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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.

20/21st November, 2021

Year B

**World Youth Day
Feast of Christ the King**

Our Presider today is: Fr Charles Balnaves

Living the Gospel – Truth

Jesus says to Pilate that he came into the world 'to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

That is where today's gospel passage finishes but as the gospel continues on, Pilate famously asks Jesus 'What is truth?' and the question is left dangling; unanswered.

The truth Jesus has borne witness to is the truth of his whole life – the revelation of God's love for humanity.

It is for proclaiming this truth that Jesus is placed on trial and is brought before Pilate.



Entrance Antiphon

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever
and ever.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is king;
he is robed in majesty.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of
David our Father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of
the Lord.

Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear us we pray.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

What's happening in our Parish this week?...

Saturday	5.30pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Mass
Tuesday	8.30am	Adoration
	9.15am	Mass
Wednesday	9.30am	Christian Meditation in the Parish Chapel
	11.00am	Adoration
	12.00pm	Tech Know-How Session
	1.00pm	Needlecraft Group
Thursday	8.30am	Adoration
	9.15am	Mass
Friday	9.15am	Service of the Word with Communion
Saturday	5.30pm	Baptism Presentation Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Mass (Baptism Presentation on Sunday)



Synod 2021-2023



In dioceses around the world, a period of consultation continues as part of a process culminating in the Synod of Bishops gathering in Rome in October 2023. The Church in Melbourne joins the rest of the world in embarking on an intentional process of mutual listening over two years and engage in a journey of communion, participation and mission.

The Mission Office at the Melbourne Archdiocese will be holding two sessions for parish leaders who are interested in understanding the Synod journey and how we might engage and consult within our own community. There will be two sessions held which you are invited to attend in order to learn more about:

- What is the Synod on Synodality?
- How can we contribute as a local community to the preparatory phase?
- Experience the discernment process as a participant so you might learn to facilitate your own community discernment for the Synod consultation in 2022.

The sessions (same content for each session, repeated at different days/times) are on:

- Tuesday November 23rd, 2.00pm – 3.30pm
- Thursday November 25th, 7.30 – 9.00pm

Both sessions will be hosted online (via zoom) and registration for the sessions is via the trybooking link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BVEXX>

For further information or for assistance with bookings please contact the *Proclaim: Office for Mission Renewal* via email: proclaim@cam.org.au

Special Collections

During our Church lockdown, we were unable to hold our annual Deaf and Father's Day Appeals. However these organisations are needing our support more than ever as they have missed two years of collections. If you would like to contribute, please use the envelopes provided or hop onto our website and click on the link to contribute electronically.

Easing of Restrictions

The latest Liturgical Guidelines are now up on our website following the most recent changes announced regarding the wearing of fitted face coverings in certain settings.

Whilst hopefully this will bring a greater ease and sense of hope to many, we should remain respectful of anyone who wishes to continue wearing a face covering - we are still in a declared State of Emergency, and there are many days yet to negotiate.

LITURGY ROSTER

First Sunday of Advent – 27/28th November 2021

1st Read: Jeremiah 33: 14-16 2nd Read: 1 Thess 3: 12-4: 2 Gospel: Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Peter Howes	Margaret Turner	Bredenia Raquel
8.30am	Paul Polidano	Rebecca Sandwell	Peter Waddick
10.00am	Julie O'Donnell	Lucy Halliburton	Tony Whelan

We pray for Better Health: Jan Dalton, Terry Maher, Jane O'Brien, Pat & John Rowland, Maria & Werner Beismer, Michael & Mardi Doyle, Angelina Amalfi, Fr Brendan Dillon, Faye O'Toole and Paul Materazzo (Carmel Shiel's brother).

Anniversaries: Kim West, Karl Haussegger and Nina Luca

Recently Deceased:

From the PP's Desk... ChildSafe Self-Assessment Tool

On Tuesday evening I spent two hours with a wonderful and energetic small group at St Gregory's, poring over the "ChildSafe Self-Assessment Tool" to assess our progress in relation to meeting the standards required for full compliance. Congratulations to the parish for how well you are progressing, though there is much left to do. I haven't had a similar discussion yet with the St Kevin's committee, though I understand you are at a similar level of progress and therefore also deserving congratulations.

