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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 November, 2021

Year B

**First Sunday of Advent
Baptism Presentation Sunday**

Our Presider today is: Fr Gerry Medici

Different View – We're doomed!

Fundamentalists love readings like this week's apocalyptic gospel passage.

Full of portent and urgency, it inspires the sort of thinking that says, 'Repent now, because you could be dead tomorrow!'

It is easy to look at a passage like this and apply it to the conditions of the world today: everything's going to rack and ruin; it's just as the Bible foretold; the end of the world is just around the corner.

But we have to remember that this was written nearly 2,000 years ago!

Yes, there is still urgency!

Yes, there is still need for change!

But we still have time to get it right.

Entrance Antiphon

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted;
let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put
to shame.

Responsorial Psalm

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear us we pray.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.



FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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

Saturday	5.30pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Mass (Baptism Presentation @ 10.00am)
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
	6.30pm	Mass for the unvaccinated
Thursday	8.30am	Adoration
	9.15am	Mass
Friday	9.15am	Service of the Word with Communion
Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Mass (Baptism @ 10.00am)



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.

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 7.00am Mass for the Unvaccinated @ St Gregory's

10.00am Mass @ St Kevin's



Baptism Welcome!

This weekend we welcome:

Benjamin and Morgana Sheridan

who will be introducing **Finnegan Rylee** to our Parish Community in preparation for his Baptism next weekend.

Celebration
of the
Sacrament of Baptism



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



H O P E

LITURGY ROSTER

Second Sunday of Advent – 4/5th December 2021

1st Read: Baruch 5: 1-9 2nd Read: Philippians 1: 4-6, 8-11 Gospel: Luke 3: 1-6

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Janet Parsons	Chelsea Soklevski	Anne Maguire
8.30am	Kirsten Collins	Paul Polidano	Betty Natoli
10.00am	Michael Lynch	Liz O'Connell	Tony 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: Benita Mabo, Matthew Wilkins and Augusta Menis

Recently Deceased:

From the PP's Desk...

Synod on Synodality: Communion, Participation, Mission

Synod comes from two Greek words meaning 'together' and 'way' – this term is relatively new to me, and I think to all of us. It is a term that has been around as something distant – something Bishops do in Rome perhaps. One of the most interesting things about this synod is that Pope Francis desires that the process of preparing for the Synod becomes a lived example of living as a synodal church: the form of the consultations that have started and that we will undertake is the form that journeying together should have if we are to be the Church the Spirit calls us to be in this world in which we live.

Pope Francis has asked that we all become involved in preparing for this new synodal process. The consultation process is open now and extends until late February 2022. You can get much background at <https://melbournecatholic.org/synodality>. You can get material to help you prepare a personal submission or to help you organise group discussions and submissions. Each submission is limited to 250 words.

We are planning that we will journey together with consultation sessions across each parish though the form/timing of these has not been set yet. Our submissions get aggregated across the archdiocese and state and added to the nation and sent in to the Synod organisers.

Advent and Christmas

The journey into Advent and Christmas this year is quite different for me. For the first time I must spread myself across parishes and organise supply to fill the gaps where I can't be. Till now in my ministry, despite the presence of many places of worship in Meredith Parish, I was able to be present for each community and celebrate all the Masses for the parish (both at Christmas and at Easter). This year I must be present across two separate parishes with communities large enough to require multiple Masses so I can't be as present for all, as I wish.

In addition, I have not been able to get myself fully familiar with both parishes so some things that got organised in the past may get omitted – it may not be too late though: if there are elements of Advent or Christmas you feel may not be being arranged – come forwards, let me know and we'll see what can be done.

One thing that will be different will be inviting both parishes to attend the Advent Reconciliation Service in one location: St Kevin's, 16th December at 7.30pm. I think this will give a marvellous sense of energy to a beautiful reflective evening and it means two events do not need arranging.

God Bless, Fr Charles

For information on our Parish Schools please contact:

St Kevin's Primary School
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St Charles Borromeo Primary School
Phone: 9842 7634



Help Please! We are seeking to form a **Child Safeguarding Committee** of about 2 or 3 volunteers to assist in implementing our **Parish Child Safety Standards Policy**. You will be working closely with parish staff who will assist wherever needed. No experience is necessary! Please speak to Rebecca.

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.

GOODBYE

Next month, we farewell both our Lay Ecclesial Leader, Gerry Lewis, and the Principal of our St Kevin's Primary School, Frances Matisi.

Please join us for a **Farewell Morning Tea** for Gerry next Sunday, 5th December after the 10am Mass.

We shall also celebrate a **Farewell Morning Tea** for Frances on Sunday, 19th December after the 10am Mass. All are welcome to join us in thanking and saying goodbye to these 2 very talented people.



ST KEVIN'S PARISH BLANKET RAFFLE

A wonderful opportunity to win some lovingly created bespoke blankets, all 100% handmade by our highly skilled Artisans.
4 Prizes to win! All same-sized gorgeously warm large blankets.

What a perfect opportunity to own these special keepsakes for yourself or they will make lovely gifts – Christmas is just around the corner after all. Tickets are on sale after all Masses at a cost of \$2 per ticket or 3 for \$5. All funds raised will go towards purchasing additional materials to keep this hard-working group going to further assist members of our parish community and beyond. This raffle will be drawn after Sunday morning's Mass on 19th December. Thank you everyone for supporting us and our fundraising efforts.

Advent Plenary Prayer

God of this Advent time
As we watch, wait, long and hope,
Awaken our hearts to your presence
Encourage us in our efforts to listen humbly to each other
Inspire in us the words to speak boldly with each other
Create within us a spirit of discernment
Give us hopeful hearts as we continue our Plenary Council journey.
We ask this in the name of Emmanuel—
God-with-us. **Amen.**

Help Please!

We would like to remove the large wooden platform from the Church in time for our Christmas celebrations. 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.

