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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.

8/9th January, 2022

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The Baptism of the Lord

Our Presider today is: Fr Ian Waters

Living the Gospel –

My Son, the Beloved

‘You are my Son, the Beloved; my
favour rests on you.’

This declaration by the voice from Heaven – the voice of God – is an amalgamation of two earlier pieces of scripture: ‘You are my son; today I have begotten you’ (Ps 2:7) and ‘Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights’ (Is 42:1).

The fact that it is uttered before Jesus has begun his ministry is a sign to all of us that God delights in us for who we are, not for what we have achieved in our lives.



Entrance Antiphon

After the Lord was baptized,
the heavens were opened,
and the Spirit descended upon him like
a dove,
and the voice of the Father thundered:
This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the
Father's voice was heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

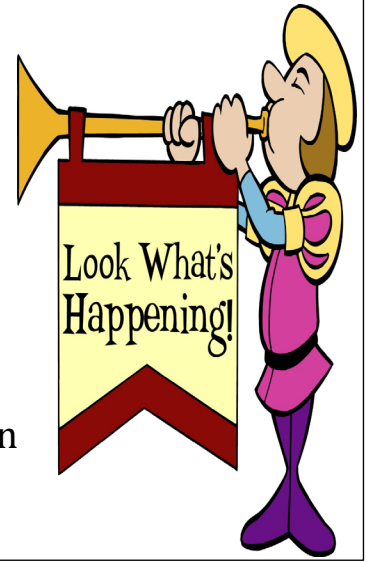
Lord, hear us we pray.

Communion Antiphon

Behold the One of whom John said:
I have seen and testified that this is the
Son of God.

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

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| 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 |



The Baptism of the Lord:

I am back just in time for the end of the Christmas Season: the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

The story takes a jump: birth and the shepherds, then a gap of perhaps a year till the Wise Men arrive (think of the age of children Herod wanted killed ...) and now Jesus is thirty and getting baptised.

Great gaps in Jesus' life – unexplained beyond “And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years and in divine and human favour.”

People try to imagine what filled the gaps, what did Jesus do as he grew up?

We seem these days to want to know the details, to be able to give a full account of each second of each day.

We want to tie down all the details.

But ... that is not what God wants.



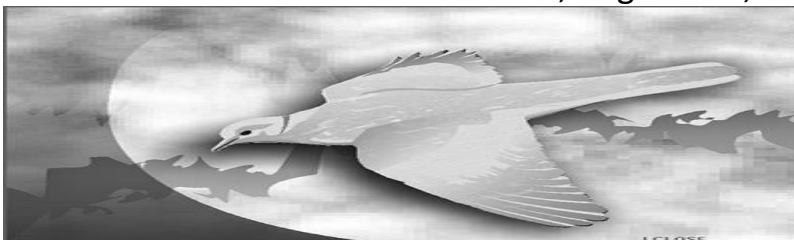
We don't get any of that type of clarity from the Bible, Hebrew Scriptures or New Testament.

What we do get is clarity of what God wants to reveal to us: today, with Jesus' baptism we get the last piece of the proof of God's one-ness with us: Jesus is human (born of Mary and ultimately of Adam); Jesus arises from the history of the people (he is Hebrew and is of the line of David); Jesus grows in wisdom and years: with God / with Mary and Joseph.

Now he shows that he shares in the consequences of our sinfulness.

God doesn't distance himself from our stupidity of action but comes close and (without sinning) enters into the consequences of our sin so he can be with us and show us how to open our hearts to God's love through his Son Jesus.

Once again we are called to let Jesus be with us, to guide us, to carry us when needed.



God bless, Fr Charles

LITURGY ROSTER

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 15/16th January 2022

1st Read: Isaiah 62: 1-5 2nd Read: 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11 Gospel: John 2: 1-11

| Time | Commentator | Lector | Communion |
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| 5.30pm | Peter Howes | Margaret Turner | Lawrence Cecconello |
| 8.30am | Frank Ozzimo | Rebecca Sandwell | Paul Polidano |
| 10.00am | Julie O'Donnell | Liz O'Connell | Tony Whelan |

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

Anniversaries: Graeme Burgess, Cecilia Hennessy, Peter McCluskey and Loretta Kervin
Recently Deceased: Peter Cleal (friend of the Shiels)

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.

Donald Tynan made a submission to the Plenary Council on the topic of women in the Church. To read it, just google "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.

Baptism is a feast of belonging to a community.

Real community is real messy.

But if you stick with it you will discover that it is truly a magnificent mess.

Questions to Ponder:

- Each year we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, an important moment in Jesus' life and a transition to his public ministry. How do you celebrate the anniversary of your own baptism?
- The first reading from the prophet Isaiah seems to contain an oxymoron – the Lord's chosen one will "bring forth justice to nations" while "not crying out, not shouting, / not making his voice heard in the street". Who models this quiet, nonviolent justice for you?
- In the Acts of the Apostles, Peter ends his summary of Jesus' ministry by stating, "He went about doing good / and healing all those oppressed by the devil, / for God was with him." How does your family and parish community continue to carry out the ministry of Jesus?
- After Jesus is baptised, a voice from the heavens proclaims, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." From this place of "belovedness" Jesus begins his public ministry. How would it change your ministry if you were to hear the voice of God proclaim to you each day, "You are my beloved in whom I am well pleased"?

Catholic Parrots

A lady goes to her priest one day and tells him, "Father, I have a problem. I have two female parrots, but they only know how to say one thing".

"What do they say, my child?" the priest inquired.

They say, "Hi, we're hookers! Do you want to have some fun?"

"That's obscene!" the priest exclaimed, then he thought for a moment. "You know," he said, "I may have a solution to your problem. I have two male talking parrots, which I have taught to pray and read the Bible. Bring your two parrots over to my house, and we'll put them in the cage with Frank and Jacob. My parrots can teach your parrots to pray and worship, and your parrots are sure to stop saying that phrase in no time."

"Thank you," the woman responded, "this may very well be the solution."

The next day, she brought her female parrots to the priest's house.

As he ushered her in, she saw that his two male parrots were inside their cage, holding rosary beads and praying.

Impressed, she walked over and placed her parrots in with them.

After a few minutes, the female parrots cried out in unison:

"Hi, we're hookers! Do you want to have some fun?"

There was a stunned silence.

Shocked, one male parrot looked over at the other male parrot and exclaimed:

"Put the beads away, Frank. Our prayers have been answered!"

