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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 March, 2022

3rd Sunday of Lent

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From the PP's Desk... I have now been here as Parish Priest for a little over six months. I am beginning to know some names to put with faces. It is a slow process. Sometimes I think I should have put a lot more new things in place: done a lot more to open the future.

But, already: the school children know me, a little. School staff and parents know me a little. Quite a lot of parishioners know me a little. It takes time doesn't it: getting to know each other.

When I finished my first degree I scraped through with bare pass in applied mathematics. Throughout the three years of the degree we were taught how to describe the world: develop a mathematical description, we were told, and you can solve any problem (ANY problem!): gather the data and develop the solution: analytic thinking with logic wins every time!

It took me some years to realise that my lecturers had been describing an approach to one type of problems: physical/empirical problems. Perhaps it is true we can solve all physical problems, though we are a long way from that. They never mentioned other classes of problems such as spiritual problems because they are not empirical; they are about human/God relationships. Relationships can't be quantified beyond some general terms (good/bad; strong/weak; nurturing/harmful and so on).

Relationships must be developed and discerned and discernment requires allowing room for the Holy Spirit and for Jesus Christ: not only are they not measurable, they are never just about you and me—they usually involve other people and they always involve God in some way.

Why do I raise this? Because I don't want you to get impatient or to think I am not taking action to help the parishes I lead to grow. I know that we need to nourish and renew and re-enthuse our wonderful community of faith. And I know that we need to find ways to grow by spreading the Good News that Jesus died for us and God loves us. To pursue these means we need to move together with the Holy Spirit, to discern ways forward that grow from our relationship. This means allowing "God's time" for us to get to know each other and for the Holy Spirit to move and guide/lead us towards the future (with a lot of hard work on our part).

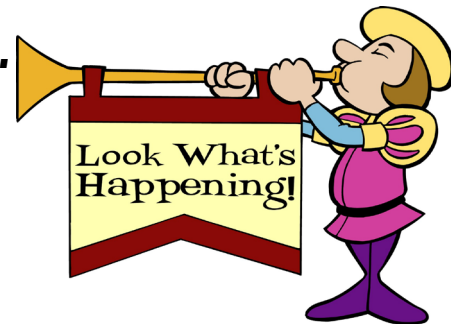
Along the way, I will talk about possibilities of things we might do that rejuvenate or reach out or galvanise or create new opportunities. I may talk of concerns I have about matters. What I won't do is suddenly impose a solution: to do so would make the work 'mine' not "God's".

Holy Week will be the next major celebration and ceremony through which we will learn something more about each other—and I have been humbled by the energy that people are putting in to help develop uplifting/Spirit-filled liturgies for each of the Masses/Services that week.

Please, journey with me, help me to learn about you and your vision for the parish. **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
	1.00pm	Needlecraft Group
Wednesday	9.30am	Christian Meditation in Chapel and on zoom (please contact the Parish Office to provide email address)
	11.00am	Adoration
Thursday	8.30am	Adoration
	9.15am	Mass
Friday	9.15am	Service of the Word with Communion & Lent Reflection
Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Mass (First Holy Communion at 10.00am)



#GIVEBACK



We need some more volunteers please to help with reading/commentating for our Masses, particularly the 5.30pm Saturday evening and 8.30am Sunday morning ones. This is not an onerous undertaking and of course the more helpers we have the less times you'll be rostered on. Want more information? Please contact Pauline Erickson on 0407 824 638 or let Fr Charles know. Thank you to our dedicated helpers who are already a part of this ministry.

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

- 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



THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL READING is about the parable of the fig tree. Senior students at our St Kevin's school looked at real figs and ate fig jam (we used disposable spoons and they could just have a taste or they could put some on a cracker – there were mixed responses!). They talked about what the message could be. The students' responses have been laminated and made into bookmarks for you to take home today. It was lovely to hear the students talk about their grandparents having fig trees. Please feel free to sample some fig jam, read what the students wrote on the large figs and take home a bookmark.

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Third Sunday of Lent – 19/20th March 2022

1st Read: Exodus 3: 1-8, 13-15 2nd 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

Fourth Sunday of Lent – 26/27th March 2022

1st Read: Joshua 5: 9-12 2nd Read: 2 Corinth 5: 17-21 Gospel: Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Fiona Watson	D'Costa Family	Anne Maguire
8.30am	Frank Ozzimo	Kirsten Collins	Mary Waddick
10.00am	Carmel Purdey	Julie O'Donnell	Lyn Murphy

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

Anniversaries: Rose Liew, Corina Bertolini, Val Giannarelli, Giuseppina Ziino and Augusta Gianninni, Eileen Lescai and Lindsey Hulm
Recently Deceased: Betty McClusky and Margaret Lee

Communal Penance Service

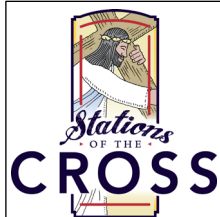
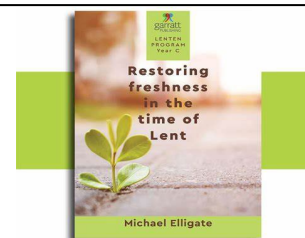
Thursday, 7th April at 7.30pm

St Gregory the Great Church



Our next **Pastoral Council Meeting** is scheduled for Tuesday, 5th 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.

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!



Congratulations to John & Margaret Turner

who celebrated their 61st Wedding Anniversary last Friday, 18th March. Well done to you John and Margaret and thank you very much for all that you do for us and for our parish. Keep up the great work!

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.

Also, we are in need of volunteers to assist with Communion Ministry at our local aged care facilities. Parish Staff will help and support you. Please let Fr Charles know if you can help.

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 The Lord is kind and merciful.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Repent, says the Lord;

the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord hear our prayer.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading

Ex 3: 1-8. 13-15

A reading from the book of Exodus

*This is what you must say to the children of Israel:
I Am has sent me to you.*

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you."

First Reading (continue)

'But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

Second Reading

1 Cor 10: 1-6, 10-12

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.