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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.

15/16th May, 2021

Year B

First Communion Masses Feast of the Ascension of the Lord

Entrance Antiphon

Men of Galilee,
why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending
into heaven will return as you saw
him go, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm

God mounts his throne to shouts
of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always,
until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Sing praise to God.

Communion Antiphon

Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.



The Ascension of the Lord

In today's gospel the disciples are ushered into a new era of the history of salvation. They had grown accustomed to following their friend and teacher as he preached to the crowds of the kingdom of God, and to looking on with astonishment and joy as he healed those broken in mind, body and spirit. Now they watch as he is "taken up into heaven". Though Jesus has disappeared from sight, his presence has not left them. Now the apostles are the ones who will pray with and lay hands on those who seek healing and forgiveness of sins, and through the power of the Lord "working with them" these things will be accomplished.

Questions to Ponder...

- Q. Why do you think the gospel writer described the miraculous 'signs that will be associated with believers'?
- Q. What is the significance of Jesus commissioning the disciples immediately before his ascension?
- Q. How is it possible to be a proclaimer of the Good News today?
- Q. How can our actions towards others proclaim our beliefs?
- Q. Who do you know who really lives their beliefs and in that way proclaims the Good News?

SPIRITUAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

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

Masses this week -

Tuesday: 1.00pm Requiem-Savina Baruta

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 – Wednesdays @ 9.30am in the Parish Chapel.

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

DIARY DATES FOR MAY:

15th First Eucharist Mass

16th First Eucharist Mass

18th Mass @ Mercy Place

19th Needlecraft Group @ 1.00pm
Baptism Preparation Session

23rd Fr Gerry's Farewell Celebration

26th Needlecraft Group @ 1.00pm

29th Baptism Presentation Mass

30th Baptism Presentation Mass

FR GERRY'S GOLDEN JUBILEE/RETIREMENT

FAREWELL LUNCHEON

SUNDAY 23RD MAY

farewell



Our beloved Parish Priest, Fr Gerry, will be retiring from our parish next weekend – the exact weekend that Fr Gerry was ordained 50 years ago – a double celebration! Let's give him a send-off that he will remember for years to come! All are invited to **Fr Gerry's Golden Jubilee/Retirement Farewell Luncheon** on **Sunday, 23rd May**, at the Glendalough Centre (St Kevin's Primary School Hall). The day will begin with Mass @ 10.00am (Fr Gerry's very last Mass with us) followed by lunch at around 12.00pm. Please join us for a scrumptious spit roast meal with sides and drinks provided. All this for just \$20 per head. **Bookings and payment must be made online only via our website** (What's Happening area). If you are unable to attend on the day but would like to contribute, you will find a link also on our website.

If you require assistance with registering/making a donation or have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office.

Remember - this weekend (22nd/23rd May) will be the final weekend Masses celebrated by Fr Gerry.

Please come and help us to make Fr Gerry's farewell a most joyous occasion.



Happy Retirement!


**We
Need
Your
Help
Please**

Transport Required

For a new parishioner who lives in Templestowe Village in Fitzsimons Lane, to come to 10.00am Sunday morning Mass.

Please contact the Parish Office or speak with Rebecca.

LITURGY ROSTER

Pentecost Sunday – 22nd/23rd May 2021

1st Read: Acts 2: 1-11 2nd Read: Galatians 5: 16-25 Gospel: John 15: 26-27; 16: 12-15

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion	Welcomers
5.30pm	Peter Howes	Chelsea Soklevski	Lawrence Ceconello Frances Ceconello	Volunteer Family
8.30am	Paul Polidano	Frank Ozzimo	Betty Natoli Mary Waddick Peter Waddick	Volunteer Family
8.45am	Helen Norman	Bernard Charnley	Peter Norman	Volunteer Family
10.00am	Julie O'Donnell	The Johnson Family	Raffaella Dinelli Lyn Robinson Tony Robinson	Volunteer Family

We pray for Better Health: Jan Dalton, Terry Maher, Jane O'Brien, Paul Bradley, John Rowland, Maria & Werner Beismer, Michael & Mardi Doyle, Marie Robson, Angelina Amalfi and Fr Brendan Dillon.

