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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.

22nd/23rd January, 2022

Year C

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Presider today is: Fr Paul Connell

Living the Gospel – Framing

On either side of the quote from Isaiah in today's gospel there are very symmetrical actions.

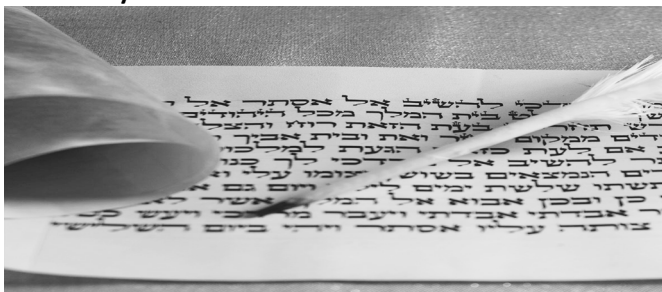
Before reading, Jesus stands, is handed the scroll and then unrolls the scroll.

On completion he rolls up the scroll, hands it back and then sits down.

There is a balance to every action.

This framing or bracketing technique is used throughout the gospel of Luke as a cue to the audience.

Whenever this framing occurs, it means that there is a very important teaching or action that occurs within the frame. On this occasion, the frame surrounds Jesus declaring his intentions for his ministry.



Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord;
 sing to the Lord, all the earth.

In his presence are majesty
 and splendour,
 strength and honour in his holy place.

Responsorial Psalm

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to
 the poor and freedom to prisoners.
 Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Hear us, we pray.

Communion Antiphon

Look toward the Lord and be radiant;
 let your faces not be abashed.



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)



The Spirit of the Lord in 2022

There is a seemingly trite saying that our role in Jesus' mission is to put aside our desires and be open to the unexpected directions in which the Holy Spirit is calling us.

Except it isn't a trite phrase it is a deep insight. It is this openness of heart and mind which is behind the 'synodal' approach which is being put forwards by Pope Francis. It is this openness which is being used as the basis for discussion during the Plenary Council. It is this openness which we are called to have as we seek to find new ways of being disciples, of being Church, of being parish communities: new ways which bring new life to sustain the communities of faith in which we live.

During my four months as shepherd for St Gregory's and St Kevin's I have pondered much about how to lead, where to guide. The only thing that is really clear is that St Gregory's has more people who come to Mass than does St Kevin's. Beyond that ...: both parishes have strengths (possibly complementary) in ministries that reach out to help others and that support the operation of the parishes. Both are financially viable. Both have a range of active, engaged, capable people. Both have some younger people seeking to be involved in parish life. Both were formed out of the same 'suburban diaspora' that was the eastern suburbs boom of the 1970's and both carry the consequences of that in a massive shift in demographics (age, wealth).

The other thing both parishes have in common is that neither has a clear 'missionary' outreach effort. We are ageing communities that need renewal.

As we slowly come through Covid-19 and become able to gather in a relatively normal way we will need to learn to gather again, to get to know each other again. But we also need to do more: we need to seek ways to be 'missionary.' I have some ideas based on my observations about the parishes and sourced from experience of other parishes. But that will not be enough. The future needs to be our future, your openness to the Spirit along with mine will mean we can be open to the surprises the Spirit can bring. This won't happen immediately, but will happen as the year progresses. Start thinking, start opening your heart and listening to and making space for the Holy Spirit.

God bless, Fr Charles

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 29/30th January 2022

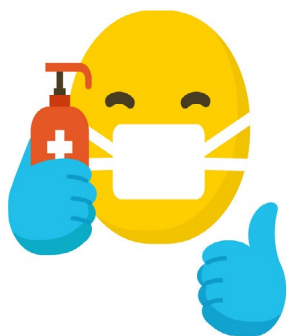
1st Read: Jeremiah 1: 4-5, 17-19 2nd Read: 1 Cor 12: 31-13: 13 Gospel: Luke 4: 21-30

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Peter Howes	Chelsea Soklevski	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, Jane O'Brien, Maria & Werner Beismer, Michael & Mardi Doyle, Angelina Amalfi, Fr Brendan Dillon and Mike Westbrook.

Anniversaries: Gerard Selleck, Jenny Henderson, Roger Anthony Cheng, Crofton (Croft) Uniake, Men Kong Cheng, Patricia Wood, Jacob Cheong, Andreas (Andy) Sugeng and Frank Farmica.

Recently Deceased: Greg Shiel



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.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. The first reading makes me wonder
 - a. how people could listen so long.
 - b. why the Law was so important.
 - c. why we don't have the same respect for the Law.
 - d. what it would have been like to be a Jew returning from captivity.
2. "The joy of the Lord is your stronghold" means
 - a. don't get discouraged when you think of your problems.
 - b. we should be positive people.
 - c. very little to me personally.
 - d. trusting in God helps prevent discouragement.
 - e. God can be counted on for help.
3. In light of Paul's image of the body, I see my parish as
 - a. the hand.
 - b. the foot.
 - c. the mouth.
 - d. the ears.
 - e. the elbow.
 - f. the neck.
 - g. the womb.
4. The hardest task Jesus had was
 - a. "to bring the good news to the poor."
 - b. "to proclaim liberty to captives."
 - c. to give sight to the blind.
 - d. "to proclaim the Lord's year of favour."



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Australia Day

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

Patient Trust

Above all, trust in the slow work of God
We are quite naturally impatient in everything,
to reach the end without delay.
We should like to skip the intermediate stages.
We are impatient of being on the way
to something unknown, something new.
And yet it is the law of all progress,
that it is made by passing through some stages of instability-
and that it may take a very long time.

And so I think it is with you.
Your ideas mature gradually - let them grow
let them shape themselves, without undue haste.
Don't try to force them on,
as though you could be today, what time
(that is to say, grace and circumstances
acting on your own good will)
will make of you tomorrow.
Only God could say what this new spirit
gradually forming within you will be.
Give Our Lord the benefit of believing
that his hand is leading you,
and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself
in suspense and incomplete.

Teilhard de Chardin SJ