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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.

23/24 April, 2022 Second Sunday of Easter/Anzac Day Weekend Year C

From the PP's Desk... 111, 125, 85, 82, 81!!!

Wow!!! Those were my estimates of attendance at the various celebrations of the three days of the Easter services (Last Supper, Stations of the Cross, The Passion, Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday two Masses).

That means that about 248 people participated in the celebration of the Resurrection on Saturday night or Sunday. Wow!!! I am impressed!!

I don't think the numbers are up to the level of attendance prior to Covid-19 but they are up on recent attendance which was about two thirds of that. Again, I am impressed!

Impressed because amidst all the uncertainties of today's life Jesus Christ comes first for you as he does for me.

There were some highlights beyond your presence and participation.

I wasn't at the St Kevin's Last Supper celebration but reports to me said that people were enormously moved by the way the offering of the gifts and the consecration were prayed with the addition of some Aramaic by Fr Chris Monaghan.

Tiziana shared with me that the congregation, and the other people proclaiming the Passion seemed to be more involved, more committed?, than in previous years and at the end, with the final blessing, she felt that the response to the blessing was truly heartfelt.

The Vigil Mass (I celebrated the vigil in both parishes for which I am shepherd) where the Church was (largely) lit only by the Paschal candle and all the small candles: 82 small candles makes for a lot of light!

The strength of affirmation of baptismal promises: this was true at the Vigil but even more within the relative simplicity of the Sunday Masses. A real sense that when you said "I Do" to the Baptismal promises that "I Do" came from deep within — it was truly a spiritual, physical, mental, emotional commitment.

I know you were enlivened because I heard it in your voices and saw it in your attitude of reverence and your smiles and felt it in your wishes after Mass. Please, take a moment to savour this Easter event: remember it, store it away under "special moments" and then work to keep the enthusiasm so that it can transform your smile and the way you welcome others each and every day.

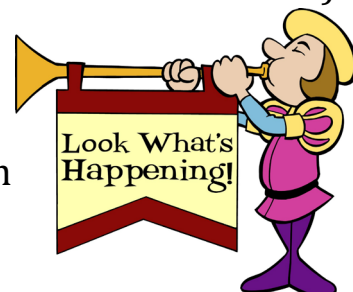
Jesus Christ IS ALIVE! And we are his touch in the world. If we can seek to be observant of the work of Jesus in our lives then that knowledge of his personal intervention for us can help us to be intentional in how we engage with others: our families, our siblings, our friends, our enemies, those we serve, those who serve us.

JESUS IS ALIVE!!! ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!!!

God bless, Fr Charles

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

Saturday	5.30pm	Mass (Anzac Day Commemoration Mass)
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Mass (Anzac Day Commemoration Masses)
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
Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Mass (Baptisms at 10.00am)



ANZAC DAY

Why is Anzac Day important?

On Anzac Day, we recognise the courage, mateship, skill, and perseverance of those who have served, fought, and given their lives in the military. On Anzac Day, we show love, honour and support for those who fought to enable freedom for people all over the world, but were not able to make it home.

Today we pray especially for all military personnel.

This Sunday morning at 8.30am, we especially welcome our neighbourhood Veterans who are joining us for our weekly Mass.

As we emerge from COVID, and reflect on the experiences of the past two years, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli invites the community to come together for two special Masses in May 2022:

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR HEALTH & AGED CARE WORKERS

Sunday 1 May, 11am · St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne

The last two years have impacted all of us, but especially on members of the aged- and health-care service sectors. This Mass will be offered in thanksgiving for their ongoing care and ***those working in these sectors are especially invited to attend.***

MASS TO COMMEMORATE THOSE WHO HAVE DIED DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC

Sunday 22 May, 11am · St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne

In recognition of the significant impact of COVID in our families and communities, Archbishop Comensoli will celebrate a memorial Mass for all those who have died during the COVID pandemic and could not be mourned properly due to pandemic restrictions. Parishes and individuals are invited to submit the name(s) of those you would like remembered during the Mass by visiting the Holy Souls Chapel (inside St Patrick's Cathedral) during May or online <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GZKP7QF>. The names will be placed in a basket at the base of the altar, to be prayed for during all Masses over the weekend of 21-22 May.

LITURGYROSTER

Second Sunday of Easter – 23rd/24th April 2022

1st Read: Acts 5: 12-16 2nd Read: Apocalypse 1: 9-13, 17-19 Gospel: John 20: 19-31

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Janet Parsons	Margaret Turner	Maryanne McNamara
8.30am	Julie O'Donnell	Anzac Veteran	Mary Waddick
10.00am	Miriam Ayoub	Vianney Shiel	Tony Whelan Raffaella Dinelli

Third Sunday of Easter – 30th April/1st May 2022

1st Read: Acts 5: 27-32. 40-41 2nd Read: Apocalypse 5: 11-14 Gospel: John 21: 1-19

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Pauline Erickson	Kathy Pearce	Lynne O'Brien
8.30am	Frank Ozzimo	Kirsten Collins	Betty Natoli
10.00am	Tony Byrne	Mishika Perera	Kaye Byrne Jo Batiller

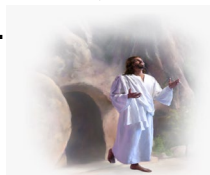
We pray for Better Health: Michael Doyle, Angelina Amalfi, Fr Brendan Dillon, Mike Westbrook, Jill Hodson, Fiona Watson, Jan Dalton, Ella Dunn, Richard Ryan and Kim Bedford.

Anniversaries: Kathleen Veronica McNamara
Recently Deceased: Mardi Doyle, whose funeral will be celebrated at Holy Cross Centre on Friday, 6th May. There will be a Rosary at 10.00am followed by Requiem Mass at 10.30am.

An Easter Reflection

We thank you for the wonder of this day.
When we come expecting only death,
you surprise us with the message of new life.
When we have lost you, when we have lost hope,
you roll away the stone of despair which
imprisons and limits us.
Today the world is transformed;
today the boundaries of what we thought
impossible have been burst asunder.
Today a new start is possible for all people,
and the whole of creation.
You have been raised,
and now we know that God's love is so much
greater than we have ever imagined.
Open our lives to meet you, Risen Christ, and
make all our days Easter days.

(Many thanks to Br Gerry McMahon
for this Easter Reflection.)



Easing of Restrictions

As we come further out of Covid-19 restrictions this past Friday it looks as though we will have no requirements for vaccination checking: so we will resume even more community events and tea/coffee after Mass. **Fr Charles**

ST KEVIN'S SOCIAL JUSTICE 2ND COLLECTIONS

The Second Collection for the months of April and May will be for the peoples of Ukraine and Afghanistan.

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.)



Thank You!

Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2022. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit lent.caritas.org.au and donate online.



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Responsorial Psalm

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas,
because you have seen me;

happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!
Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Alleluia, let the Spirit be fully alive.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading

Acts 5: 12-16

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*The numbers of men and women who came to believe
in the Lord increased steadily.*

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.



Second Reading

Rv 1: 9-13, 17-19

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY MASS Sunday 24th April @ 2.00pm, Ss Peter and Paul's

You are warmly invited to a special Divine Mercy Sunday devotion at Ss Peter and Paul's Parish, Doncaster East, on Sunday 24th April 2022. The service begins with rosary at 2.00pm followed by confession, adoration and special Mass.

Fr Charles Balnaves will join Fr Jerald Mariadas in hearing confessions on the day. The primary focus of this devotion is the merciful love of God and the desire to let that love and mercy flow through one's own heart towards those in need of it.