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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.

25/26th June, 2022

REFUGEE WEEK

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From the PP's Desk...

Seventy!



It has been marvelous the way you have been recognizing my seventieth birthday. An honour I don't in any way deserve but most certainly deeply appreciate. As I type this I know that following on from the singing last Sunday at Mass and the F-2 children singing at St Charles' School and the morning tea at St Greg's, I have at least three more birthday celebrations (St Kevin's and St Charles' Schools, my family, and the joint parishes party). Thank you.

A comment was made a few days ago that seventy is the mid-point of my life. The comment was made idly, wishing me many more years to come. Taken literally I have no idea whether I want to live to be one hundred and forty but the sentiment expressed spoke deeply to me.

With all my failings, I find that at the age of seventy years I have more enthusiasm than ever before in my life for Jesus Christ and for spreading his Good News. I get tired more easily than at fifty. I don't have all the answers. I forget some things: but I know am called by the Holy Spirit to pour myself into journeying with you in the parishes of St Greg's and St Kevin's. Called to walk together into a future of communities that are both more welcoming and just and merciful and at the same time are more missionary / evangelizing.

I was trying to explain this to Tiziana, Lay Ecclesial Leader at St Kevin's at our regular Thursday meeting. She commented that it will require a change of culture, and I agree. A change of culture that takes our strengths as a community that gathers in faith and seeks a just and merciful world and at the same time broadens our horizons so that we find ways to reach out and invite others to come and talk about the important things in life; gently inviting others to hear about and meet Jesus; journeying with them to reflect and discern and know the Holy Spirit is guiding and challenging and loving each of us.

Thank you for the blessing, energy and enlightenment you give me in the simple act of helping me celebrate my birthday.

God Bless, Fr Charles

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

Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	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
Saturday	5.30pm	ATSI Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	ATSI Masses



Happy 70th Birthday to our Parish Priest Fr Charles!



We shall celebrate this wonderful milestone with a special Mass at St Gregory the Great Church, 71 Williamsons Road, Doncaster at 5.00pm on Sunday, 26th June.

After Mass, we shall proceed to the Parish Hall where we will enjoy drinks and nibbles and cake. All are welcome to attend!

This will be a combined party together with parishioners of St Gregory the Great. A wonderful opportunity to meet and mingle with our neighbours.

Let us continue to pray for the Plenary Council as the Second General Assembly draws near on the 4th to the 9th July, 2022.



Get up! Stand up! Show up!

Next weekend, 2nd/3rd July, we will be celebrating **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) weekend**. All are welcome to come along and join us in celebrating these most exhilarating Masses. Our Liturgy Team have worked very hard indeed to make these Masses meaningful and profound.



Have you noticed people missing from our Masses?

That is to say, have you noticed regular friends/Mass-goers who are no longer attending Mass? It might be an idea to contact them and find out if they're ok, and while you do that, please pass on a survey to them; on our behalf. We ask one more thing...for you to follow this up and bring back to the parish, so that we may understand and perhaps be able to cater for our gone but not forgotten parishioners.

Please collect surveys from the Gathering Space.

With your help, perhaps we can reassure them and encourage them, so that their confidence in attending Mass returns & they may enjoy St Kevin's community again.

St Kevin's Parish Survey
Church attendance is down & we miss you all. Please take a few moments to help us learn why.

Where are you in your 'Faith Journey'? (Please tick one)

☐ No Faith

☐ Unsure

☐ I believe, but not practicing

☐ Believe, practice sometimes

☐ Believe and practice elsewhere

☐ Believe & attend regularly at St Kevin's Parish

If you haven't been coming to mass at St Kevin's Parish, what's been stopping you? (Please tick all that apply)

☐ COVID / Possible Risks

☐ New Priest

☐ Viewing On-Line Mass

☐ Sport

☐ Mass Time/Day *

☐ Not Applicable (I attend mass regularly)

☐ Other (your answer): _____

*If you've chosen Mass Time/Day, what day and/or time would you suggest?
 [your answer]: _____

Is there anything else you'd like to tell us? Please comment below:

Thank You for participating in our short survey.

