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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.

23rd/24th January, 2021

Year B

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty
and splendour,
strength and honour in his
holy place.

Responsorial Psalm

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near:
believe the Good News!

Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon

Look toward the Lord and
be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.



Well, this weekend always has a rounding off of the January holidays and a sense of launching into the work of the new year.

Fittingly, our first Parish Meeting will be the regular first Tuesday of the month Pastoral Council Meeting (2nd February).

When I retire in May, what are our options – what might we hope will happen? The Vicar General of the Archdiocese will meet and consult with us on the evening of Wednesday, 24th February.

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

Fr Gerry

Living the Gospel – The Good News is here

This week's gospel marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in the Gospel of Mark. The gospel writer has Jesus clearly announcing his message in plain, simple language: 'The kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.' That message is as true for us today as it was when those words were first spoken. The kingdom is still close at hand if we would only recognise it in our midst rather than pinning our hopes on some future reward. The call to repent and believe the Good News is as relevant for us as it was for the first believers.

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 Chapel

Friday: 9.15am @ St Kevin's Chapel

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)

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. This week's readings

- excite me.
- talk about the end of the world.
- remind me to put God's kingdom first.
- encourage me to do what God wants me to do.
- leave me with mixed feelings.

2. The most surprising part of the first reading is

- Jonah hearing and understanding what God asked.
- Jonah immediately doing what God asked.
- Jonah's courage to preach repentance.
- how much Jonah changed after being in the fish for three days.
- the whole city repenting.
- God forgiving Nineveh and not destroying it.

3. The second reading

- shows that the early church felt the end of the world was coming soon.
- is easier to understand when we know that Paul found the Corinthians too busy carousing to think of God.
- with its sombre tone seems out of place with other scripture passages.
- is hard to take.
- needs to be balanced with other scripture versus.

4. If I were present during the gospel incident I'd

- be Jesus preaching repentance.
- be walking along the sea.
- be fishing.
- be mending my net.
- hear the Lord call me.
- immediately follow Jesus.
- be unaware of what is happening.

DIARY DATES FOR JAN/FEB:

27th Needlecraft Group @ 1.00pm

Baptism Preparation Session 7.30pm

28th Primary Schools Students Return

30th Baptism Presentation Mass

31st Baptism Presentation Mass

2nd Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

3rd Needlecraft Group @ 1.00pm

6th Baptism Mass

7th Baptism Mass

Congratulations to our very own ***Holly O'Brien***

(daughter of Peter and Jane)
who was selected to decorate a
"UooUoo".

Below is a photo of Holly with her contribution. It is featured in the Royal Children's Hospital 150 Anniversary Art Trail - running between January 20 – March 21. There are 100 of these amazing sculptures, designed by emerging/established Victorian Artists located all over Melbourne and a few sites in Geelong for the public to visit and enjoy. Holly was lucky enough to be one of the selected artists and painted her sculpture called "Hope" over a 3 month period last year. She spent approximately 100 hours painting it, and the design captures the journey of illness in colour. Hope's UooUoo is currently located outside the Grainger Museum at the University of Melbourne. At the end of the event each of the sculptures will be auctioned off to raise money for the Royal Children's Hospital.



LITURGYROSTER

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 30th/31st January 2021

1st Read: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 2nd Read: 1 Corinthians 7: 32-35 Gospel: Mark 1: 21-28

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion	Welcomers
5.30pm	Carmen Childs	Le Gall Family	Anne Maguire Maryann McNamara Lynne O'Brien	Volunteer Family
8.30am	Kirsten Collins	Paul Polidano	Brigid Jordon Betty Natoli	Volunteer Family
10.00am	Julie O'Donnell	Miriam Ayoub	Mary Calleja Lyn Robinson Tony Robinson	Volunteer Family

We pray for Better Health:

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

Anniversaries: Gerard Selleck, Jenny Henderson, Roger Anthony Cheng, Crofton (Croft) Uniake, Men Kong Cheng, Patricia Wood, Jacob Cheong, Andreas (Andy) Sugeng, Marie Reichert and Frank Farmica.

Recently Deceased: Fr Bernie O'Brien OMI.

Further Easing of Restrictions

The latest Liturgical Guidelines are now up on our website following the most recent changes announced regarding the wearing of fitted face coverings in certain settings. It is now no longer mandatory that facemasks are worn during Mass times. Whilst hopefully this will bring a greater ease and sense of hope to many, we should 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...

Along with the latest Archdiocesan Guidelines (as referred to here on the left), we have three new articles of interest – one each relating to Australia Day, the role of Catholic Women in the Church and the current political situation in America. We also have more information about the Royal Children's Hospital UooUoo promotion and the location of Holly O'Brien's beautiful "Hope" submission. For all this and more, check it out!

We have introduced a new way of keeping an electronic record of your attendance at Church : a QR Code.

"QR" is short for "Quick Response" and this new method will assist us with contact tracing. 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 use this new way of electronic recording today. If your mobile does not have this technology capability, you may like to ask a friend or fellow parishioner to also include you in their registration. Of course, we also provide the traditional "paper and pen" method as well.



PART TIME COOK POSITION

The Marist Community of Templestowe is seeking someone to prepare and cook four evening meals each week for the Brothers. For further information, please contact Br Mark on 9846 6249.

For information on our Parish
Schools please contact:

St Kevin's Primary School
Phone: 9273 9999

St Charles Borromeo Primary School
Phone: 9842 7634



Inspirational Quotes From Christian Meditation Network

The way of meditation is simple. It is the time *to be* with God. You are not asking, "What is happening now?" "Am I enjoying this?" "What am I getting out of this?" During this time of *being*, I leave myself, my thoughts and plans aside. You cannot say your mantra for three minutes and then stop to see what happened. You learn to say the sacred word from the beginning to the end, every day. Set the word free in your heart. Do not control it. Say the word, patiently, and *be*.

Patient Trust

Above all, trust in the slow work of God
We are quite naturally impatient in everything,
to reach the end without delay.
We should like to skip the intermediate stages.
We are impatient of being on the way
to something unknown, something new.
And yet it is the law of all progress,
that it is made by passing through some stages of instability-
and that it may take a very long time.

And so I think it is with you.
Your ideas mature gradually - let them grow
let them shape themselves, without undue haste.

Don't try to force them on,
as though you could be today, what time
(that is to say, grace and circumstances
acting on your own good will)
will make of you tomorrow.

Only God could say what this new spirit
gradually forming within you will be.

Give Our Lord the benefit of believing
that his hand is leading you,
and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself
in suspense and incomplete.

Teilhard de Chardin SJ