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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.

19/20th February, 2022

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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Presider today is: Fr Barry Caldwell

From the PP's Desk...

Ash Wednesday in just over a week! Then ... a little later is the equinox, then a new moon, then Easter. Lent will fly by! Don't let it escape you.

We have purchased a Lenten Reflection book called "Restoring Freshness in the time of Lent." For those with a long history of the area I understand the author, Fr Michael Elligate, was an assistant priest in Bulleen some (many) years ago.

The week by week reflections are strongly based around the Gospel and also based around issues of substance today. An opportunity to reflect and pray 'in context.'

At St Greg's we're forming groups with a leader who can gather. Sign up sheets are available at that church from this weekend.

At St Kevin's the Friday Communion Service will be re-cast around the Lenten discussions week by week, with Communion embedded within the discussion.

Lent calls us to pray, fast and give mercy (alms).

Covid-19: I have been advised that government officials are turning up with no notice at Catholic Churches and many other places to check on our implementation of a Covid-Safe-Plan. We are doing well with the routine. An excellent job I think overall with signing in with QR code and mask wearing / sanitising / spacing sensibly / not sharing food.

I take this moment to remind you to wear your mask properly if possible and to hand sanitise before receiving communion as well as on entry to the church.

We checked on vaccination status (double or triple vaccinated) for employees and volunteers some time ago (these are mandated to be at least double vaccinated). But!

There have been some additions to the ranks and some re-establishment of groups: Covid-marshalls, sacristans, flower arrangers, cleaning, children's liturgy, meditation, leading liturgies, visiting aged care (triple vaccination). If you are in one of these groups please email or call the parish to confirm your current vaccination status.

God bless, Fr Charles

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	9.30am	Christian Meditation in Chapel and on zoom (please contact the Parish Office to provide email address)
	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	First Holy Communion Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Mass (First Holy Communion at 10.00am)



to **Jill Hodson** our **Liturgy Roster Co-Ordinator extraordinaire** who has stepped down from the role after many years. Jill's dedication and service have contributed to the smooth running of countless Masses. We owe Jill a huge debt of gratitude. Thank you so much! And thank you to Pauline Erickson who has volunteered to be our new Liturgy Roster Co-Ordinator. Thank you Pauline!

Confession: 1st Rite of Reconciliation

Fr Charles is available for anyone seeking the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** every Saturday morning from 9-10am at St Gregory the Great Church in Doncaster. Alternatively, if you arrive early before any Mass, Fr Charles is available for this Sacrament from 30 minutes before Mass, or after Mass. If another priest is presiding then approach and request the Sacrament: it is up to that priest to decide. Another way would be to call the office and make an appointment.

Movements of Grace: two meetings have happened in the past week that reveal God's grace working with us. A discussion session at St Greg's where we developed a tool to help us understand our organisation, its needs and challenges and lacks. This tool will be used by the parish council to provide context for any plans for growing in faith in ourselves and inviting and journeying with others to become followers of Jesus Christ. A discussion at St Kevin's highlighted the relevance of the thinking and processes for the Plenary Council and the Synod on Synodality in Rome: their relevance in informing approaches to the organisational challenges we face. We are loved and there is nothing we can do about it. Give Glory to God. **Fr Charles**



Covid Safety

Please ensure that you check in via the QR code at the entrance of the Church or that you sign in. Checking in is currently a Victorian Government legal requirement and we must comply. Please use the hand sanitizing stations upon entry and before receiving communion. Please wear your mask correctly (see above). All Covid Marshals, Sacristans, Prayer Service Leaders and Hospitality volunteers must have had their booster vaccine. Please provide evidence of this to the Parish Office. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

LITURGY ROSTER

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – 19/20th February 2022

1st Read: 1 Sam 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 2nd Read: 1 Cor 15: 45-49 Gospel: Luke 6: 27-38

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Fiona Watson	Peter Howes	Margaret Turner
8.30am	Frank Ozzimo	Paul Polidano	Mary Waddick
10.00am	Julie O'Donnell	Liz O'Connell	Kaye Byrne

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 26/27th February 2022

1st Read: Ecclesiasticus 27: 4-7 2nd Read: 1 Cor 15: 54-58 Gospel: Luke 6: 39-45

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Fiona Watson	Chelsea Soklevski	Bredenia Raquel
8.30am	Kirsten Collins	Pauline Erickson	Frank Ozzimo
10.00am	Frances Johnston	Lucy Halliburton	Margaret Mangan

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

Anniversaries: : Domenica Ianno, Yvette Mascarenhas, Anna Toppi, Margaret Jones and Murray Weideman.

