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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.

15/16th January, 2022

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

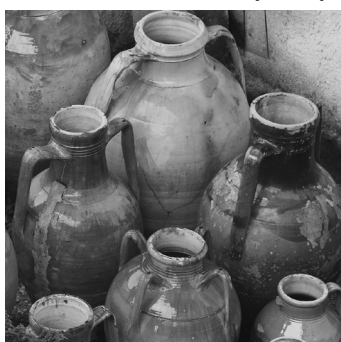
Our Presider today is: Fr Charles Balnaves

Living the Gospel – The Best Wine

The steward comments that the best wine had been kept until the end of the wedding celebration – a clever use of an image for Jesus.

Remembering the use of wedding imagery to describe the relationship between the people of Israel and God, the wedding feast is celebration of that relationship, and at the very heart of the celebration and the relationship is Jesus.

He is the best wine that is kept until the end – the 'finishing touch' to a magnificent celebration, just as he is the 'finishing touch' to the relationship between God and God's people to that point.



Entrance Antiphon

All the earth shall bow down before you,
O God, and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Responsorial Psalm

Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all
the nations.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share
in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Hear us, we pray.

Communion Antiphon

You have prepared a table before me,
and how precious is the chalice that
quenches my thirst.



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

Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Mass
Tuesday	8.30am	Adoration
	9.15am	Mass
Wednesday	11.00am	Adoration
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 Presentation @ 10am)



Ordinary Time 2022

There is nothing uninteresting, un-distinctive or commonplace about the "Season of Ordinary Time" in our church calendar.

This Season takes up two thirds of the year, interrupted by the Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter Seasons.

In Ordinary Time our prayer life, the Mass and other prayer, is focussed more on how we live our lives in Jesus Christ rather than focussing on who Jesus Christ is.

We remain disciple followers of Jesus the whole year of course and every Mass, especially Sunday Mass gathered as a whole community, continues the truth of the whole of Jesus' birth, life, passion, death and resurrection.

But within that we are called to focus differently through the year.

The start of Ordinary Time occurs as we approach the end of the summer holiday period.

We return to our ordinary lives, refreshed and given an opportunity to review our faith lives: what more could we do more to live our faith more fully?

What vision do I have for what "might be" for this parish and how might I help bring vision that about?

Please, please: let me know your vision and thoughts for the future of our parish.

God bless, Fr Charles



Covid-19: thank you for remaining sensible with managing / reducing our spread of Covid-19 by wearing masks, hand sanitising, physically distancing, staying away from Mass when you have symptoms. Keep it up!

Covid Safe Confessions

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is currently available in two ways:

1. Come early for any Mass or stay after and check with the Priest
OR
2. Call the office and make an appointment with Fr Charles.

LITURGYROSTER

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 22nd/23rd January 2022

1st Read: Neh 8: 2-6, 8-10 2nd Read: 1 Cor 12: 12-30 Gospel: Luke 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Peter Howes	D'Costa Family	Anne Maguire
8.30am	Kirsten Collins	Miriam Ayoub	Frank Ozzimo
10.00am	Tony Byrne	Frances Johnson	Raffaella Dinelli

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

Anniversaries: Giuseppe Giannini, Michael De Luca, Maria Egan, Margaret Materazzo, Mario Bolzonello, Vito Adamo, Bryan O'Toole, Giovanni Pennisi, Marie Reichert, Graham Arthur, Colin McDonald, Jure Mlikota, Peter Norton and Giuseppe (Joe) Luca.

Recently Deceased: Jadwiga Krolkowski

Covid-19: Just in case you have been away, with respect to signing in when you arrive at Church, you only need to use the QR code OR write your details on the sheet – not both. The only people who should be writing on the sheet are those who do not have a mobile phone or those who have an old mobile which will not talk to the Services Victoria website. Everyone else should be using the QR code. You may not be aware that we have to enter the details on the sheet into the Services Victoria website after Mass so please reduce our work. Also please print clearly first and surname – we have to put in both otherwise it will not let us continue with the entry.

Jadwiga Krolkowski sadly passed away during the week after a long illness. Jadwiga used to be a teacher at our St Charles Borromeo primary school. She was a good and dedicated teacher who showed true commitment to all staff and students. Jadwiga's Funeral will be held on Tuesday, 18th January @ 2pm @ St Ignatius Church, Richmond.

Thank you
for everything...

Our family feels privileged to have so many supportive friends in our Church Community.

Your kindness and support to our family during this sad time was very special to us. John's Funeral Mass was very moving and such a comfort. The Church looked beautiful with the flower arrangements. The refreshments prepared for the congregation was presented with so much care and love. Many thanks to the ladies who cooked the food and served the teas and coffee so efficiently. All your efforts helped our family to cope with what was a difficult day for us and your kindness will never be forgotten. Many thanks for all the personal cards and messages received from all our friends. Once again, thank you all for your love and support. It is truly appreciated.

Pat Rowland

Questions for Adolescents (and anyone older!)

- Q. Why do you think Mary brings the wine issue to Jesus' attention?
- Q. Why might Jesus have been reluctant to perform a miracle at this time?
- Q. Why does Mary seem to force the issue when Jesus has tried to side-step it?
- Q. What might the servants have said to one another after the wedding banquet?
- Q. What evidence is in the passage that suggests John's gospel was written for non-Jewish Christians?

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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. The first reading portrays the speaker as
 - a. a patient parent.
 - b. a romantic lover.
 - c. a fiery crusader.
 - d. one who trusted and loved God.
 - e. one who was certain of God's love.
 - f. a patient person.
2. The wedding images in the first reading make me
 - a. grateful for my marriage.
 - b. wish I were married..
 - c. a little uneasy.
 - d. wonder how God could get so excited about human beings.
3. If I were a character in the gospel reading I would be like
 - a. the wedding couple.
 - b. the mother of Jesus, aware of the problem.
 - c. Mary telling Jesus about the problem.
 - d. Jesus being asked to do something he's uneasy about.
 - e. a servant witnessing the miracle.
 - f. the steward, not recognising the miracle.
 - g. one of the disciples.
4. The gospel shows that Jesus
 - a. obeyed his mother.
 - b. served human needs.
 - c. was serious about doing his Father's will.
 - a. enjoyed life.

Unsung Heroes

Today's gospel ends: 'He let his glory *be seen*.' Where? In a nondescript Galilean village at a wedding feast about to become a disaster for the couple. The wine is running out. A fiasco is impending. A hero was needed to step in and save the situation. Jesus and Mary are good candidates for hero status.

But, it is the servants who are the unsung heroes. They take a huge risk. They are going to look utterly stupid if they give the steward water to ladle out. Nevertheless, they follow the stranger's directions exactly and end up serving the best of wines, saving the couple from terrible embarrassment.

The Divine Glory is not going to enter people's lives with great pyrotechnics. Rather, when we do as Jesus requires, even if it looks ridiculous to the crowd, His healing and enhancing Presence can enter and save a situation of apparent disaster.

We could pause for a moment to pray for a certain naïve trust in the Lord as we follow his directions, so that Cana may enter someone's life, so that His glory may be seen.

DIFFERENT VIEW

Use of alcohol

Sadly, this text is sometimes used by people to show that Jesus legitimizes drinking alcohol. If there was anything wrong with drinking, they say, Jesus wouldn't have made wine out of water! This argument is used to not only justify consumption of alcohol (sometimes to excess) but also to berate and ridicule those who, for religious and other reasons, abstain from alcohol. It is, of course, a feeble attempt to misappropriate scripture and use it completely out of context and for their own purposes. One could not even justify this argument on the grounds of a literal interpretation of scripture!