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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.

4/5th December, 2021

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**Second Sunday of Advent
Baptism Sunday**

Our Presider today is: Fr Charles Balnaves

Living the Gospel – Make way!

Today's gospel is a reminder to us that Advent is a season of preparation.

In this case, the preparation is all about making way for the love of God in our lives.

The love of God surrounds us all the time.

It's like a rapidly flowing stream and sometimes we have placed boulders in the stream that send the water flowing around us.

The call to make a way for the Lord is a call to clear the rocks out of the stream; to remove the obstacles that are directing the love of God around us and allow it instead to flow directly through us.



SECOND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Entrance Antiphon

O people of Sion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his
voice heard in the joy of your heart.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

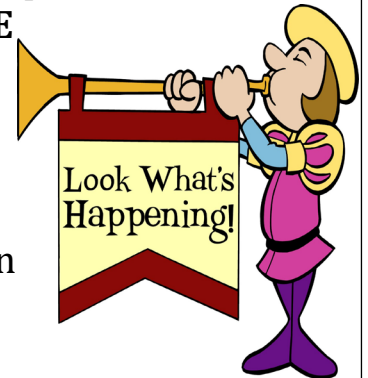
Lord, hear us we pray.

Communion Antiphon

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon
the heights,
and behold the joy which comes to you
from God.

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

Saturday	5.30pm	Vigil Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Mass (Baptism @ 10.00am)
Tuesday	8.30am	Adoration
	9.15am	Mass
Wednesday	9.30am	Christian Meditation in the Parish Chapel
	12.00pm	Adoration - HOLY HOUR OF GRACE
		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	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Mass



Christmas Mass Times 2021

16th Dec - Reconciliation Service 7.30pm

24th Dec - Christmas Eve 9.00am @ St Gregory the Great Doncaster

Mass for Combined Status (vaccinated and non-vaccinated)

5.30pm Carols

6.00pm Mass

8.45pm Carols

9.00pm Mass

25th Dec - Christmas Day

10.00am Mass



St Kevin's Parish warmly welcomes through the Sacrament of Baptism...

Finnegan Rylee Sheridan
Son of Benjamin and Morgana

thank you...
...AND good-bye

Thank you Gerry! Thank you. It has been such a grace to have you present and helping operation and life of the parish, helping me to become familiar again with the workings of things. Your cheerful enthusiasm and capacity to learn and to lead give me great hope that the position of Lay Ecclesial Leader can be truly effective. I, with the parish, wish you all the best in your move north. Spirit of Hope - accompany Gerry in all he does.

Fr Charles

PS: Liza, Rebecca and Nadia wish you well too!

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.



Setting up for Mass/Clearing up Afterwards:

You may already have thought this through but it strikes me that with Gerry leaving there is now a big gap in the setting up/clearing up for Mass and spending a few moments choosing hymns for the weekday Masses. Perhaps someone to do Covid-Marshall duties as well. Willing to help? Please say yes! Let Nadia, Liza, Rebecca or me know.

Fr Charles

LITURGY ROSTER

Third Sunday of Advent – 11/12th December 2021

1st Read: Zephaniah 3: 14-18 2nd Read: Philippians 4: 4-7 Gospel: Luke 3: 10-18

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Peter Howes	Margaret Turner	Lynne O'Brien
8.30am	Paul Polidano	Rebecca Sandwell	Frank Ozzimo
10.00am	Julie O'Donnell	Mishika Perera	Mary Calleja

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: Stephen Byrne, June Flood, Ben Skadiang, Sharon McCluskey, Joe Chadwick, Claire Ryan and Margaret Anderson.

Combined Status Masses

It is important that we are able to offer opportunities to participate in Eucharist to everyone who wishes to, including those who are unvaccinated or choose not to state their vaccination status. I will continue to offer Mass for this group of people but from now there will be no 'combined status' Mass at St Kevin's because attendance at the Wednesday Mas has dropped to zero. BUT!! I shall still be providing the Friday Mass 6.30pm at St Greg's, so please come along there.

Fr Charles

Plenary Council Discussion

About 50 people, from across all the parishes of the area, attended the discussion about the results of the Plenary Council sessions. A marvellous attendance and a credit to those who organised the evening. The speakers voiced great hope that the Holy Spirit IS working through this (lengthy) process, though there was also a strong thread of pain at the absence of visible movement on the major issues raised during the council sessions. We will keep this conversation going over coming months.

Fr Charles



There will be a partnered Communal Reconciliation Service

at St Kevin's Templestowe on
Thursday, 16th December at 7.30pm.
Please note: this will be the only Reconciliation Service held during Advent.



Also, there will be a partnered Christmas Eve Mass for the unvaccinated

at St Gregory the Great Doncaster on
Friday, 24th December at 9.00am.
Please note: this will be the only Christmas Mass for the unvaccinated.



In the next few weeks we farewell both the Principal of our St Kevin's Primary School, Frances Matisi and the Leader of our Christian Meditation, Lydia Dyhin.

Please join us for a **Farewell Morning Tea** for Frances on Sunday, 19th December after the 10am Mass.

We shall also celebrate a **Farewell Morning Tea** for Lydia on Wednesday, 15th December after the morning's Meditation Session at 9.30am.

All are welcome to join us in thanking and saying goodbye to these 2 very talented people.

For information on our Parish Schools please contact:

St Kevin's Primary School
Phone: 9273 9999

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.

Also.....

We must adhere to government guidelines during these covid times. Therefore, we are seeking "Covid Marshalls" to assist us with our Mass Celebrations. Duties include:

- Arriving early to ensure our Church facilities are prepared accordingly.
- Ensuring Mass attendees are checking in and providing proof of full vaccination.
- Ensuring Mass attendees are sanitising their hands before entering the Mass area.
- Spraying the chairs after Mass.

If you feel you can help, please let Fr Charles know. We need a couple of volunteers for each Mass. Thank you all.



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.



There will be a partnered
Parish Picnic and Carol Evening – Sunday 19th December from 6pm
at St Gregory the Great parish grounds



Parishioners and friends are warmly invited to this partnered parish social event.

It will be a very simple gathering on the oval from 6pm. Please bring your own food and drinks.

In line with Government regulations, only those who are double vaccinated with a vaccination certificate, or who are exempt, may attend. Further details will be provided in the coming weeks. In the meantime, please indicate your interest in attending by signing the sheet on the clipboards in the Gathering Space. Thank you.

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.**

