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## ST KEVIN'S PARISH

**14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**Year C**

### 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.

**2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2022 ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER WEEKEND**

### ***Thank you to St Kevin's School***

We thank the principal, staff and students of St Kevin's School for the loan of the beautiful artwork to help us celebrate Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday. The great work done by our students on this piece will remind us of the value of Aboriginal Art to our country.

### ***From the PP's Desk...***

Thank you for your generous and joyful celebration of my seventieth birthday. It was humbling to see the number of signatures (perhaps 200) on my large card and the number of cards and gifts sent me and the money collected for me to recognise this moment in my life. By the way, the money has purchased me a gleaming new laptop which has been very useful this week as I travelled, as witness the ease with which I can prepare these words using that very same laptop. I had planned to take all the names from the cards given me and create some sort of montage in the shape of a heart: time did not permit as I was called to Dubbo to be with my mother-in-law (please keep her in your prayers as she approaches eternal life).

Amidst the joy of celebration for me, I was sobered remembering that not everyone is so graced. I have met one person who told me that the gift I gave them was their first ever, and they were in their forties. Culture? Possibly. Lack of money/food/resources? Certainly.

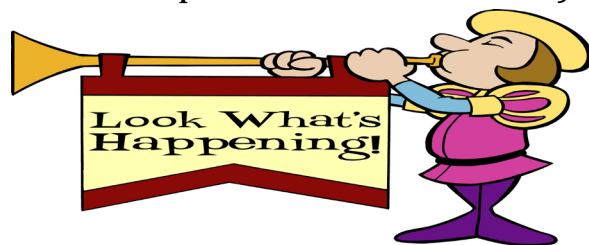
Silly isn't it. Little things like that can bring home again how fortunate I am, how fortunate we are (though this is real poverty for some groups/families in Australia).

So I must thank again: thank you to the Vinnies members and those who donate to help; thank you to those who take communion to the sick; thank you to those who give generously to Project Compassion and Catholic Mission; thank you to those who help others in so many ways. And ...

After seeing the preliminary results from the 2021 National Census I am struck by the poverty of Spirit that, it seems, surrounds us with nearly 40% of people indicating that they have no religion, doubly so if this translates, as the news was assuming, into no faith / no belief in God. Many people are as starving for God's love as for food or housing or freedom. Surely that is a call for us, to reach out and be more missionary, to find ways in which to be present for others in ways which bring God's loving message, the Good News of salvation!

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

<b>Saturday</b>	5.30pm	ATSI Mass
<b>Sunday</b>	8.30am & 10.00am	ATSI Masses
<b>Tuesday</b>	8.30am	Adoration
	9.15am	Mass
	1.00pm	Needlecraft Group
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.30am	Christian Meditation in Chapel and on zoom (please contact the Parish Office to provide email address)
	11.00am	Adoration
<b>Thursday</b>	8.30am	Adoration
	9.15am	Mass
<b>Saturday</b>	5.30pm	Mass
<b>Sunday</b>	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses



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



## Get up! Stand up! Show up!

This weekend, 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> July, we will be celebrating **Aboriginal and Torres Strait**

**Islander (ATSI) weekend.** All are welcome to join us in celebrating these most exhilarating Masses. Thank you to our Liturgy Team have worked very hard indeed to make these Masses meaningful and profound.



A wonderful opportunity to own your very own beautifully handcrafted, bespoke blanket created by our hardworking parish needlecraft group.

Tickets are available from the table in the Gathering Space after all our Masses every weekend. Price is \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Proceeds will go towards purchasing more wool so that our lovely ladies can continue their great work. Raffle will be drawn on the weekend of 30<sup>st</sup>/31<sup>th</sup> July.



We need some more volunteers please to help with reading/commentating for our Masses, particularly the 5.30pm Saturday evening and 8.30am Sunday morning ones. We are also in need of more Communion Ministers. This is not an onerous undertaking and of course the more helpers we have the less times you'll be rostered on.

If you would like further information, or indeed to register your interest, please contact Pauline Erickson on 0407 824 638 or via email on [pr.erickson@optusnet.com.au](mailto:pr.erickson@optusnet.com.au) Pauline is busily preparing the next batch of rosters so please contact her as soon as you can so that you too can be included. Thank you to our dedicated helpers who are already a part of this ministry.

**ABC TV's Q+A COMES TO MELBOURNE!** On **Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup>**, live from **8.30 pm** and YOU are invited to join the live audience! A panel of decision-makers and commentators will be discussing and debating the election issues that are important to YOU! Participate in the national discussion and watch live TV being put to air! We will be running a free return bus service TEMPLESTOWE, with a stop in DONCASTER to MELBOURNE CBD

Would you like to hop on the bus and join the audience? Please let Nadia in the Parish Office know and she will send you the link to register your interest. Thank you.

