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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.

27/28th March, 2020

Year B

Palm Sunday Baptism Presentation Weekend



The most important week in the Church's year!

Reflecting on the Triduum

Holy Thursday commemorates the sign of service that Jesus gave us on that night of the Last Supper. He who came not to be served but to serve is our master who set an example for us. If the master served, we too must serve. Service is a constitutive element of following the one who served to the point of giving his life.

On **Good Friday** we witness the cross; there is no eucharistic prayer, but only a significant Liturgy of the Word followed by Communion. As Christians have done for centuries, we pray for the world and for many other things. The prayers of intercession are accompanied by dramatic action and even movement. This day is unlike any other, and we leave the service in silence, alone with our thoughts.

After sunset on **Saturday** it's as though we cannot contain the Easter joy we know will be ours and we celebrate the resurrection.

The **Triduum** is too much for one liturgy or even one day. We are given three days to enter into this profound ancient mystery. Let's give ourselves the gift of not only preparing others for this experience, but undergoing it ourselves too.

SPIRITUAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

Adoration – Each weekday @ 8.30am and 11.00am on Wednesday mornings

Masses this week -

Tuesday: 9.15am @ St Kevin's Chapel

Holy Thursday: 7.30pm

Holy Saturday: 7.30pm (Vigil)

Easter Sunday: 8.30am & 10.00am

No 8.45am at Holy Cross Monastery

Christian Meditation –

Wednesdays @ 9.30am in the Parish Chapel

Reconciliation – One to one (1st Rite of Reconciliation) from 10.00-10.30am on Holy Saturday morning

DIARY DATES FOR MARCH/APRIL:

28th Baptism Presentation Mass

31st Needlecraft Group @ 1.00pm

1st Holy Thursday Mass @ 7.30pm

2nd Good Friday Service @ 3.00pm

3rd Easter Vigil @ 7.30pm

1 to 1 Reconciliation 10-10.30am

4th Easter Sunday Masses @ 8.30 and 10.00am

7th Needlecraft Group @ 1.00pm

10th Baptism Presentation Mass

11th Baptism Presentation Mass

EASTER TIMETABLE

1st April: Holy Thursday @ 7.30pm followed by prayer at the "Altar of Repose" in the Chapel until 10.00pm. "Come and watch with me" - is this Jesus to you?

2nd April: Good Friday @ 3.00pm

3rd April: Easter Vigil @ 7.30pm

21st April: Easter Sunday @ 8.30 and 10.00am



PLEASE NOTE: Mass will NOT be celebrated at Holy Cross Chapel on Easter Morning.

Baptism Welcome!

This weekend we welcome:



Michele (Michael) and Elena Pavin who will be introducing **Maddalena** to our Parish Community in preparation for her Baptism on Easter Sunday morning.

The Melbourne Passion Play which had its beginnings 25 years ago had to be cancelled last year. Each year all the actors and backstage volunteers freely give their time and talent to bring this epic production to life. Due to crowd limitations, the Passion Play Management team has decided not to stage this event in 2021. It is hoped that the Passion Play will again resume in 2022 with rehearsals will resuming once more during the end of 2021. In the meantime we encourage everyone to watch a past performance of the Passion Play on YouTube (please see the link in our parish website). Please take the opportunity to watch this Play.



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

- Looking to spend special time with your children over the holidays? Then check out the 'Childrens and Family Page'! It's full of thought-provoking material as well as fun ideas and activities to keep your children busy.
- **Farewell Event for Me and UooUoo (the Royal Children's Hospital 150 Anniversary Art Trail)**
On Saturday 17 April, all 100 sculptures will come together for a special public viewing at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. This is your only chance to see all 100 UooUoos in one place (including the one by our very own Holly O'Brien)! Please use our link to book your place online.

Palm Sunday

There are many things that can only be seen through eyes that have cried.

Oscar Romero

LITURGYROSTER

Easter Ceremonies and Sunday – 1st – 4th April 2021

1st Read: Acts 10: 34, 37-43 2nd Read: Colossians 5: 6-8 Gospel: John 20: 1-9

Thank you to our wonderful team of Volunteers who constantly give of their time and talent, especially during our Easter Ceremonies.

You have been contacted with your allotted task. Thank you once again.

