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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.

2nd/3rd April, 2022

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**Baptisms Sunday
5th Sunday of Lent**

From the PP's Desk...

I have been reflecting on Lenten Observances. I had a discussion during which I proposed an approach to Lenten Observances based in 'taking up something new, something good' the consequence of which would be giving up something else. The other side of the discussion was grounded in the giving up of something (giving up time for prayer, giving up some eating, giving up some money), very much the way I was taught as a child.

During the discussion I suspect I pushed my view and didn't listen deeply enough to the other.

In light of this observation, I am seeking to correct any impression I give that we don't have to give up things for Lent. Yes the tradition is a good one: prayer, fasting and alms giving. We are physical beings and undertaking observances which bring our bodies into the picture is essential: making space and time and physical attitude to pray; stopping some form of consumption; giving of our goods to help those in need. These are essential. But they are not enough in themselves.

These bodily things must help lead us to change. They actions of this world must help us to enact the beatitudes. These practices in life must draw us towards living the baptismal promises we make each year at Easter.

It is at this point that the need to take up new things becomes evident. In order to change we mustn't leave a vacuum of 'not doing' we must make use of the 'space' that is made by giving up things. The opportunity is created for us to take up something better: to grow in faith and hope and love. And I find this aspect the hardest. Though I, personally, struggle to remain true to my observances for forty days I find it even harder to take up something new and adhere to it and follow it through.

The effort to maintain the prayer, fasting and abstinence is well worthwhile. The effort to fill the space positively so we can grow in faith and hope and love is well worthwhile. And I think it is the effort that Jesus wants of us: keeping on trying to become more Jesus-like in our lives, each day, in the small things and the large: by giving up and by taking up.

God bless, Fr Charles

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

Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Mass (Baptisms at 10.00am)
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



Holy Thursday this year is Thursday, 14th April. Our hard-working Liturgy Team is seeking volunteers to have their feet washed/wash feet at this Mass. Interested? Then please contact Izabella Fantin via email:

mifantin@bigpond.net.au

At the heart of service is mutuality: we learn from those we teach and are healed by those we tend.



The next batch of Thanksgiving Envelopes are now ready for collection from the table in the Gathering Space. Please make sure you collect yours before leaving today. A special 'thank you' to Peter Norman who diligently organises these envelopes.

If you would prefer to contribute electronically, please see the link in our website entitled "St Kevin's Secure CDF Pay" and simply follow the prompts.

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



Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary!

Thank you for joining me in the prayers entrusting and consecrating ourselves and the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Such prayers in common can and do make a difference. This action by us responds to violence with peace. Think how different "that moment" in the Academy Awards would have been if the aggrieved person could have stormed onto the stage and hugged the other and said "that joke was really off mate, really really off, it hurt my wife deeply but perhaps we can learn from this about humour and how to target it better." Think how different the world would be if all anger were used to build positive directions. Our actions in this DO make a difference, thank you.

Fr Charles

LITURGY ROSTER

Fifth Sunday of Lent – 2nd 3rd April 2022

1st Read: Isaiah 43: 16-21 2nd Read: Philippians 3: 8-14 Gospel: John 8: 1-11

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Janet Parsons	Kathy Pearce	Margaret Turner
8.30am	Paul Polidano	Rebecca Sandwell	Betty Natoli
10.00am	Vianney Shiel	Lucy Halliburton	Lyn Robinson

Palm Sunday – 9/10th April 2022

1st Read: Isaiah 50: 4-7 2nd Read: Philippians 2: 6-11 Gospel: Luke 23: 1-49

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Pauline Erickson	Kathy Pearce	TBA
8.30am	Paul Polidano	Kirsten Collins	TBA
10.00am	Frances Johnson	Mishika Perera	TBA

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, Jan Dalton, Ella Dunn and Richard Ryan.

Anniversaries: Denise Rogers

Recently Deceased:

Communal Penance Service

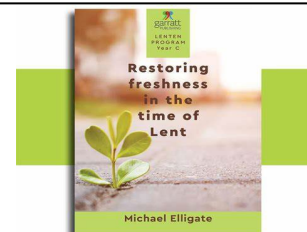
Thursday, 7th April at 7.30pm

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.



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

Mattea Tina Filomena Cappellotto



Daughter of Leonardo and Kristy
Little sister of Adele

Roman Joseph Fazzari

Son of Joseph and Cassandra
Little brother of Alexander and Lucas

and

Alanah Jade Mantineo

Daughter of Samuel and Veronica
Little sister of Sofia

We are currently revamping our parish property keys system.

Part of this refurbishment is changing some locks. If you have any key to Church property, please surrender it to the parish office where you will be shown the new system.



Thank you

for your prayers as I go through a mild bout of Covid-19. I have no idea where I caught it. I haven't been completely rigorous about wearing an N-95 mask but ... pretty careful especially in shops and big groups. I guess that just goes to show how contagious this virus is. I am sorry that I shan't be able to celebrate with you in person this week and weekend.

Fr Charles

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 has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
With all your heart turn to me,
for I am tender and compassionate.

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

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear us we pray.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading

[Is 43: 16-21](#)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.

Thus says the Lord,
who made a way through the sea,
a path in the great waters;
who put chariots and horse in the field
and a powerful army,
which lay there never to rise again,
snuffed out, put out like a wick:
No need to recall the past,
no need to think about what was done before.
See, I am doing a new deed,
even now it comes to light; can you not see it?
Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,
paths in the wilds.
The wild beasts will honour me,
jackals and ostriches,
because I am putting water in the wilderness
(rivers in the wild)
to give my chosen people drink.
The people I have formed for myself
will sing my praises.

Second Reading


[Phil 3: 8-14](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Philippians

*Because of Christ I look upon everything else as
useless in order to gain him.*

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the
supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.
For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I
look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can
have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no
longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the
perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only
the perfection that comes through faith in Christ,
and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to
know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to
share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his
death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in
the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become
perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running,
trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus
captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far
from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is
that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is
still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize
to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ
Jesus.

Volunteers and ChildSafe Requirements All of us who participate in parish life, helping with any ministry, must have a current Working with Children Check (WWCC) and must sign a Code of Conduct statement. Please check your WWCC card to see it is current and also whether you have signed the Code of Conduct. Please also with your WWCC go into your MyCheck account and ensure you have listed all your volunteer organisations including this parish. Please check with the parish office to ensure your records are up-to-date and that all documentation has been submitted. We are needing to care for our children in today's world and must follow Archdiocesan directives.

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