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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.

4/5th June, 2022 Launch of Social Justice Action Weekend Year C

From the PP's Desk... Pentecost!

Thank you for journeying through the Lenten and Easter Seasons with me. Today, Pentecost Sunday, we remember and are caught up in the presence of the Holy Spirit leading us, guiding us, calling us, inspiring us.

With the Ascension we are given charge of the mission to go and make disciples, to spread the good news of God's love for us. With Pentecost we are given the inspiration to be capable of going out to the world and being heard. What a privilege!

Now ... what happens?

You are already giving of your time, talent and treasure—I may not see all of you giving but I know it is true. How might we grow in this journey? Five questions might be useful as we seek to live our mission as a faithful Christian community. Am I / are we:

1. A worshipping community? Truly Active, engaged, present?
2. Growing in faith; as followers of Jesus Christ?
3. Growing our lives so that we are serving the will of the Father?
4. Spending time to build our relationships as a community? Are we reaching out and actively connecting with others?
5. Giving in a spirit of gratitude for God and the graces given to us freely?
Giving generously so that we can reach out to those who have not yet responded to the Good News?

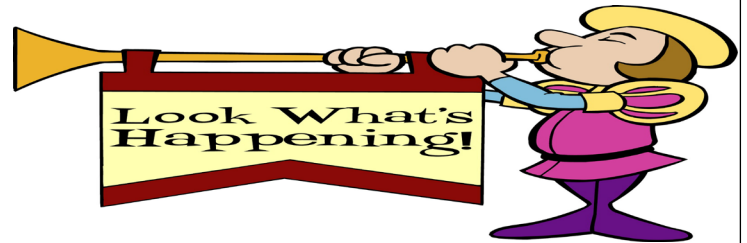
If we can say "Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes" then we have every chance of overcoming the effects of the pandemic, overcoming disinterest, drawing people to come and know Jesus Christ's love.

I listened to a recent episode of "God Forbid". The comment was made that we, people of faith, are irrelevant to most young people—yet a comment was also made that young people are intensely interested in the meaning of life. This truth is borne out by my recent experience during a Q&A with some of our grade 3/4 children. Their questions to me ranged from "Who made God?" to "How did God raise Jesus from the dead?" to "How can Jesus be both God and man?" to "how did Jesus come to be?"

If children today have such urgent, penetrating questions, surely adults must too. We are not irrelevant if we step up and fill this thirst to know of God and God's love. It's not simple. It's not easy. It is essential. ***Be sealed with the Holy Spirit, Alleluia Alleluia!!! Fr Charles***

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

Saturday	5.30pm	Launch of Social Justice Action Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Launch of Social Justice Action 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	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses



St Kevin's Social Justice Action – Get onboard!

To model ourselves on Christ and to follow Pope Francis' example we are called to pay particular attention to the most vulnerable individuals and groups, and to work for justice and the common good. At Mass this week you will hear briefly from John Costa about how St Kevin's is working to achieve action in the area of social justice. For more information, please contact John at johncosta@westnet.com.au or phone the parish office on 9850 5983.

BRING HOPE TO NEELA AND HER FAMILY

We would like to thank you again for your generosity to the recent Catholic Mission Appeal, whether it be through a one-off gift or your commitment as a monthly Mission Partner.

Your generosity and prayers are supporting life-changing mission programs like the Deberety Goat Rearing Centre in Emdibir, Ethiopia, where the Church and community are working together to help support those in most need, like Neela* and her family, by addressing critical issues such as malnutrition.

To learn more about the impact of your support, visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work, where you can also sign up for our regular newsletter. If you missed your opportunity to learn about this vital mission program, or wish to lend your support once again, please go to catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia or scan the QR code below today.

*Name altered to protect identity



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Vale Sir Gerard Brennan

Australia's 10th chief justice, Sir Gerard Brennan, has been remembered as a "man of deep humanity" after passing away at the age of 94. Sir Gerard joined the High Court in 1981 and was chief justice from 1995 to 1998. He played a significant role in landmark judgments on native title – notably Mabo – the implied freedom of political free speech and criminal law. Sir Gerard's lead judgment on the Mabo case recognised for the first time under Australian law that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples had lived in Australia for thousands of years and their rights to their land according to their own laws and customs not only predated, but survived, settlement and continue to this day. Sir Gerard was also the patriarch of one of Australia's great legal families. His son Frank is a priest and noted human rights lawyer. Father Frank Brennan said on Thursday that his father "died peacefully at 11pm [on Wednesday night]" in Sydney.

LITURGY ROSTER

Pentecost Sunday – 4/5th June 2022

1st Read: Acts 2: 1-11 2nd Read: Romans 8: 8-17 Gospel: John 14: 15-16, 23-26

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Janet Parsons	Kathy Pearce	Lawrence Cecconello
8.30am	Paul Polidano	Kirsten Collins	Mary Waddick
10.00am	Vianney Shiel	Michael Lynch	Tony Robinson Lyn Robinson

The Most Holy Trinity – 11/12th June 2022

1st Read: Proverbs 8: 22-31 2nd Read: Romans 5: 1-5 Gospel: John 16: 12-15

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Margaret Mangan		Bredenia Raquel
8.30am	Paul Polidano	Kirsten Collins	Betty Natoli
10.00am	Frances Johnson	Miriam Ayoub	Lyn Murphy Pat Rowland

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 and Antonietta Dardam.

Anniversaries: Rosario Scaffidi, Maureen Whyte, Maria Beiza Rosales and Laura Torre.

Recently Deceased: Sir Gerard Brennan

The Archdiocese of Melbourne has prepared a **Synthesis Report** in response to Pope Francis' invitation for the universal Church to reflect upon: **For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission**; the theme of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops which will take place in October 2023. The report will now take its part in a combined national report, which will be sent to the General Secretariat for the Synod of Bishops to be considered alongside contributions from other parts of the Church around the world. Please be encouraged to read the voices from our people and the introductory message from Archbishop Peter. Copies are available from the table in the Gathering Space or from the link in our website.

Further from this information here on the left, the Motions to be discussed and discerned at the Second Session of the Plenary Council have been released. We have a little less than two weeks to provide comment directly to "Members" who will participate in the Plenary Council second session. The members are:
Archbishop Peter Comensoli
Bishop Tony Ireland
Bishop Martin Ashe
Fr Tony Kerin
Fr Joe Caddy, just to name a few.
We may wish to synthesise a response to one of more of the members. They will accept the submissions made: it is up to them what they then take forwards into the discussions and discernments of the Plenary Council meeting. Please let Fr Charles know if you have some further ideas or indeed to be involved in preparing some matters for submission. The link to this document is also on our website.

*Save
The
Date*

Sunday, 26th June is Fr Charles' 70th Birthday!
We will celebrate this amazing milestone with a special Mass for him at St Gregory the Great Church Doncaster, at 5.00pm followed by drinks and nibbles and cake. All Welcome!

*For information on our Parish
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St Charles Borromeo Primary School
Phone: 9842 7634



Responsorial Psalm

Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit; fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

First Reading

Acts 2: 1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Second Reading

Rom 8: 8-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live. Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.