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**Pastoral Worker:** Mrs Rebecca Sandwell



## 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.

**6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> March, 2021**

**Year B**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

## St Kevin's Parish Discussions

**Since last Wednesday week's marvellous attendance (150 + 14 apologies) the Parish Pastoral Council and the "Lay Leader Committee" have met and are determined to keep up the momentum you have achieved.**

The following may clarify our questions:

1. *Lay ecclesial leader.* It is proposed the Archdiocese would appoint, in consultation with the parish, a suitably qualified and experienced lay person to coordinate pastoral care within the parish, and to manage the activities of the parish subject to the oversight of the moderator of pastoral care.
2. *Moderator of pastoral care.* The Archdiocese would appoint a priest as moderator of pastoral care. This priest would have the powers and functions of a priest, but not be the parish priest of St Kevin's. He would provide oversight and mentoring to the lay ecclesial leader.
3. *A panel of retired priests.* The parish would identify a panel of retired priests who agree to say Mass and to provide other priestly services to St Kevin's on an occasional but continuing basis.
4. *Preserving the role of priest and laity.* It is envisaged that the lay leader would be appointed under the current provisions of Canon Law (can. 517 §2). The parish recognises the need to respect the appropriate roles of priests and laity as they're defined.

The Parish Pastoral Council is drafting a submission to go to the Archbishop.

I shall talk to the Vicar General – with a general question of how he sees us best going forward.

Please talk to the following – Tony Robinson, Carmel Purdey, Rebecca Sandwell, Pat Rowland, Peter Sheehan, Fiona Watson, Tony Byrne or myself

or if you prefer, send us an email (see our address above)

or put your thoughts/questions in our feedback box.

**Fr Gerry**

# 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

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

**Friday:** Leo Holt's Funeral Mass

**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)

## DIARY DATES FOR MARCH:

**10<sup>th</sup>** Needlecraft Group @ 1.00pm  
Sacramental Gathering @ 7.30pm

**11<sup>th</sup>** Lenten Program @ 1.30pm

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

**17<sup>th</sup>** Needlecraft Group @ 1.00pm  
Liturgy Team Meeting @ 7.30pm  
Baptism Preparation Evening

**18<sup>th</sup>** Lenten Program @ 1.30pm

**21<sup>st</sup>** 2020 Confirmation Mass @ 2pm

### Entrance Antiphon

My eyes are always on the Lord,  
for he rescues my feet from  
the snare.

Turn to me and have mercy on me,  
for I am alone and poor.

### Responsorial Psalm

Lord, you have the words of  
everlasting life.

### Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
king of endless glory!

God loved the world so much,  
he gave us his only Son,  
that all who believe in him might  
have eternal life.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
king of endless glory!

### Response to Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord hear our prayer.

### Communion Antiphon

For anyone who drinks it,  
says the Lord,  
the water I shall give will become in  
him a spring welling up to eternal life.

Our weekly Lenten Program entitled  
"It's all About Hope" continues on  
Thursdays at 1.30pm in the Gathering  
Space. Discussions are centred around  
a booklet written by "our" Fr Chris  
Monaghan. All welcome.

## Schools' Commissioning and Welcome to Prep Families Mass

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March @ 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.

### The Scrutinies

– What are They?

All over the world, the Church celebrates the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent as a central part of our more intense preparation for Easter.

We are called to look more closely at our faith and the centrality of our faith in our lives – in other words, we are called to have a good hard look at our faith.

We are asked to consider whether we are merely passive bystanders or do we do as Jesus did in the temple, express some righteous anger of events in our world and in our Church and take action to bring about change.



**HOLY CROSS  
CENTRE**

**Please Note:** the new time for Sunday morning Masses at Holy Cross Centre, Templestowe, is now 8.45am effective immediately.

## LITURGY ROSTER

Fourth Sunday of Lent – 13/14<sup>th</sup> March 2021

1<sup>st</sup> Read: 2 Chronicles 26: 14-16, 19-23 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: Ephesians 2: 4-10 Gospel: John 3: 14-21

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion	Welcomers
5.30pm	Janet Parsons	Le Gall Family	Anne Maguire Maryann McNamara Lynne O'Brien	Volunteer Family
8.30am	Kirsten Collins	Rebecca Sandwell	Brigid Jordon Betty Natoli Isadora Silva	Volunteer Family
8.45am	Margaret Mangan	Ken Sharpe	Dianne Flannery	Volunteer Family
10.00am	Tony Byrne	Vianney Shiel	Mary Calleja Lyn Robinson Tony Robinson	Volunteer Family

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

**Anniversaries:** Sheldon Fernando, Joseph Boniventure, Mary Gage, Pauline McKenzie, Roger Bannister, William & Alice Cowsley, Tony Bendall and Les Carlyon.  
**Recently Deceased:** Eric Salter (friend of Barry Sharkey), Leo Holt (husband of Maree) and Michael Gudinski.

### Communal Penance Service

Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup>  
March at 7.30pm.



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***What's new in our website this week...*** At the time of going to print, we have not been notified of the timing of Leo Holt's Funeral this Friday. However, this information will be posted as soon as we know. Also, due to restrictions, we have an attendance limit. Please book your seat using the link on our website.

### EASTER TIMETABLE

24<sup>th</sup> March: Communal Penance Service at 7.30pm  
1<sup>st</sup> April: Holy Thursday at 7.30pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> April: Good Friday at 3.00pm  
3<sup>rd</sup> April: Easter Vigil at 7.00pm  
4<sup>th</sup> April: Easter Sunday at 8.30 and 10.00am

Our next **Parish Liturgy Team Meeting** is scheduled for Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March @ 7.30pm. Be there or be green! If you are interested in joining this dynamic team, please let Fr Gerry know.

### 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 week, 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 or email: [templestowe@cam.org.au](mailto:templestowe@cam.org.au) or [pam.cohen7@icloud.com](mailto:pam.cohen7@icloud.com) for further information.

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 meditation we leave our 'prayers' behind and enter into the prayer, the prayer of Christ. Our way is the way of one little word, saying the mantra: *Ma-ra-na-tha* 'Come Lord Jesus'. Our whole being goes into the way of emptiness. What we find is that the full vision of God can only come when our heart is set on God. It is not too hard. It is not too difficult. Our task is daily fidelity to saying the mantra.

### **Asylum Seekers Donation**

Please see the receipt on the noticeboard. We also received a hand written note from Sr Brigid Arthur. (She obviously does more than go to federal court with teenagers, over climate change!)

### **Third Sunday of Lent**

A church that doesn't provoke any crisis, a gospel that doesn't unsettle, a word of God that doesn't get under anyone's skin, a touch of God that doesn't touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed – what gospel is that?

*Oscar Romero*

### **Questions to Ponder...**

- Q. What aspects of this gospel passage do you find confronting or challenging?
- Q. What was it about the practices in the Temple that spurred Jesus to such violent anger?
- Q. What might the poor have thought about what Jesus did in the Temple?
- Q. Have you ever seen something that you knew to be unjust? What did you do?
- Q. How can you work against injustice in your local community?

### **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.



We are now in the Season of Lent. Please make sure you collect your Project Compassion box before you leave today.

### **10<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

**Michael McGirr**, teacher, author, parent, journalist is coming to St Kevin's on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March. His primary audience is parents whose children hope to celebrate sacraments this year. However, he could well give each of us important and stimulating thoughts. Consequently, you are invited to come on 10<sup>th</sup> March @ 7.30pm.



### **St Kevin's Memorial Mass**

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

All are welcome, in particular those who have lost loved ones in the last 12 months.

For further information please contact Lyn Murphy 9857 4437 / 0419897582