	Mishika Perera	Mary Calleja Betty Natoli Geraldine Williams	Volunteer Family

**We pray for Better Health:**

Jan Dalton, Lucy Molony,  
Terry Maher, Jane O'Brien  
and Paul Bradley.

**Anniversaries:** Doug Wise and Peter Bonser.

**Recently Deceased:** Karla Giannini and Norma & Michael Giannini  
(cousins of Raffaella Dinelli).

***Further Easing of Restrictions***

The latest Liturgical Guidelines are on our website following changes regarding the wearing of face coverings. It is now no longer mandatory that facemasks are worn during Mass. Whilst this will bring a greater ease and sense of hope to many, we remain respectful of anyone who wishes to continue wearing a face covering - we are still in a declared State of Emergency, and there are many days yet to negotiate.

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***What's new in our website this week...***

- "A Prayer to a God of Love, Power and Justice", by Richard Rohr.
- "The Larger Dimension of the Pope", by Thomas O'Loughlin.
- "A Charade of Unity", by Robert Mickens. Is this the article about the Australian Bishops Conference or....?

***Next Sunday is.... WORD OF GOD SUNDAY (7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2021)***

*It would be beneficial if every Christian community, on one Sunday of the liturgical year, could renew its efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known and more widely diffused. It would be a Sunday given over entirely to the word of God so as to appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people.*

Pope Francis 2016

Accordingly, the "**Word of God Sunday**" is celebrated on the 1st Sunday of February each year. Pope Francis reminds us to receive the Scriptures "not as a human word but as what it really is, the word of God". They are not just words. It is the Holy Spirit that "makes human words written in human fashion become the word of God". (*Aperuit Illis*, 5) He reminds us that when we read the Scriptures, we are entering into a true dialogue, a true encounter, a participation in the great story of salvation. As well as speaking to us personally, the Scriptures speak to us communally, "for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the risen Lord, who continues to speak his word and to break bread in the community of believers". (*Aperuit Illis*, 8).

For information on our Parish Schools please contact:

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**St Charles Borromeo Primary School**  
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### ***Inspirational Quotes From Christian Meditation Network***

After meditating for some time, the thoughts on the surface of our life go away. But the deeper scary thoughts can rise up to the top. Like the fish coming to the surface in a fish fight. These thoughts may be of guilt, regret, sadness... Instead of feeling peaceful, we may feel scared or anxious. Keep on meditating. Let those feelings and thoughts be burned away in the fire of God's Love. Say your mantra. Let all thoughts go. "Ma-ra-na-tha – Come Lord Jesus".

### **The Liturgy of the Word: Some Useful Principles**

1. The Scriptural Word is proclaimed in order to be realised **here and now**, in this particular assembly that is addressed by it. The proclamation of the Word is a **saving event**.
2. Scripture texts are about **experience**, not just ideas. Every text arose out of a specific experience of God (inspiration) and is intended to speak, through the Spirit, to the experience of those to whom it is proclaimed in order to renew faith and open them to God.
3. Scripture is meant to illuminate our experience, to awaken holy aspirations, challenge resistance and complacency, fortify, impart spiritual strength, bestow peace and arouse joy.
4. The Scriptures arise in cultures that used symbolic modes of communication. Hence, to identify, receive fully and work with the **images** presented in the text is often an excellent way of entering into the experience from which the texts arise in the first place.
5. When the hearer internalises the images, they tend to create resonances with his or her own experience, thus favouring a **participation** rather than a purely intellectual comprehension.
6. The liturgy as a whole – and in particular the liturgical readings – is first of all **mystagogical**, that is, it is intended to initiate us into the Mystery. The liturgy is not first and foremost about morals; morality follows as consequence, it is not first.
7. Mystagogy reveals to us **who we are in God's eyes** and it draws us into a gracious and transforming relationship, through the action of the Spirit, with the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the God of revelation and salvation.
8. The **Responsorial Psalm** models and shapes our response as an assembly gathered for worship, drawing us into the Mystery.
9. The liturgy **evangelises** when the Word engages people where they are truly open; it is especially effective when it touches their lives at those points where they feel they are incomplete, vulnerable, dissatisfied, in search of something more...