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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.

1st/2nd January, 2022

Year C

The Epiphany of the Lord

Our Presider today is: Fr Ian Waters

Living the Gospel – Going Home

The wise men, or Magi, are warned in a dream not to go back to Herod and they go home by a different way.

How could they do anything but go home another way – indeed, go home as different people?

They are changed by their encounter with the child Jesus and they go home a different way; in a different state; in a whole different frame of mind.

When we genuinely encounter Jesus – in scripture, in life, in prayer, in ourselves – then we cannot go home the same way; we must go home by a different way as the Magi did.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

May you have a New Year that opens your hearts to the freshness of the breath of the Holy Spirit.

Fr Charles

Entrance Antiphon

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One,
has come; and kingship is in his grasp,
and power and dominion.

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, every nation on earth will
adore you.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, graciously hear us.

Communion Antiphon

We have seen his star in the East,
and have come with gifts to adore
the Lord.

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

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| Saturday | 9.00am | New Year's Day Mass |
| Sunday | 8.30am & 10.00am | Mass |
| Tuesday | 8.30am | Adoration |
| | 9.15am | Service of the Word with Communion |
| Wednesday | 11.00am | Adoration |
| Thursday | 8.30am | Adoration |
| | 9.15am | Service of the Word with Communion |
| | 10.00am | Rosary for the Repose of the Soul of John Rowland |
| | 10.30am | Funeral Mass for John Rowland |
| Friday | 9.15am | Service of the Word with Communion |
| Saturday | 5.30pm | Mass |
| Sunday | 8.30am & 10.00am | Mass |



New Year – Mary Mother of God / The Epiphany:

Two thousand and twenty two! On current plans (before Christmas), as the New Year ticks over I expect to be relaxing in Canberra at my brother's place. I have quite a few friends as well as my brother's quite extensive family in Canberra, none of whom I have seen in quite some years: I shall have to be careful not to run myself ragged with visiting. What I hope to do will be to take time to relax, to step away from 'thinking' and allow the Holy Spirit a bit of space to fill me. I am not one for 'New Year's Resolutions' – I never have been. If anything I do the opposite of making resolutions: I try to just give thanks and praise for the graces that fill my life, allowing space for God's guidance. I imagine that I do resolve to play with my granddaughter (a lot). Whatever I do, I hope I can make space in the day for God's will to dawn in me.

This weekend sees us celebrate Mary as Mother of God and the Feast of the Epiphany. Amidst all the New Year celebrations it is vital that we make time for these important moments of insight.

Mary didn't just bear a child named of Jesus – she bore the only begotten Son of God and so is in a very real and important sense God's mother, she brought and brings God close to us, she shows us the ideal of faith and the power that faith brings: power to ask for God's action and be answered.



And the Feast of the Epiphany – three wise men coming from the east bringing gifts for Jesus. They journey, they meet Herod, they follow a star, they find Jesus. But ... that is all peripheral: what is key is the change in them: they return by a different path: they are changed forever now they know Jesus and know that he is the Christ.

Let us allow ourselves to follow Mary's lead, to follow the Wise Men: let us be changed forever and become each day more fully disciples who go and make disciples. **God bless, Fr Charles**

John Rowland sadly passed away in Pat's arms last Monday. A Rosary will be held for him next Thursday at 10.00am followed by Funeral Mass at 10.30am, here at St Kevin's Church. John was very well known at the local bowls club and he was very skilled. Fr Gerry McKernan has kindly agreed to be the Celebrant for John's Funeral.

LITURGY ROSTER

Baptism of the Lord – 8/9th January 2022

1st Read: Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11 2nd Read: Titus 2: 11-14; 3: 4-7 Gospel: Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

| Time | Commentator | Lector | Communion |
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| 5.30pm | Peter Howes | Janet Parsons | Lynne O'Brien |
| 8.30am | Kirsten Collins | Paul Polidano | Frank Ozzimo |
| 10.00am | Miriam Ayoub | Mishika Perera | Jo Ridgeway |

We pray for Better Health: Jan Dalton, Jane O'Brien, Pat Rowland, Maria & Werner Beismer, Michael & Mardi Doyle, Angelina Amalfi, Fr Brendan Dillon, Jadwiga Krolkowski and Mike Westbrook.

Anniversaries:

Recently Deceased: John Rowland (husband of Pat)

Covid-19: Please be careful amidst all the gatherings and graces of seeing in the New Year. We are responsible for each other, to care as Jesus cares. **Fr Charles**

Thank you!

Many, many thanks for your cards and gifts over the Christmas period. Your expressions gave me great heart and once again I have felt very cared for in this wonderful parish of St Kevin's.

Fr Charles

Donald Tynan has made a submission to the Plenary Council dialogue on the topic of women in the Church. It is available via Google using the address: "Donald Tynan" or "Donald Tynan women in the Church".

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**

Help Please!

COVID MARSHALS

To adhere to current government guidelines, we will be requiring 3 or 4 people at the upcoming Lent and Easter Triduum Celebrations to act as "Covid Marshals" to assist us with our Mass Celebrations (if you think we are preparing early, just check out your local supermarket!).

Duties include:

- Arriving early to ensure our Church facilities are prepared accordingly.
 - Ensuring Mass attendees are registering their attendance either electronically or manually.
 - Ensuring Mass attendees are sanitising their hands before entering the Mass area.
 - Spraying the chairs after Mass.
 - Ensuring chairs are put back to their original position.
 - Checking the computer operator has used disinfectant wipes to sanitise keyboard and mouse.
- If you feel you can help, please let Fr Charles know and we shall prepare a roster. As the saying goes, the more volunteers come forward the less time will be required. Thank you all.

*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 the parish office know. You will be remunerated for this position.

EVERYBODY



SOMEBODY



ANYBODY



NOBODY



THE STORY OF EVERYBODY, SOMEBODY, ANYBODY AND NOBODY

Once upon a time there were four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it.

But Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it.

Anybody could have done it. But Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry about it, because it was Everybody's job.

Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, and Nobody realised that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody and Nobody did the job that Anybody could have done in the first place.

At last report, these four were still arguing and the job they were supposed to do still isn't done.