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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.

**13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> February, 2021**

**Year B**

**Baptism Sunday / Valentine's Day Weekend / School Staff Commissioning  
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## *Well done St Kevin's Parish!*

**90 people gathered last Wednesday night and a further 40 participated on Thursday morning, in response to the invitation to discuss the Parish's future direction.**

Fr Gerry is Retiring: Engaging Discussion Sessions – A Report

In these listening sessions 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, 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

*Tony Byrne*

### Entrance Antiphon

Be my protector, O God,  
a mighty stronghold to save me.  
For you are my rock, my stronghold!  
Lead me, guide me,  
for the sake of your name.

### Responsorial Psalm

I turn to you, Lord,  
in time of trouble,  
and you fill me with the joy  
of salvation.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared  
among us;  
God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

### Response to Prayers of the Faithful

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

### Communion Antiphon

They ate and had their fill,  
and what they craved the Lord  
gave them;  
they were not disappointed in what  
they craved.

*Welcome!* to staff (old and  
new) from St Charles Borromeo  
and St Kevin's schools.

**A special welcome to all our  
generous people who minister in  
our schools and parish community.**

We always need fresh  
ideas/thoughts/faces so a huge  
welcome to you all.

St Kevin's Parish is delighted that  
you have chosen our community –  
Congratulations!

***May you experience warmth,  
peace and challenge as you  
immerse yourselves in our  
Templestowe Parish.***

## Lent 2021

### ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>

It is a day of fasting and abstinence  
from meat.

Masses will be:

9.15am St Kevin's Church

11.45am St Charles Borromeo School

7.30pm St Kevin's Church

**We will be commencing** a weekly Lenten Program entitled "It's all About Hope" on Thursdays at 1.30pm in the Gathering Space, with the first one scheduled for this Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> February. Discussions will be centred around a booklet written by "our" Fr Chris Monaghan. It features commentaries on the readings, fantastic quotes and discussion starters. Please 'book' today by adding your name and number of people on the sign-in sheet on the round 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. They commence next Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> February. To register, please log onto

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

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

PROJECT COMPASSION  
**BE MORE**

This lent, join millions of Australians who want to  
end poverty and injustice in our world.

Fr Gerry

# SPIRITUAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

## Adoration –

Each weekday @ 8.30am and  
11.00am on Wednesday mornings

## Masses this week -

**Tuesday:** 11.00am @ Mercy Place

## Ash Wednesday:

9.15am @ St Kevin's Church

11.40am @ St Charles Borromeo School

7.30pm @ St Kevin's Church

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

**Friday:** 11.00am @ Newmans Manor

**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)

## DIARY DATES FOR FEB/MAR:

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

14<sup>th</sup> Baptism Mass

17<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday

Needlecraft Group @ 1.00pm

18<sup>th</sup>

11am Funeral Mass for Daphne Clark

Parish Lenten Program

Baptism Preparation Evening

24<sup>th</sup> Needlecraft Group @ 1.00pm

Presentation by VG Fr Caddy

25<sup>th</sup> Parish Lenten Program

27<sup>th</sup> Baptism Presentation Mass

28<sup>th</sup> Baptism Presentation Mass



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

*Evelyn Claire Davis*

Daughter of Brent and Sarah  
Little sister of Annabelle

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

- Lots of information regarding Lenten Programs and preparing for the Season of Easter.
- New, varied and thought-provoking articles of interest.

## **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, 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:templestowe@cam.org.au) or [pam.cohen7@icloud.com](mailto: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 Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days 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**

In the journey of meditation we say our mantra: *Ma-ra-na-tha*. We let go of thoughts and plans, ideas and imaginings. We let go of the images of ourselves. We let go of our desires, our fears, what others might think of us. This "letting go" leads us into communion with the Other (God) and others at a deeper level. The solitude of meditation is a foundation stone. Meditation helps to build true community: all are one in God.

### **LITURGY ROSTER**

**First Sunday of Lent – 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> February 2021**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 9: 8-15**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Peter 3: 18-22**

**Gospel: Mark 1: 12-15**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Commentator</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Communion</b>	<b>Welcomers</b>
5.30pm	Janet Parsons	Le Gall Family	Anne Magire Bredenia Raquel	Volunteer Family
8.30am	Frank Ozzimo	Rebecca Sandwell	Betty Natoli Mary Waddick Peter Waddick	Volunteer Family
9.00am	Margaret Mangan	Helen Norman	Peter Norman	Volunteer Family
10.00am	Miriam Ayoub	Liz O'Connell	Raffaella Dinelli Lyn Murphy Silvana Rodella	Volunteer Family

**We pray for Better Health:** Jan Dalton, Lucy Molony, Terry Maher, Jane O'Brien and Paul Bradley.

**Anniversaries:** Reynaldo Tagala (2), Jim Hannon, Roger Anthony & Meng Kong Cheng, Frances Alexander (2), Masino Cappadona (2), John Watts (1) and Joe Luca.

**Recently Deceased:** Daphne Clark and Joyce Woodroffe

### **World Day of Prayer Services 2021 Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**

**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. 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.