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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.

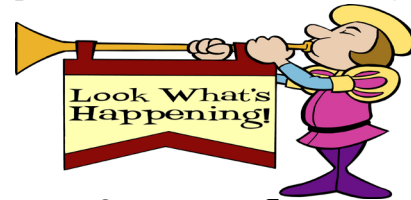
**12/13<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 2nd Sunday of Lent - First Communion Sunday**

### ***From the PP's Desk...* Lenten Observances!**

The Lenten RULES from "The Church" these days are pretty short: Fast and abstinence from meat on Good Friday and Ash Wednesday and practice prayer, fasting and alms giving. Once upon a time there were quite a large number of very specific rules mandated from on high. Now, responsibility for how we live our lives has been left more to us to determine: the big picture is that Jesus Christ tells us to love our enemies, to love one another as he loves us. This does not reduce the importance of Lenten observances! One of the major outcomes of the Second Vatican Council was to say that we are responsible together for living and spreading the Good News: as individuals in community. Not "me deciding what is right"; not "the magisterium telling us what to do" but the mix of all of us living as disciples. This means in a way that Lenten observance becomes more difficult because we have each of us to take responsibility for our own way within the broad rules. But it becomes more energising also because in this world of shared responsibility my way can be what God is calling ME to: an individual call within the great commission to take up my cross and follow and to go and make disciples. On this past Friday I participated in a discussion group talking about the urgent need for us, as individuals and as a church, to take up the second half of that commission. It is essential to live good lives, to forgive our neighbour. It is equally essential that we be disciples who actively go out and make disciples: calling people to repent and believe the Good News that the Kingdom of God is near: that God's love is available to everyone. It isn't easy to make that change in ourselves. There is so much to do in our lives just to live them as well as we can. So much needs doing within our parishes to nourish our faith. So much needs doing to provide help to the poor and marginalised. Where is the time? Yet, at the end, just before his Ascension, Jesus' command is for us to go and make disciples. I have spoken or written of this need before. Covid-19 and lock downs and uncertainty have demanded and continue to demand care in how we interact. As we now progressively are able to come together and plan together making some change to how we live our lives as Christians will become more and more a part of what we will do as a parish. There is no recipe though there are many tools (and I have spoken about Alpha as one of those tools, inviting people to come and chat about important matters, including Jesus). Expect to hear more, begin to explore for yourselves. Go to the Proclaim pages at [MelbourneCatholic.org.au](http://MelbourneCatholic.org.au); look up Divine Renovation; have a look at Ron Hutley's pod-casts. Start to open your heart and mind to how you might respond to God's call to go and make disciples in today's world. ***God bless, Fr Charles***

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

<b>Saturday</b>	5.30pm	Mass
<b>Sunday</b>	8.30am & 10.00am	Mass (First Holy Communion at 10.00am)
<b>Tuesday</b>	8.30am	Adoration
	9.15am	Mass
<b>Wednesday</b>	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
<b>Thursday</b>	8.30am	Adoration
	9.15am	Mass
<b>Friday</b>	9.15am	Service of the Word with Communion & Lent Reflection
<b>Saturday</b>	5.30pm	Mass
<b>Sunday</b>	8.30am & 10.00am	Mass



### First Communions - Wow!

*The Parish of St Kevin's welcomes ten lucky and delightful children to come to the Table of the Lord for the first time, this weekend.*

*Congratulations and welcome to:*

<i>Orlando Belfield</i>	<i>Luca Bisignano</i>
<i>Romeo Buzari</i>	<i>Stefan Cardinale</i>
<i>Jackson Carman</i>	<i>Chloe Cavanagh</i>
<i>Sebastian Clarke</i>	<i>Aston Nichelle</i>
<i>Georgia Reed</i>	<i>Xavier Tsafkopoulos</i>

### **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!*

(Please note: this is NOT part of our formal thanksgiving program.)



## EASTER TIMETABLE 2022

- 7<sup>th</sup> April: **Communal Penance Service** at 7.30pm – St Gregory the Great, Doncaster
- 9/10<sup>th</sup> April: **Palm Sunday** – Masses as per usual
- 14<sup>th</sup> April: **Holy Thursday** Mass at 7.30pm (with Fr Chris Monaghan)
- 15<sup>th</sup> April: **Good Friday** – Stations of the Cross @ at 10am – St Gregory the Great  
– Passion of our Lord @ 3pm – St Greg's and St Kevin's
- 16<sup>th</sup> April: **Easter Vigil** Masses @ 6.30pm – St Greg's 8.30pm – St Kevin's
- 17<sup>th</sup> April: **Easter Sunday** Masses @ 8.30 and 10.00am



## **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](mailto:templestowe@cam.org.au) or check out our website for further information.

## LITURGY ROSTER

### Second Sunday of Lent – 12/13<sup>th</sup> March 2022

1<sup>st</sup> Read: Gen 15: 5-12, 17-18 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

### Third Sunday of Lent – 19/20<sup>th</sup> March 2022

1<sup>st</sup> Read: Exodus 3: 1-8, 13-15 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: 1 Corinth 10: 1-6, 10-12 Gospel: Luke 13: 1-9

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Peter Howes	Chelsea Soklevski	Margaret Turner
8.30am	Paul Polidano	Rebecca Sandwell	Frank Ozzimo
10.00am	Tony Byrne	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:** Loretta Kearney, Mary-Ann Southwell and Galdino Marini

**Recently Deceased:**

### Communal Penance Service

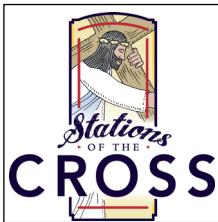
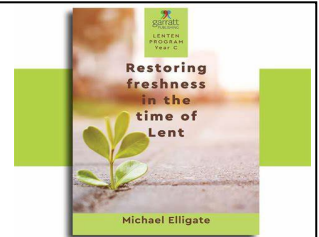
Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm

St Gregory the Great Church



Our next **Pastoral Council Meeting** is scheduled for Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> April @ 7.30pm. If you are interested in joining this dynamic team, please let Fr Charles know.

**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.



**Stations of the Cross** are held every Friday during Lent at 7.00pm at St Gregory the Great Church, Doncaster. All welcome.



### Needlecraft Group - Change of day!

Please note that, starting from Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March, our weekly Needlecraft Group will change its day from Wednesdays to Tuesdays at 1.00pm.

**The Swag Catholic Magazine** is now available from the table in the Gathering Space.

Please make sure you pick up your copy before you leave today!

### Help Wanted!



The Holy Week 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.

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 my light and my salvation.

## Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

## Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord hear us we pray.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

### First Reading

[Gen 15:5-12. 17-18](#)

A reading from the book of Genesis

*God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.*

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

### Second Reading

[Phil 3:17 - 4:1](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.*

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.



## More Help Wanted!

We are in need of volunteers to assist with Communion Ministry at our local aged care facilities. Parish Staff will help and support you and train you if necessary. Please consider being a part of this important Ministry. Please let Fr Charles or parish staff know.