One thread that came up over and over again in the discussions of the array of standards and how to progress with them and implement them was 'culture.'

A few people have questioned me over the past few years "I'm a good granddad why do I need a Working with Children Check, don't you trust me?" Yes, of course I trust you! But! It is not the reason for the standards and mandated expectations: they come from seeking to build a culture across our entire parish with all its groups: a culture which grows to reach a level of at least conscious competence in thinking about every situation from the perspective of the children we love: what about this situation, the picnic, these carols, do we see that could endanger them. We can only develop this culture if we start with ourselves: how can others be sure I am ok with children? Get to know me –sure. And show them that I have no record of harming others (that's what a WWCC starts to provide).

We know the past contains terrible wrongs in our church, and much of that wrongness can be sheeted home to poor leadership and diabolical individuals causing harm. We realise today of course that each and every one of us has a role to play in demonstrating that we have a safe culture for our children. We've come a long way, thank you again. Let's, together, keep journeying in a positive/constructive way towards an even better culture arising from the love of Jesus Christ who inspires us. Are you willing to offer some time to help? Call Fr Charles at the office.

God Bless, Fr Charles

Congratulations to.....

Pat and John Rowland

who celebrated

60 years of Marriage

last Thursday, 18th November.

Well done Pat and John and Thank you for all that you do for us and for our parish.

Happy Birthday to.....

Gerry Lewis

who celebrates his

60th Birthday

on Thursday, 25th November.

Well done Gerry and thank you for looking after us all during our difficult times.

Help Please! We would like

to remove the large wooden stage from the Church. It is very heavy. Would anyone have access to a large trolley that we can use to transport it out of the Church and into the shed? Please let us know.

For information on our Parish
Schools please contact:

St Kevin's Primary School
Phone: 9273 9999

St Charles Borromeo Primary School
Phone: 9842 7634

The next batch of **Thanksgiving Offering Envelopes** are now available from the table in the Gathering Space. Please make sure you collect yours before you leave today. You will see that they began at the beginning of October, however we were not able to process them. So please, when you collect yours, consider catching up on missed contributions as we have skipped many.

Meeting on Plenary Council at St Kevin's Gathering Space

Wednesday, 1st December @ 7.30pm

The parish is hosting an open discussion on the topic: **What happened at the first Assembly of the Plenary Council? Where do we go from here?**

Two members of the Council will describe their experience and discuss how we can take the process forward to the Final Assembly and will answer all our questions. We are fortunate that one will be Fr Kevin Lenehan, perhaps the person in Melbourne most involved in the Council. He is well aware of St Kevin's submissions. Please register from our website.

Letter to the People and Clergy of Melbourne

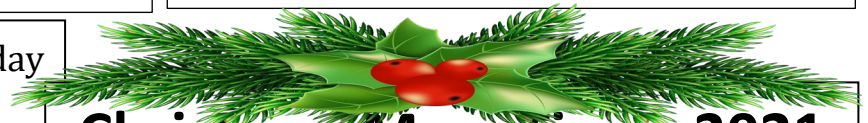
Archbishop Comensoli has written a letter for your attention regarding the proposed new legislation, the Equal Opportunity (Religious Exceptions) Amendment Bill 2021 from the State Government, which will impact on all faith-based organisations in Victoria.

The Archbishop encourages you to share this message widely in the hope that we can have a say and make a difference. It is on our website and on the Church noticeboard.

Please note Christmas Day is a Saturday this year. The Liturgy Committee is putting a lot of work into helping us prepare. They have made the 4 weekends of Advent into a unique package and urge each one of us to fully participate.

Reconciliation

- **Communal Penance Service** -
Thursday 16th December @ 7.30pm
OR - 1st Rite
(one to one in Reconciliation Room)
by appointment only (9850 5983).



Christmas Mass Times 2021

16th Dec - Reconciliation Service 7.30pm

24th Dec - Christmas Eve 5.30pm Carols

6.00pm Mass

8.45pm Carols

9.00pm Mass

25th Dec - Christmas Day 9.00am Mass

Please note: this is the only Mass on
Christmas Day.



Plenary Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost, Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age. Amen.