Anniversaries: Graham Lewis Morrison (2), Ron Polidano (1) and Michael Williamson (1)

Recently Deceased: Savina Baruta and Brendan Edwards



First Communions – Wow!
The Parish of St Kevin's welcomes eighteen lucky and delightful children who come to the Table of the Lord for the first time, this weekend.

Congratulations and welcome to:

James Barban Xander Barban

Christian Bonola Chloe Carboon

Holly Carter Noah Ciro

Claudia Clarke Corinne Crifo

Kai James Roman Jarski

Zarlia Jenkins Zachariah Karagiannis

Mia Zara Lettieri Giselle Marchese

Mia Papadopoulos Savannah Spencer

Avery Mae Stocco and Dane Mark Wilson



Mass Count We are now in the month of May – so counters please count the number of folk who are at Mass. Counting (numbers) sheets are on the bench in the sacristy near the money bags.

DIFFERENT VIEW

Snake handlers and Faith healers

There are certainly Christians who interpret literally Jesus' description of the signs that will be associated with believers. We have all seen images of old Revivalist meetings where people were called forth to be healed by touch and have evil spirits driven from them. Much of this practice can be traced to this week's gospel. The many evangelical churches and the tele-evangelists who dominate our early morning television screens operate out of this tradition and generally have a very literal interpretation of scripture. It is based in a belief that God acts in the world through miraculous intervention rather than through the slow and steady presence of individuals like you and me.

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St Charles Borromeo Primary School
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ST KEVIN'S SOCIAL JUSTICE 2ND COLLECTIONS

The second collection for the month of May will be for our friends at Kadasig who co-ordinate assistance to needy communities in the Philippines including Loyo.

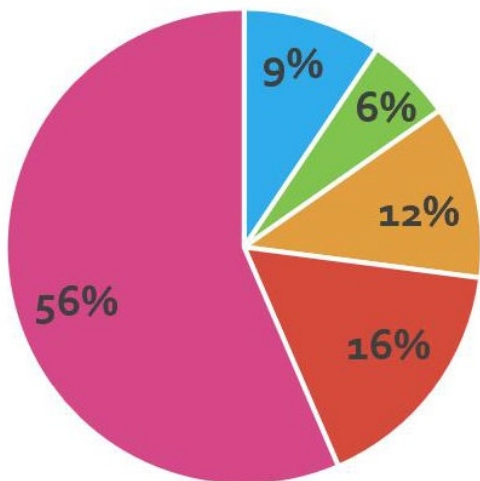
Inspirational Quotes From Christian Meditation Network

It is hard to be faithful to the daily discipline of meditating. But growth can happen when we come to the practice every morning and every evening. 'Say your word, sound your word' and enter into greater and greater simplicity. The power of meditating is that we seek to be fully in the present moment, not thinking about the past, not regretting the past, weeping over it, worrying about it. Not planning for the future. We hold to this truth: God is. God is love. God is now.

PARISH LIBRARY

**Have you noticed I'm back and with new,
interesting reading!**

I have returned triumphantly to just inside our Church building.



Our Church Set-Up

Last weekend, we conducted a survey by asking our parishioners to respond to the following statement:
In our current Church setup, I feel more included in connected with the Eucharist.

The results are in:

Strongly Agree:	56%
Agree:	16%
Satisfied:	12%
Disagree:	6%
Strongly Disagree	9%

QR Scan Mass Attendance: It is important that we all play our part with the Covid19 protocols currently in place, and register our attendance at Mass. The most convenient way is scanning the Government QR code on your smart phone. Our QR code is displayed here for your convenience. We encourage you to scan the code before you arrive at Mass to help reduce the bottlenecks when entering the Church. You can QR Scan just before you arrive; at home before you leave, in your car after you park, or alternatively when you are first seated in Church. If you are unsure how to use the QR scan code, or you don't have a smart phone, please ask one of our friendly parishioners to register for you. Hopefully, this will help to avoid the queues in the Church Gathering Space. Thank you for your support.

