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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.

5/6th March, 2022

Year C

Baptism Sunday

First Sunday of Lent

Our Presider today is: Fr Barry Caldwell

From the PP's Desk...

War! Peace! There is a series of young adult books called "The Hunger Games" - well on through the books the central character, Katniss, says she is sick of being Snow's slave, of being manipulated into killing people by Snow, the evil dictator. Katniss chooses at that moment to respond to violence with peace/forgiveness, to turn away a threat through solidarity. Later, she fails in her aspiration: she does participate in (much) further violence. But! Her action points, perhaps not intentionally, to a key facet of Jesus Christ: he is always, always, always willing to suffer rather than respond with violence (the cleansing of the temple is an exception to prove the rule).

Violence is never the way to achieve the peace Jesus Christ desires so ardently to impart upon us. Perhaps we can impart to our Lenten prayers and actions a particularly care towards bring bringers of peace, Christ's peace to every aspect of our lives.

Lent / Easter:

The beginning of Lent has been special and different this year. Special because our preparation for Easter is not overshadowed by lockdowns—we are (largely) free to plan our Lent and our Easter as we want it to be. Different because, for me, this is the first time were the presence of children is strongly in their favour: children far outnumbering adults across all five Ash Wednesday services. Their enthusiasm, openness, honesty is a moment of grace for me, grace from the Holy Spirit .

Do you have your Lenten disciplines in place and in action? Allow them to form and develop under the influence of the Holy Spirit—calling you to start something new this year. Imagine something new, something 'out of the box' - perhaps ... making an extra effort each day to approach someone you've seen often but never spoken to.

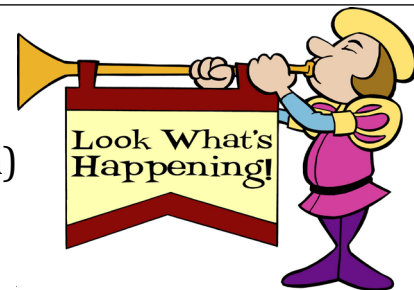
Our scripture readings during Lent continually speak to us about doing things which will change our hearts. "Create a new heart in me of Lord ..."

Perhaps this year we can make this wish just a little more real.

God bless, Fr Charles

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

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| Saturday | 5.30pm | Mass |
| Sunday | 8.30am & 10.00am | Mass (Baptism at 10.00am) |
| 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 & Lent Reflection |
| Saturday | 5.30pm | First Holy Communion Mass |
| Sunday | 8.30am & 10.00am | Mass (Baptism at 10.00am) |



St Kevin's Parish warmly welcomes
through the Sacrament of Baptism...

Jordan Dean Clarke

Son of Brian and Stephanie

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.

Collection Basket update: NO CASH?

No worries! Donate with a tap!

You can tap your plastic card or
phone (eftpos or credit card) by
using the terminal in the
Gathering Space near the
church entrance. One tap = \$5

You can tap as many times
as you wish. *Thank you all!*



Covid Safety

Recent easing of restrictions include:

- Face coverings no longer being mandatory
- QR Code check-ins to Churches and workplaces no longer being required
- There are no longer vaccination requirements nor any requirement for Marshals to check vaccination statuses for attendees at Churches
- No limits on participants nor density requirements.

EASTER TIMETABLE 2022

7th April: **Communal Penance Service** at 7.30pm – St Gregory the Great, Doncaster

9/10th April: **Palm Sunday** – Masses as per usual

14th April: **Holy Thursday** Mass at 7.30pm (with Fr Chris Monaghan)

15th April: **Good Friday** – Stations of the Cross @ 10am – St Gregory the Great
– Passion of our Lord @ 3pm – St Greg's and St Kevin's

16th April: **Easter Vigil** Masses @ 6.30pm – St Greg's 8.30pm – St Kevin's

17th April: **Easter Sunday** Masses @ 8.30 and 10.00am



LITURGY ROSTER

First Sunday of Lent – 5/6th March 2022

1st Read: Deuteronomy 26: 4-10 2nd Read: Romans 10: 8-13 Gospel: Luke 4: 1-13

| Time | Commentator | Lector | Communion |
|---------|---------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 5.30pm | Peter Howes | The D'Costa Family | Margaret Turner |
| 8.30am | Frank Ozzimo | Paul Polidano | Betty Natoli |
| 10.00am | Vianney Shiel | Liz O'Connell | Lyn Robinson |

Second Sunday of Lent – 12/13th March 2022

1st Read: Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18 2nd Read: Philippians 3: 17 – 4: 1 Gospel: Luke 9: 28-36

| Time | Commentator | Lector | Communion |
|---------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 5.30pm | Janet Parsons | Tasha Vercauteren | Lawrence Ceconello |
| 8.30am | Kirsten Collins | Paul Polidano | Betty Natoli |
| 10.00am | Michael Lynch | Julie O'Donnell | Joseph Battiler |

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: Sheldon Fernando, Joseph Boniventure, Mary Gage, Pauline McKenzie, Roger Bannister, William & Alice Cowsley, Tony Bendall, Les Carlyon, Eric Salter and Leo Holt.

Recently Deceased:

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading

[Dt 26:4-10](#)

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

The confession of faith of the elect.

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the pannier from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

Second Reading

[Rom 10:8-13](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.



For information on our Parish Schools please contact:

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First Sunday of Lent



Responsorial Psalm

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Gospel Acclamation

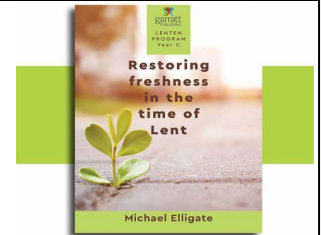
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear us we pray.

Lenten Program for 2022 This year, our Friday morning Communion Service will be modified to incorporate a **Lenten Reflection Session** week by week with Communion embedded in the Session. This will help us to prepare for the very sacred season of Easter. Sessions will be held every Friday during Lent @ 9.15am in St Kevin's Chapel.



St Kevin's Parish Submission


"For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission"

In March 2020, Pope Francis announced that the theme for the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in October 2023 would be "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission". Synodality means 'walking together on a path'. We are walking together as a parish and together with other Catholics in Australia and around the world to discern and find a way forward. Pope Francis has invited all Catholics to take part in this consultation process which happens at a diocesan level.

A working group from our parish has prepared a draft submission for the Archdiocese. The Archdiocese will then make a submission to the Synod of Bishops.

In Australia the process of 'walking together' has already begun with the Plenary Council. Our draft submission relies on the hard work we did in preparation for the Plenary Council meetings.

The draft submission is on the website www.stkevinsparish.org.au/whats-happening/ Please have a look and if you have any feedback, email it to templestowe@cam.org.au. To be considered feedback must be received by **5 pm on Tuesday 8 March 2022**. Thank you.

 **Caritas** We are now in the Season of Lent. Please make sure you collect your Project Compassion box before you leave today.

Our Archbishop has written a letter to us all regarding the unfolding crisis in the Ukraine. It is on the noticeboard in the Gathering Space for you to read.

Help Wanted!



The Easter Season is upon us and as we continue 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 0439 992 333 or Fr Charles on 9850 5983 for more information or indeed to express your desire to offer any support.