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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.

6th/7th February, 2021

Year B

Baptism Sunday/Word of God Sunday/Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"The best way to predict the future
is to create it"*

-Peter Drucker

Fr Gerry Is Retiring May 2021 – What Happens Next?

Attend one of 2 sessions offered to be informed and included in a joint discussion as one whole community towards the future of our St Kevin's Parish, before we come back together to be heard by the Vicar General.

Where: St Kevin's Parish, Templestowe

When: Evening Session - **Wednesday 10th Feb at 7.30pm**
or Morning Session – **Thursday 11th Feb at 10.00am**

Next join us for a presentation with Melbourne's Vicar General 'Fr Joe Caddy'

Wednesday 24th Feb at 7.30pm

All Welcome

"Our Melbourne priest situation is becoming increasingly dire. There are 226 priests in full-time or part-time active parish ministry. This is a decrease of 37 since 31 December 2019. Of the 226 in parish ministry, 127 are diocesan priests and 99 are religious priests. Of the 127 diocesan Priests, 20 were ordained prior to 1980 and will be progressively retiring in the next few years."

Entrance Antiphon

O come,
let us worship God and bow low
before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

Responsorial Psalm

Praise the Lord who heals the
broken-hearted.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

He bore our sickness,
and endured our suffering.

Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, you have the words of life to
the full.

Communion Antiphon

Let them thank the Lord for
his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men,
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with
good things.

Anniversary!

One year ago, St Kevin's people ratified our welcome to Moshen and Farnoosh by baptising them! Today, we honour them and their children Soshian and Soshiant. Thank you for your warm and generous spirit. We would have loved to have honoured this great occasion by re-opening our after Mass "Kev's Café". Unfortunately, due to the renewed restrictions, we shall have to postpone this long-anticipated event. However, this should not deter us from continuing our 'spirit of welcome' – ensuring that all Mass comers are welcomed. So, please have a look around and introduce yourself to someone new and welcome them into our Parish. *Fr Gerry*

Word of God Sunday

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – 7th February in 2021. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to "the celebration, study and dissemination" of the Word of God. Visit www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodSunday to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.

Schools' Commissioning Mass and Welcome to Prep Families Mass Saturday 13th 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.

Australia Day Award

Congratulations to our very own Vianney Shiel on being nominated to receive the major award:

"Member of the Order of Australia".

Well done Vianney, we are proud of you!
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.

This will occur on Wednesday, 10th February at Government House.

(We may see him on the 6 o'clock news!)

Reintroduction of Restrictions

The main impact on places of worship is the return to the wearing of fitted face coverings indoors in all circumstances. Our COVIDsafe plans for density quotients, record keeping and sanitising remain in place, and the latest updated Liturgical Guidelines are on our website for your information.

As we have all come to learn, it is important to recognise that situations can alter very quickly and we may need to be prepared for further changes over coming days.

SPIRITUAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

Adoration –

Wednesday mornings @ 11.00am

Masses this week -

Tuesday: 9.15am @ St Kevin's Chapel

Wednesday: 10.30am Funeral-Brenda Hatten

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 – Wednesday @ 9.15am online

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

DIARY DATES FOR FEB/MAR:

7th Baptism Mass

9th Liturgy Group Meeting 7.30pm

10th Needlecraft Group @ 1.00pm

13th Schools' Commissioning Mass

14th Baptism Mass

17th Ash Wednesday

Needlecraft Group @ 1.00pm

24th Needlecraft Group @ 1.00pm

Baptism Preparation Evening

27th Baptism Presentation Mass



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

Georgia Rose Gibney

Daughter of Nicholas and Jodi-Lyn
Little sister of Alexandra

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

- Check out our "Awareness Around Us" page for the latest 'Justupdate' newsletter.
- A terrific article entitled "Grandparents and their role of passing on the faith".

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
- 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

Liturgy Team Meeting

Our first meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday, 9th February in the Parish House at 7.30pm. A chance to review Christmas Masses and prepare for Lent/Easter.



To our dear friend and tireless parish volunteer

Pam Cohen.

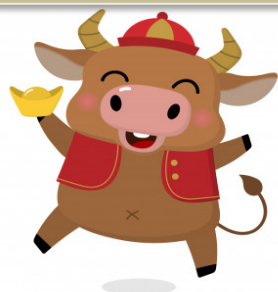
Well done Pam and thank you for all that you do for us and for our parish.

We are so very blessed!

For information on our Parish Schools please contact:

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St Charles Borromeo Primary School
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新年快乐
2021
HAPPY NEW YEAR
YEAR OF THE OX

Inspirational Quotes From Christian Meditation Network

In meditation, the Spirit prays in and through us. The way forward is fidelity to saying the mantra. It brings us to silence, it enables us to open our mind and heart to the work of God, the love of God deep in our being. Begin by sitting comfortably and calmly. Start to say the mantra in the silence of the mind: 'Ma-ra-na-tha. Come Lord Jesus'. Whilst we begin by saying the mantra in the mind, without our knowing, it soon moves to our heart.

CHINESE/KOREAN/VIETNAMESE NEW YEAR - Friday, 12th February is the beginning of the fourteen days of celebration for Lunar New Year. We wish our parishioners a Happy New Year!

LITURGY ROSTER

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 13/14th February 2021

1st Read: Lev 13: 1-2, 44-46 2nd Read: 1 Corinthians 10: 31-11: 1 Gospel: Mark 1: 40-45

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion	Welcomers
5.30pm	Peter Howes	Margaret Turner	Anne Maguire Lawrence Ceconello Frances Ceconello	Volunteer Family
8.30am	Kirsten Collins	Frank Ozzimo	Brigid Jordon Paul Polidano	Volunteer Family
9.00am	Ken Sharpe	Des Thornton	Christine Flannery	Maria Robson
10.00am	Michael Lynch	Johnson Family	Betty Natoli Pat Rowland Tony Whelan	Volunteer Family

We pray for Better Health:

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

Anniversaries: Mary Colnon, Nellie Doolan (4), Tim Mullin (4), Estefan Rosales, Chris Mullens (2), Domenico & Maria Salvo, Patricia Dyson (2) and Frances Patricia Alexander (2).

Recently Deceased: .Brenda Mary Hatten

World Day of Prayer Services 2021

Friday, March 5th

Edge Community Church

186 Blackburn Rd (Cnr Woodhouse Rd)

Doncaster East

10.00am

Speaker: Rev Tim Costello
Director, Micah Australia

Pathway Baptist Church

4 Marcus Rd (Cnr Thompsons Rd)

Templestowe Lower

8.00pm

Speakers: Ruth Wilkinson
Glenys Freeman
Volunteers: Sailing Ministries

Vanuatu is the focus of this year's combined prayer effort with our neighbouring Christian communities.

Carmel Shiel, Rep on WDP Committee