## LITURGY ROSTER

### Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> July 2022

1<sup>st</sup> Read: Isaiah 66: 10-14 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

### Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 9/10<sup>th</sup> July 2022

1<sup>st</sup> Read: Deuteronomy 30: 1-14 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: Colossians 1: 15-20 Gospel: Luke 10: 25-37

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Margaret Mangan	Kathy Pearce	Bredenia Raquel
8.30am	Julie O'Donnell	Pauline Erickson	Betty Natoli
10.00am	Frances Johnson	Lucy Halliburton	Geraldine Williams Pat Rowland

**We pray for Better Health:** Michael Doyle, Angelina Amalfi, Fr Brendan Dillon, Jill Hodson, Ella Dunn, Betty Natoli, Rick Gaillardetz, Bastine D'Cruz, Antoinette D'Adams, Mary Calleja and Aidan Puls (Frances Matisi's son. Frances was a past principal of St Kevin's school).

**Anniversaries:** Fortunata Barutta, Frank Bellomo, Joan Goold, Kevin Donnelly, John Coates and Thomas Shannon  
**Recently Deceased:** Mike Westbrook and Marcia Standish (Mother-in-Law of Fr Charles)

### ***A Word From Our Lay Ecclesial Leader...***

St Kevin's and St Gregory's parishes came together last Sunday for a lovely joint celebration of Fr Charles' birthday. Our friends at St Gregory's welcomed us very warmly. There is much we can learn from our neighbours and they from us.

Keeping an open mind and an open heart towards the community around us is what we are called to do as followers of Jesus. It's about loving your neighbour. This is relatively easy to do with fellow Catholics. Can we extend the same kindness and compassion to people who have different views from our own?

***Blessings, Tiziana***

### **Great News on recent Donations:**

Much has suddenly happened since St Kevin's started collecting donations towards a replacement computer for the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry's 10 yo increasingly unreliable computer. The Archdiocese has unexpectedly rescheduled its previous 6 month+ delivery, and provided ACM with a new computer last Wednesday, the day following our SJA visit. They are deeply grateful! That also means we can now more directly support aboriginal needs by donating these collections as of last weekend to the Opening The Doors Foundation, in association with ACM, for the education of aboriginal children "*helping to keep Koorie kids in an education of their choice*".

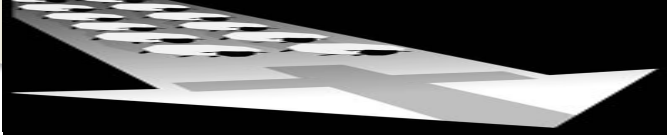
### **Peter's Pence Collection this weekend**

On this weekend of 2-3 July, St Kevin's Parish joins with many Parishes across the world in the Peter's Pence Collection. This long standing annual Collection provides for the charitable works and structures of mercy identified by the Pope (Francis). In contributing to this collection we join with other Parishes to support urgent projects including emergency assistance to those in need due to natural disasters, communities impacted by coronavirus, conflict, oppression and disease. This allows the Pope to respond to those suffering with love and compassion. The Peter's Pence appeal has been severely impacted by the pandemic and support this year will be even more appreciated by the Holy See.

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Phone: 9842 7634



### **Responsorial Psalm**

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
and the fullness of his message live within you.

Alleluia!

### **Response to Prayers of the Faithful**

Loving God please hear our prayer.

## **REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### **First Reading**

#### [Isaiah 66: 10-14](#)

The choice of the Old Testament reading in Ordinary Time is always governed by the gospel. Sometimes the connection is obvious, sometimes less so. The latter is the case today. Isaiah's oracle of comfort for the exiles who have returned to Jerusalem relates to the gospel only in general terms. Like the prophet, the seventy-two disciples are commissioned to promise peace and to assure townsfolk that the kingdom of God is very near.

The ideas and images contained in the prophetic text are fluid. The people are first encouraged to celebrate the revival of "Mother Jerusalem," then to imagine themselves as infants amply fed at her breasts. This intimate scene is interrupted by a panoramic view of peace and glory flowing to the city. It is then returned to and amplified by God's promise to be comforter. The final stanza promises a joy that will thrill the people to their very bones.



### **Second Reading**

#### [Galatians 6: 14-18](#)

Paul's major letters – Romans and 1 and 2 Corinthians – all conclude with personal greetings. Not so his combative letter to the Galatians, which is all the more striking because the last section was not dictated to a secretary but penned by Paul himself (6:11). The entire letter may conclude with a greeting – "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit" – but here it seems like a routine formula rather than something personal. It follows directly on Paul's parting rebuke: "I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks on my body are those of Jesus." In the preceding verses Paul sums up the gospel he was driven to proclaim. It's not circumcision (standing here for the observance of the Mosaic Law) that matters but identification with the crucified Christ. This is what makes the believer in Jesus "an altogether new creature." Altogether new, certainly, but in complete continuity with God's ancient covenant. In a critically important statement, Paul says such believers "form the Israel of God."

**Next weekend**, we will be celebrating **Remembering Seafarers on Sea Sunday**.

We acknowledge the work of seafarers and pray for their safety.

It is also an opportunity for us to respond to the call to mission that we all share.

In the famous parable, it's a Samaritan who helps the Jew who's been attacked and robbed.

Because the Samaritan didn't see an enemy, but a fellow human being in need of help.