LITURGYROSTER

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 25/26th June 2022

1st Read: 1 Kings 19: 16, 19-21 2nd Read: Galatians 5: 1, 13-18 Gospel: Luke 9: 51-62

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Peter Howes	Kathy Pearce	Maryanne McNamara
8.30am	Kirsten Collins	Frank Ozzimo	Betty Natoli
10.00am	Julie O'Donnell	Liz O'Connell	Frances Johnson Lyn Murphy

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 2nd/3rd July 2022

1st Read: Isaiah 66: 10-14 2nd Read: Galatians 6: 14-18 Gospel: Luke 10: 1-12,17-20

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Janet Parsons	TBA	Lynne O'Brien
8.30am	Frank Ozzimo	Pauline Erickson	Mary Waddick
10.00am	Vianney Shiel	Miriam Ayoub	Raffaella Dinelli Jo Batiller

We pray for Better Health: Michael Doyle, Angelina Amalfi, Fr Brendan Dillon, Mike Westbrook, Jill Hodson, Ella Dunn, Betty Natoli, Rick Gaillardetz, Bastine D'Cruz, Antonietta Dardam and Mary Calleja.

Anniversaries: Geraldine McDonald, Jan Loft, Patricia Porter, Frank Dunn and Brian O'Connell

Recently Deceased:

A Word From Our Lay Ecclesial Leader...

Last Tuesday, I joined a group of parishioners to visit the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry in Thornbury. We were warmly welcomed by Sherry Balcombe. Sherry's gift for story telling is obvious and proof that human connection is so important. In the short time there, we learnt a lot about significant issues affecting our First Nation sisters and brothers, their deep spirituality and faith, and how much they have to offer the broader community. It was plain to see that everyone who attended walked away enriched by the experience.

Our faith calls us to just action and to educate the community to end division and misunderstanding. This is what I intend to do, starting small with family and friends.



Photo of the stain glass wall in the Chapel at the Ministry depicting our Lord Jesus Christ in the centre flanked by an Aboriginal holding the message stick and Australian fauna and fauna, signifying God's presence surrounding us in Mother Earth.

Child Safety Team

The Archdiocese is committed to the safety and well-being of our children and vulnerable... are you? St Kevin's is in desperate need of forming a Child Safety Team to oversee the child safety protocols and standards for St Kevin's. Rebecca is able to support the team and guide them through on what and how – all we need is a small team to make it happen. The group can be flexible and suit meetings etc to suit their needs.

PLEASE COME FORWARD TO HELP - Do it for the Safety of Our Kids

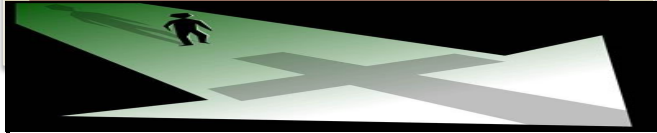
Please contact the office or Rebecca



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Responsorial Psalm

You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening;
you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

We pray to you, Father, hear us.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

[Kings 19: 16, 19-21](#)

The story of Elisha's commissioning by the prophet Elijah as his successor has been chosen to connect with today's gospel episode. It's that pivotal moment in Luke's narrative when Jesus "resolutely took the road for Jerusalem." Shortly after this, three would-be disciples profess their desire to follow him, but Jesus dismisses each one's good intentions with a dose of hard reality, telling the third, "Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

When Elisha wants time out to bid farewell to his parents, Elijah rebukes him impatiently. While the gospel account has Jesus turning his face to the cross that still lay in the future, in the first reading Elijah had just endured a string of extreme trials. He'd escaped the murderous intentions of Queen Jezebel, been saved from exhaustion by an angel, walked forty days and nights to the holy mountain, and met with God there "in the sound of sheer silence" (1 Kings 19:12) before being told to anoint Elisha.

It's no wonder Elijah was impatient with his protégé. In the event Elisha responds by immediately slaughtering his pair of oxen and burning the yoke to cook them. There was no chance to look back from the plough, because everything had been sacrificed.

Second Reading

[Galatians 5: 1, 13-18](#)

In the earlier chapters of his passionate letter to the Galatians, Paul had invoked his apostolic authority to defend the gospel he preached. The way to salvation, he insisted, was through faith in Christ crucified. Faith was the necessary and all-sufficient means, transcending the prescriptions of the Mosaic Law. The grace of faith liberated Christian believers from the burden of observance. Today's text focusses on the issue of Christian freedom. On the one hand, this freedom was to be firmly grasped, as Paul states categorically. "When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery." On the other, it was not to be used as an excuse for self-indulgence. False liberty, he argues with vigour, is divisive and destructive. True freedom is to abide by the heart of the Law, which is to love one's neighbour as oneself, and this is what the Spirit makes possible. Just as it began, the passage ends with an emphatic declaration.

While it is by no means the most fiery part of Paul's Galatian diatribe, the reading still testifies to the depth of his feeling and the force of his convictions.

