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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.

11/12th December, 2021

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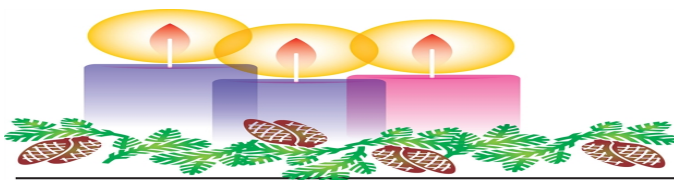
Third Sunday of Advent

Our Presider today is: Fr Gerry Medici

Living the Gospel –

Generosity of Spirit

John's words to the crowd, the tax collectors and the soldiers are about adopting a spirit of generosity and a generosity of spirit. A generosity of spirit can be expressed simply in the attitude with which we approach other people: a positive, hope-filled and generous attitude will often turn around a potentially negative situation. As we approach the Christmas season, there is a need for practical actions of generosity as well. Those in need can approach Christmas with dread rather than joyful expectation. It can be the hardest time of year for struggling families. Acts of generosity can make all the difference.



THIRD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.

Responsorial Psalm

Cry out with joy and gladness:
for among you is the great and Holy One
of Israel.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to
the poor.

Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, graciously hear us.

Communion Antiphon

Say to the faint of heart:
Be strong and do not fear.
Behold, our God will come,
and he will save us.

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
	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)

5.45pm Carols

6.00pm Mass

8.45pm Carols

9.00pm Mass

25th Dec – Christmas Day

9.00am Mass

NB: Please note the change of time for Christmas Morning Mass.

This will be the only Mass at St Kevin's on Christmas Day.



Reconciliation Service:

As I announced a while ago a single **Reconciliation/Penitential Service** will be held for St Greg's and St Kevin's – this will be held **at St Kevin's on Thursday Evening 16th December at 7:30 pm.**

I will be most willing to stay on after the main service to provide individual absolution, the service itself will not include an explicit segment for the second-rite individual absolution. You can also of course meet with me before/after any Mass at which I am presiding or make other arrangements to meet. I know this is different – please come along and try it out.

Alternatively, there are two other Second Rite Reconciliation services in the near vicinity: St Clement of Rome Bulleen 7:00 pm 15th December; and Ss Peter & Paul's Doncaster East 7:30 pm 16th December.

There are many reasons I have made this choice of one Penitential Service for the two parishes I shepherd. The primary reason has two main facets: I am time poor and the Liturgy Group (namely Izabella Fantin) at St Kevin's stepped forward and offered to take on essentially all the arrangements: so I accepted their offer; and other services in the area had already drawn on the services of many available priests so arranging assistance for our service was problematic.

It seems best to me to hold our service as an extended formation of conscience with me being available after the service and at other times for the First Rite of Reconciliation. I pray this works out well and look forward to having you join me.

Fr Charles

LITURGY ROSTER

Fourth Sunday of Advent – 18/19th December 2021

1st Reading: Micah 5: 1-4 2nd Reading: Hebrews 10: 5-10 Gospel: Luke 1: 39-44

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Janet Parsons	Peter Howes	Lawrence Ceconello
8.30am	Frank Ozzimo	Pauline Erickson	Betty Natoli
10.00am	Tony Byrne	Julie O'Donnell	Kaye Byrne

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: Laurie Sheehan, Chris Adams, Merna Monaghan and Norman Ronald (Ron) Chambers.

Recently Deceased:

Live-Streaming Masses

For those who are still benefitting from the livestreaming: my apologies for the poor service over the past few weeks – I can only plead that with the return to larger congregations my freedom to prepare the livestreaming has been curtailed and I have made mistakes causing quite a gap in the proper provision of this service: my apologies. Hopefully from now on there will be reliable streaming on Facebook on both St Gregory the Great Catholic Parish Doncaster and on St Kevin's Catholic Parish Templestowe Facebook pages. *Fr Charles*

Volunteers and ChildSafe Requirements

All of us who participate in parish life, helping with ministry, must have a current Working with Children Check (WWCC) and must sign a Code of Conduct statement. Please check your WWCC card to see it is current and also whether you have signed the Code of Conduct. Please also with your WWCC go into your MyCheck account and ensure you have listed all your volunteer organisations including your parish (St Gregory the Great or St Kevin's). This may seem a burden but it is a significant way of showing in a clear and public way that we care about our children enough to develop a habit individually and as a community: a habit of thinking through the implications of what we do in the light of needing to care for our children in today's world. Thank you in advance. *Fr Charles*

Please note Christmas Day is a Saturday this year. The Liturgy Committee has put a lot of work into helping us prepare and urge each one of us to fully participate.



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.



Next week 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 the services of a Church Cleaner. This is a short-term position only during January. Duties would include vacuuming and cleaning the bathrooms and kitchen areas. If you are able to help, please let Fr Charles or Rebecca know. We really would appreciate your help.

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.**

