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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.

7/8th May, 202

Mother's Day Weekend

Year C

Reconciliation Commitment Weekend

Good Shepherd Sunday – World Day of Prayer for Vocations

From the PP's Desk...

Interesting Observations:

As I spent an hour with two young ladies preparing to receive Holy Communion for the first time and their parents and teachers, and as I spent time discussing paths forward for both St Gregory the Great and St Kevin's, and as I helped form some of our teachers to be effective as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and as I have prepared my homilies over the past two weeks, a theme has emerged: There is a difference between hearing and listening and between looking and seeing.

This difference reminded me of going to a concert in Houston, Texas, USA, in perhaps 1993. The concert was focussed around a man who was said to be the world's best up and coming pianist—the WORLD's up and coming best.

While I sat listening to his playing I thought it was truly stupendous. But Tanya, my wife, sitting with me, said during the first break "this pianist is technically brilliant but has no soul to his playing." My response was an engineer's response: "but he's getting all the notes right! And Tanya said "you aren't listening to what you are hearing—this man has all the technical skill—absolutely—but listen again, where is the emotion, the passion, the depth to the way the notes are played. See, don't just look, at how he sits at the piano, so still and mechanical, there is no flow of the music through his body from his soul and into his fingers and toes and back. He doesn't love what he is doing." My memory suggests to me that Tanya was so distressed by the absence of depth to the playing that we left at the second intermission.

Tanya was right! I agreed at the time but more and more I realise she was right!!!! I have learned a great deal more since then about the importance of bringing our whole selves to what we do: not just to be technically capable. Not just to be able to quote back what we hear or see. But engaged, fully, with the warmth of our hearts, the depths of our souls, the breadth of our minds and the strength of our bodies. When we listen and see in this way then we bring love into what we do and we find God's work in our lives. The disciples on the Road to Emmaus said "Did not our hearts burn within us" (when Jesus was showing them how all of history had been leading up to his life, death, burial and resurrection).

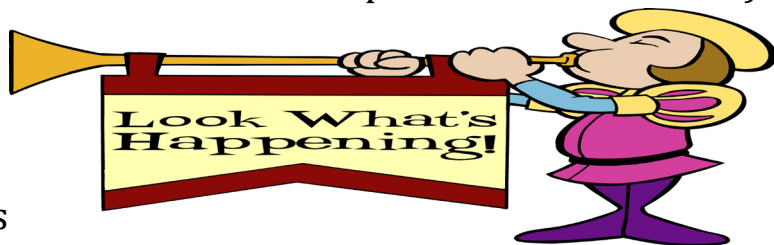
In this day and age that often seeks to deny God, deny faith, deny Jesus Christ, we need to continue to nurture our ability to hear AND listen, to look AND see.

Thank you Lord for that trail of "little things" which has woken me once again to listen and see.

Easter! With us every day! Alleluia, Alleluia! God bless, Fr Charles

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

Saturday	5.30pm	Reconciliation Commitment Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Mass (Reconciliation Commitment @ 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
Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Mass



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.



Welcome Tuong Nguyen started with us mid-morning on Saturday. I spent three hours with him on Tuesday. Tuong will be a great asset for us for the rest of 2022. He is looking forward to joining in with us as we journey through the year.

Fr Charles

Here follows an introduction from Tuong:

While everyone in the religious community knows me as Jude, my real name is Tuong Nguyen. I am originally from DakLak, Viet Nam. Born on October 1, 1989, I am the fourth of six children in our family. I finished Junior and Senior High School in Ho Chi Minh City in 2008. My discernment for priesthood began at a very young age of twelve. In 2009 just after high school, I entered the Congregation of Saint John the Baptist in the Philippines to study for priesthood. During the same period I pursued a University degree and took up Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, major in Animal Science. After completing my Bachelor's Degree, I received 2 years of noviciate, and a year of temporary profession. In 2015, the Congregation sent me to Vancouver, Canada to continue my study of Philosophy at the Seminary of Christ the King where I finished in 2018. After discerning and praying in the monastery for several years, God's calling had never been stronger and I feel that serving in the diocese is my life's purpose. A vocation for the archdiocese of Melbourne will allow me to channel my passion to serve and my commitment for the community. Through much prayer and many adventures as I journey down this path, I pray that God continues to guide me. I ask for your prayers as well!

LITURGY ROSTER

Fourth Sunday of Easter – 7/8th May 2022

1st Read: Acts 13: 14, 43-52 2nd Read: Apocalypse 7: 9, 14-17 Gospel: John 10: 27-30

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Margaret Mangan	Janet Parsons	Bredenia Raquel
8.30am	Kirsten Collins	Paul Polidano	Mary Waddick
10.00am	Julie O'Donnell	Lucy Halliburton	Lyn Robinson Tony Robinson

Fifth Sunday of Easter – 14/15th May 2022

1st Read: Acts 13: 14, 43-52 2nd Read: Apocalypse 7: 9, 14-17 Gospel: John 10: 27-30

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Peter Howes	Chelsea Soklevski	Lawrence Cecconello
8.30am	Paul Polidano	Rebecca Sandwell	
10.00am	Michael Lynch	Liz O'Connell	Geraldine Williams Lyn Murphy

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

Anniversaries: Gerry Mangan, Roberto Milanes, Mario Gerosolimo, Maria Di Cosmo, Rosa Giannini, Lucy Molony, Silvana La Greca and Angela Hernet

Recently Deceased: Maureen Catherine Trezise and Zac Shiel

A Mother's Day Prayer

Lord we pray for all
MOTHERS
Beautiful and wonderful
they fill the earth
Gracious in Your call they
carry life
In a bond of love they bring
forth a child.



We ask You to bless all
MOTHERS today
May they feel the joys of motherhood
everyday
In all their struggles giving us a livelihood
May Your **LOVE** and **COMPASSION**
be with them for good.

May every **MOTHER** feel today
The pride and beauty of a family they bear
Through all pain and sorrow Lord
deliver them
In Your **STRENGTH** and **GRACE**
may they always stay.
AMEN!

Read full Prayer at christianstt.com

A Formation Commitment Session is currently being organised for our Readers and Commentators. This is the perfect opportunity for our current Readers and Commentators to receive some ideas on how to make our Masses even more meaningful. Also, if you were thinking of joining our dynamic team of volunteers, simply let us know. More information to follow soon. Watch this space...

Mass Count As we are now in the month of May it is time for our Annual Mass Count. Counters are requested to count the number of folk who are at Mass. Counting sheets will be provided on the bench in the sacristy near the money bags.



The Parish of St Kevin's is seeking volunteers to be a part of a committee to enrich our parish's safeguarding.

A meeting is being held on Wednesday, 25th May at 7.30pm here in our Gathering Space to discuss this issue and discover ways to enhance our current safeguarding guidelines.

All are invited to attend to listen and to put forward more ideas on keeping our children safe. If you would like further information, please contact Rebecca in the parish office.

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4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Responsorial Psalm

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, graciously hear us.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading

Acts 13: 14, 43-52

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We are now turning to the gentiles.

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats. When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said: I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

Second Reading

Rv 7: 9, 14-17

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