Recently Deceased: Flora Manarano and Salvatore Casaceli

World Day of Prayer Services 2022 Friday, March 4th

Donvale Presbyterian Church

5 McGowans Road (Cnr Springvale Road)

Donvale

10.00am

Speaker: Ms Naomi Chua from AMES
where she works with
Afghan refugees

St Bishoy & St Shenouda's

Coptic Orthodox Church

1-9 Prospect Road, Bulleen

8.00pm

Speaker: Isaiah from "Just Voices"
a program of Jesuit
Social Services

From England, Wales and Northern Ireland – Theme: 'I know the plans I have for you'.
All welcome

Inquiries: 0438 034 739

ST KEVIN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

**If you would like your child/ren to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation,
First Communion or Reconciliation this year, the time to act is now!**

Registrations are currently being accepted for students to receive these Sacraments this year. Please ring the Parish Office on 9850 5983 (Tuesday-Friday 9am-4pm) or email: templestowe@cam.org.au or check out our website for further information.

Caritas Ambassadors: Caritas are seeking a parishioner or two or more who will take a bit of a special interest in Project Compassion and help bring it to life so that we can more successfully help those in need. Are you interested? Call me. This is a marvellous way to deepen your faith and help others be generous. More information is available from the noticeboard in the Gathering Space.

Our **Second Collection** for the month of February will go towards our neighbours in Tonga who are struggling to deal with the aftermath of the recent volcanic eruption and ensuing tsunami. Our friends at Caritas Australia have set up a fund collection point which we can contribute towards.

For information on our Parish
Schools please contact:

St Kevin's Primary School
Phone: 9273 9999

St Charles Borromeo Primary School
Phone: 9842 7634

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment;
love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

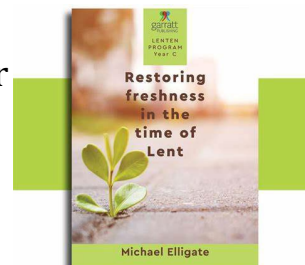
Lord, hear us we pray.

Lenten Program for 2022

Exciting new **Lenten Reflection Sessions** are being planned for this year in order to help us prepare for the very sacred season of Easter.

Week 1 will commence in a fortnight's time.

Look out for more information to follow and in the meantime make sure to clear your diary so that you can attend as many sessions as possible.



Chaplaincy Appeal 2022

Thank you! Last weekend, we conducted the annual Chaplaincy Appeal in our parish.

The presence of Catholic chaplains is a crucial witness to our faith, a crucial dimension of our service of love, and a vital testimony to the value of life in all its stages.

Thank you to those who have supported this Appeal.

If you still wish to donate or if you would like to have more information about the Chaplaincy Services, please visit www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.



We are seeking volunteers to help with entering data into the Services Victoria App after each Mass.

Generally speaking, Mass-goers are able to record their attendance at our Church by using their mobile phones and the QR code which we provide. However, there are some of us (not many) who do not have this facility on their mobile and therefore write their name and contact details on the sheets which we also provide. This information then needs to be recorded electronically on the Services Victoria App.

We are seeking volunteers to ensure attendances are recorded electronically using our parish tablet which we provide. Please see any office staff member or Fr Charles if you require further information or indeed if you are happy to help us in this way.

More Help Wanted!

The Easter Season is fast approaching and as we enter into this extremely busy time of the Liturgical Year, we are asking for some assistance please with our Easter Ceremonies.

If you are not planning time away this Easter Season, please consider being involved in your parish this year, even if it is in a small way – every little bit helps!

Please call Julie O'Donnell on 9850 4373 or Fr Charles on 9850 5983 for more information or indeed to express your desire to offer any support. Thank you.