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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.

20th/21st February, 2021

Year B

First Sunday of Lent

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

-Peter Drucker



Fr Gerry Is Retiring May 2021 – What Happens Next?

Presentation with Melbourne's Vicar General 'Fr Joe Caddy'

Wednesday 24th Feb at 7.30pm

All Welcome

After our highly attended sessions where we heard from our parishioners, join with us to hear some possible realities to what may happen next for St Kevin's Parish, Templestowe once Fr Gerry retires in 3 short months!

Where: St Kevin's Parish, Templestowe

Entrance Antiphon

When he calls on me,
I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

Responsorial Psalm

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from
the mouth of God.
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king of endless glory!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Loving God please hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Lent 2021

We have commenced a weekly Lenten Program entitled "It's all About Hope" on Thursdays at 1.30pm in the Gathering Space. Discussions are centred around a booklet written by "our" Fr Chris Monaghan. Please sign up at the separate table in the Gathering Space. There you will also find a copy of Fr Chris' book for your perusal.

Melbourne is oh so lucky with our down to earth scripture scholars. Four of the very best are having zoom sessions for every week of Lent! They are for one hour every Tuesday night – 7-8pm. To register, please log onto

https://garratt1.wufoo.com/forms/q1yw87cb1rh8vrb

Please check out our website 'Lent Page' for more relevant and interesting information on this important time of the liturgical year.

Project Compassion boxes and envelopes are available for collection from today. Please make sure you pick yours up before leaving the Church. All boxes and envelopes have been sanitized.



Fr Gerry is Retiring: Engaging Discussion Sessions – A Report

Thank you to all who participated in our recent listening sessions. At them, parishioners were asked to identify the things that they valued and wanted to be maintained into the future. While a fuller report of those responses is being prepared, I expect it will include references to the local community friendships and connections that provide a strong sense of belonging and support, the participation in a broad range of parish pastoral groups and activities and the extensive involvement of people in the preparation of vibrant liturgy. (The responses of parishioners in both sessions were a resounding affirmation of Fr Gerry's humble, creative and courageous leadership of St Kevin's parish over the last 11 years).

Participants were also asked about an emerging proposal to request the appointment of a "lay ecclesial leader". While it was clear that this proposal needs further development, parishioners generally expressed support for the idea.

A further gathering is planned for Wednesday, 24th February, to which the Vicar General, Fr Joe Caddy has been invited. **To keep this momentum strong, it is vitally important that we attend this consultation to discuss the future of our parish.**

Pope Francis has said that "realities are greater than ideas" (EG 233). This evening will be an opportunity for mutual listening – to listen to the realities that parishioners of St. Kevin's value and hope to maintain into the future, to listen to the realities of the Archdiocese ... and to explore together, through dialogue between the two, what the future might look like for the parish community. What is certain, whatever path is ultimately taken, is that the Word made flesh will continue to take flesh anew in the life of our community.

SPIRITUAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

Adoration -

Each weekday @ 8.30am and 11.00am on Wednesday mornings

Masses this week -

Tuesday: *** NO MASS TODAY ***

Thursday: 9.15am @ St Kevin's Chapel **Friday:** 9.15am @ St Kevin's Chapel

Saturday: 5.30pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 8.30am & 10.00am. 9.00am @ Holy Cross Monastery

Christian Meditation - Thursday (this week only) @ 9.15am online

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

Good News!! Miyuki Edo wife of

Alex, mother of Ray and Kane, daughter-inlaw of Eve and Peter Young, is preparing for the Easter Sacraments (Baptism, Communion and Confirmation). May Miyuki inspire us as we prepare to renew at Easter our own baptismal commitments.

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DIARY DATES FOR FEB/MAR: 24th Needlecraft Group @ 1.00pm

27th Baptism Presentation Mass

28th Baptism Presentation Mass

3rd Needlecraft Group @ 1.00pm

Parish Lenten Program

25th Parish Lenten Program

Presentation by VG Fr Caddy

Baptism Preparation Evening

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

There is so much to catch up on: have you read what the parish said at our recent open meetings? Plus lots of interesting articles – one on Myanmar, thoughts for Ash Wednesday and a video webinar from Sr Natalie!

Wednesday Night with the Vicar General

We need your presence to show Fr Joe that we are a strong, viable community. If you <u>absolutely</u> cannot come, please print your name on the separate sheet on the table in the Gathering Space.

Due to covid restrictions, the **Schools' Commissioning Mass** scheduled to take place last weekend has been postponed to Saturday, 13th March.

ST KEVIN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

If you would like your child/ren to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion or Reconciliation this year, the time to act is now!

Expressions of Interest are currently being accepted for students to receive these Sacraments this year. A Parent Information Night is planned for next month, Wednesday, 10th March, 2021, at 7.30pm in the Church, where instructions will be given for online bookings.

This is a compulsory evening for all families. Due to covid restrictions, we request only one parent per family please – no children.

Late applications will definitely **not** be accepted. Please ring the Parish Office on 9850 5983 (Tuesday-Friday 9am-4pm) or email: templestowe@cam.org.au or pam.cohen7@icloud.com for further information.

Help Wanted!

The Easter Season is fast approaching and as we enter into this extremely busy time of the Liturgical Year, we are asking for some assistance please with our Easter Ceremonies.

If you are not planning time away this Easter Season, please consider being involved in your parish this year, even if it is in a small way – every little bit helps! Please call Julie O'Donnell on 9850 4373 or Fr Gerry on 9850 5983 for more information. Also, we are reminded to observe that Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat.

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

See your meditation, your prayer, not as your own but as the prayer of Jesus. The time is His. The prayer is His. The miracle is: Jesus' prayer is ours! We start mediation with hope, not with a desire to get somewhere or something. We leave behind all our thoughts, plans, ideas, concerns and even OUR prayers. We open our hearts to the prayer of Jesus.

LITURGY ROSTER

Second Sunday of Lent - 27/28th February 2021

1st Read: Genesis 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18 2nd Read: Romans 8: 31-34 Gospel: Mark 9: 2-10

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion	Welcomers
5.30pm	De-anne McAdams	Chelsea Soklevski	Maryann McNamara Bredenia Raquel	Volunteer Family
8.30am	Paul Polidano	Rebecca Sandwell	Brigid Jordon Betty Natoli	Volunteer Family
9.00am	Des Thornton	Bernard Charnley	Jo Ridgeway	Volunteer Family
10.00am	Lucy Halliburton	Julie O'Donnell	Mary Calleja Tony Whelan Geraldine Williams	Volunteer Family

We pray for Better Health: Jan Dalton, Lucy Molony,

Terry Maher, Jane O'Brien and Paul Bradley.

Anniversaries: Domenica Ianno, Yvette Mascarenhas (2),

Anna Toppi (2) and Joe Luca (1 month).

Recently Deceased: Daphne Clark, Joyce Woodroffe, Margaret Jones

and Murray Weideman.

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.

Come and listen and pray with fellow Christians and if you come on Friday morning, you can hear what Rev Tim Costello has to say, especially in light the recent findings regarding Crown Casino.

WDP Committee.

Carmel Shiel, Rep on WDP Committee.