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

Anniversaries: Maria De Luca, Ralph De Souza, Joe Malone, Rita Skubal, John Clarke, Yvonne Wilson (2) and Nancy & Joseph Amalfi (Louie's parents)

Recently Deceased: Victor Liew

Entering Into Holy Week

The Passion narratives do not offer packaged answers to the questions created by human agony. But they do offer perspective and meaning. They show Jesus, Son of God and child of the universe, walking the same path of pain and death, yet not broken by it. They portray this representative human, this "new Adam", displaying the many moods of the Christian before death: anguish, lament, peaceful acceptance, stunned silence. They invite the reader to locate his or her place in the cast of characters, who swirl through the drama: the hostile opponents, the betrayer, the terrorised disciples, a leader who denies, the vacillating crowd, the women who stand boldly present at the cross.

The narratives place all of this drama on the stage of biblical history. The voices of the prophets, the anguished prayers of the psalmist and many other texts of the Hebrew Bible were drawn into the passion story to help the early church detect the pattern of God's presence, even here in what seemed the darkest moment of human history. By retelling the passion story and placing themselves in it, the early Christians found new coherence in their own passion. Through liturgy, drama and personal reflection, generation after generation of believers have done the same.

Don Senior

**The Passion of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark
Wilmington: Glazier, 1984, 8-9**

GOSPEL FOCUS

This man was a son of God

By the time we have stood and listened to this lengthy Passion narrative, the listener may have started to wilt by the time we get to the death of Jesus. Yet, the gospel writer keeps one of the most important messages for this moment. As Jesus dies, a centurion standing by utters the inspired words, "In truth, this man was a son of God." Famously played by John Wayne in the movie, The Greatest Story Ever Told, the centurion is the voice of the gentile – the non-Jew – representing all those throughout the world who will recognise the truth of Jesus' life and purpose.



HAVE YOU thought?

Passion of the Passion

The Passion narrative is very aptly named. The emotion and power of this story is nothing short of passionate. The gospel writer's style of fast paced, unadorned factual narrative is a very effective way of helping the reader/listener to engage in the story. It is, after all, the first half of the most important Christian story – finished off by the resurrection that is celebrated on Easter Sunday. It is easy to see why this stark, narrative style was embellished and expanded upon by the later gospel writers and yet it is perhaps the more passionate for the lack of explanation and theologising.

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Inspirational Quotes From Christian Meditation Network

When we start to meditate, we think that it will help us. And it does help for some time. Then we are tempted to give up. We wonder about progress, we question the commitment to the daily routine. Meditation is an invitation into the mystery of God. The journey takes a long time. When we meet God, we are tempted to hold back because the experience is too great. This is the 'ego' tricking us, sending us off on the wrong path. Be still. Say your mantra with simplicity for the entire time of your meditation.

St Kevin's Memorial Mass

A Memorial Mass will be held on
the 22nd of April 2021 at 7.30pm.

All are welcome,

in particular those who have lost loved
ones in the last 12 months.



As a compassionate people, we are encouraged to come
together on this important night in support of all who
are grieving the death of a loved one.

At this Mass, we shall also bless the plaques on our
memorial wall.

For further information, please contact Lyn Murphy on
9857 4437 or 0419 897582.

Memorial Book:

If you wish to have a relative or friend inscribed in this
precious book, please fill out a form from the table in
the Gathering Space and leave them as they will be
collected and entered into this book. Thank you.

Some Palm Sunday Reflections...

1. To me Palm Sunday is
 - a. The last Sunday before Easter
 - b. Palm branches that will be in my house all year
 - c. The beginning of Holy Week
 - d. Full of childhood memories
 - e. A mixture of triumph and defeat
 - f. Just another Sunday.
2. I find the first reading
 - a. Describes me when I'm in a tough spot
 - b. Is too passive to describe me
 - c. Describes what I would like to be
 - d. Is hard for me to understand.
3. The idea from the second reading which most impresses me is
 - a. Jesus putting aside his position as God
 - b. The willingness of Jesus to accept death
 - c. Jesus being raised up after his death
 - d. The honour given Jesus because of his willingness to die for us
 - e. Jesus Christ is Lord.
4. I will make these last few days of Lent special by...

An important Holy Thursday reminder... We
are both givers and receivers, those who have and
those who need. At the heart of service is mutuality:
we learn from those we teach and are healed by those
we tend.

Due to covid precautions,
only a few parish
representatives will be
getting their feet washed.

