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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.

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

**Year B**

**World Day of the Poor**

**Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*The Presider for all of our Masses this weekend is: Fr Gerry Medici*

### ***Living the Gospel – People of Hope***

Whilst the community who were the intended audience of the Gospel of Mark were expecting the return of Jesus and the end times to occur during their lifetimes, nearly two thousand years later we realise that wasn't the case.

Today, as in Mark's time, many people approach the future and change with fear and apprehension.

As Christian people we are called to be optimistic and hopeful as we approach the future.

We know that God is good, that God loves us unconditionally and that God has a dream for us.

That is the simple basis of Christian hope.

### **Entrance Antiphon**

The Lord said:

I think thoughts of peace and not  
of affliction.

You will call upon me,  
and I will answer you,  
and I will lead back your captives from  
every place.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

Keep me safe, O God: you are my hope.  
Praise the Lord, my soul!

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful, and pray constantly,  
that you may be worthy to stand before  
the Son of Man.

Alleluia!

### **Response to Prayers of the Faithful**

Lord, hear our prayer.

### **Communion Antiphon**

To be near God is my happiness,  
to place my hope in God the Lord.

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

<b>Saturday</b>	5.30pm	Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday</b>	8.30am & 10.00am	Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	8.30am	Adoration
	9.15am	Mass
	11.00am	Mass at Mercy Place
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.30am	Christian Meditation in the Parish Chapel
	11.00am	Adoration
	12.00pm	Tech Know-How Session
	1.00pm	Needlecraft Group
<b>Thursday</b>	8.30am	Adoration
	9.15am	Mass
<b>Friday</b>	9.15am	Service of the Word with Communion
<b>Saturday</b>	5.30pm	Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday</b>	8.30am & 10.00am	Mass



## 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 that will span two years and engage people 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) will be held 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](mailto:proclaim@cam.org.au)



**Finding it difficult to keep up-to-date with today's technology?** then come along to our weekly **"Tech Know-How"** Sessions! Bring your devices and your questions to a forum which we will conduct every Wednesday at 12.00pm in the Church Gathering Space, and Rebecca will ably and patiently assist you with your query. You'll be a 'tech guru' in no time! A great way to impress friends and family!

## LITURGY ROSTER

Feast of Christ the King – 20/21<sup>st</sup> November 2021

1<sup>st</sup> Read: Daniel 7: 13-14 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: Apocalypse 1: 5-8 Gospel: John 18: 33-37

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Janet Parsons	Chelsea Soklevski	Lawrence Cecconello
8.30am	Frank Ozzimo	Paul Polidano	Mary Waddick
10.00am	Michael Lynch	Carmel Purdey	Lyn Robinson

**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:** Angel Ibrahim and Giuseppina Bolzonello  
**Recently Deceased:** Margaret Ann Gaffney

### ***From the PP's Desk... Listening***

This past week has been busy in all sorts of ways!

Suddenly, after months of no calls at all, I was called out three times this week to visit someone approaching death and celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick with them. What a grace! And I learned once again the importance of listening. It can be so hard to let go of my thoughts about how anointing is administered and to open myself to hearing the needs of the person and the family. So often the actions for administration of the sacrament are dwarfed by the moment: a moment of vulnerability where people reveal their fears about sickness and death.

I met with five delightful children from St Greg's 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: altar servers. I had asked to have them walk me through what they do and how they do it and when during Mass. The ministry of altar server varies quite remarkably from parish to parish and priest to priest. They came to the church and together they knew exactly how everything is done: top marks to them all after such a long stint away from actually doing their ministry. By listening closely I was able to get a crystal clear insight into their ministry and also begin to identify a few of my own preferences and they learned a thing or two as well.

We had a funeral (at St Kevin's) and I learned a little more about how to let people do their job. In Meredith, I got everything ready – which is lovely and I didn't have anyone to delegate to so that was the way to go. By listening to them I learned more about working as a team.

This thing that is listening is a vital skill. St Benedict says we have to put aside our desires and plans and needs and listen openly. We must open ourselves, be vulnerable, then we may actually hear the person speaking in a deep way that goes far beyond the physical and mental processes and reaches into the spiritual depths.

I am seeking even more than I usually do to listen before speaking as I grow to know you, the people who are the parish: seeking to listen deeply for the needs of the parish, listen deeply for God's Word guiding me. We will all need to be open to listening. It is listening in this deep way which is what Pope Francis sees as being core to the way the Catholic Church will grow in today's life.

This type of listening at the heart of is what is named Dadirri by our First Peoples and especially by Miriam Rose Ungunmerr-Baumann. Becoming still, deeply still. Making time and space. Allowing the Creator space and time to enter into you. Learning from the listening: learning about God's direction, God's call.

We will need this listening as we journey into a future that somehow fulfils our call to be even more a people who go forth and make disciples.

**God Bless, Fr Charles**

*For information on our Parish  
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**Phone: 9273 9999**

**St Charles Borromeo Primary School**  
**Phone: 9842 7634**

The next batch of **Thanksgiving Offering Envelopes** meant to go out this weekend will now be available next weekend, 20<sup>th</sup> /21<sup>st</sup> November. They began at the beginning of October, however, with Church closures, we were not able to process/deliver them. So please, when you collect yours, consider catching up on missed contributions as we have skipped many weekends.



## YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU

### **Are You....**

- A motivated individual with a keen interest in helping children receive Sacraments?
- Dedicated to providing guidance for families and children for a memorable experience?
- Excited about helping children deepen their spiritual awareness?

Then we invite you to make yourself known to either Rebecca or Gerry. This voluntary Sacramental Co-Ordinator position does not involve teaching and you will be working closely with parish staff and school Religious Education Co-Ordinators who will provide support and help. **Also....**

We are in need of Lectors, Commentators and Aged Care Ministers, especially as we head towards the Christmas Season. No experience is necessary! Training/coaching provided (if needed/requested). Members of our rostered volunteers are dwindling, so it's time to lift your Spirits and show your passion and support for your parish.

### **Meeting on Plenary Council at St Kevin's Gathering Space**

**Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### **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.

### **Australasian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform presents The Future of Catholicism in Australia – Convocation Three**

**THURSDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2021 at  
7.30pm AEDT via Zoom**

This convocation seeks to engage Catholics, at all levels of connection (including none) with the Church, in exploring concrete proposals for the future of Catholicism in light of the Plenary Council and the Pope's 2023 Synod on Synodality.

For more information see:

[www.acccr.com.au](http://www.acccr.com.au)

**Mass for the un-vaccinated:** We celebrate Mass for those vaccinated or with a formal medical exemption and for those who are of unknown status or are unvaccinated @ 6.30pm every Wednesday.

**Fr Charles**