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## ST KEVIN'S PARISH

**15<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.

**9/10<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 ATSIC WEEKEND**  
**REMEMBERING SEAFARERS ON SEA SUNDAY**

***From the PP's Desk...*** Dear friends, people of God, fellow disciples of Christ,

Thursday this week carried a number of surprises for me.

The first was an accident: my new cup of tea was placed where I didn't expect it and I didn't notice it as I sat down and I spilt it all over my notebook and papers—I didn't even see the cup even though it was obvious.

The second was a phone call which I expected to be bringing sad news, given the odd hour of the call, yet it brought an invitation to lunch with a parish family, yet another opportunity for me to get to know people beyond their presence at Mass.

The third was a meeting, planned at the request of the Archdiocesan finance group who were questioning elements of the St Kevin's annual report. I am confident of the robustness of the accounting at both St Greg's and St Kevin's (thank you Ray, thank you Peter). In light of the request, a group of parish leaders met and talked through our situation and plans. Then when we met with the Archdiocese and all went well as I expected. My surprise was in the compliment that was made by the Archdiocesan representative that we were **so** well prepared and **so** forward looking (the comment was made at St Kevin's but applies also to St Greg's).

My point?

God's love was there for me amidst the busyness of parish life. There was God giving me nourishment and strength and affirmation through that invitation to lunch, through that affirmation of finances. The goodness of God's love is all around us if we take a moment to look: right under our noses like my cup of tea.

It is easy to take each other for granted, and to take the presence of the Holy Spirit and of Jesus Christ in our lives for granted. It is far more important to be alert to God's presence than it is to be alert to new cups of tea in unusual places.

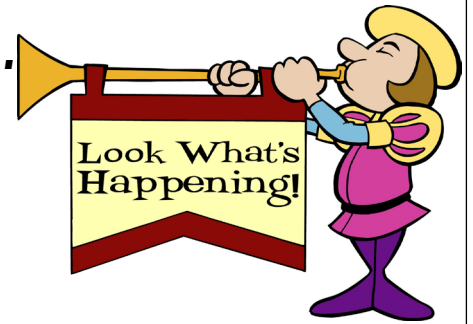
It works the other way too: you are part of the body of Christ so you too can take a moment to be God's presence for others.

By the way, I am very willing to come to your place for lunch (or dinner) to get to know you. I won't stay late, though at the moment I might ask to bring along Jude (our seminarian).

Contact the office or talk to me to organise.

***God bless, Fr Charles***

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



<b>Saturday</b>	5.30pm	Mass
<b>Sunday</b>	8.30am & 10.00am	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	First Eucharist Commitment Mass
<b>Sunday</b>	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses First Eucharist Commitment Mass (10am)



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 30st/31th July.



### Volunteer readers and commentators needed - especially for 8.30am Mass

Due to illness, aging and other circumstances, there is an overall shortage of Readers and Commentators for all our Masses. The situation is dire. In the weeks ahead, in the newsletter, you will see blanks in the Commentator and Lector spots for Mass - especially at 8.30am Sundays. We are blessed with a small group of wonderfully dedicated volunteer readers and commentators, but it is not feasible nor fair for the same persons to read or be a commentator every week. Please come forward to take up this Ministry if this is something you think you can do. Training provided. The commitment is not onerous - you choose how often you volunteer. Please contact me at [tiziana.dcosta@cam.org.au](mailto:tiziana.dcosta@cam.org.au) if you are interested or would like more information. Thank you for considering this appeal.

*Blessings, Tiziana*

**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.

This year's **Knights of the Southern Cross, Priests Support and Education Fund, Archbishop's Dinner** will be held on **Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> August** at Moonee Valley Racecourse, 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. Cost is \$150 per person  
Come and meet the Fund's Patron, the **Most Reverend Peter Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne** and be entertained by our Guest Speaker, **Emeritus Professor Greg Craven** and our **compere Bryan Martin, OAM.**

**Parishioners can contact David Perrin on 9842 4951 to arrange payment and tickets.**

## LITURGY ROSTER

### 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

### Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 16/17<sup>th</sup> July 2022

1<sup>st</sup> Read: Genesis 18: 1-10 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: Colossians 1: 24-28 Gospel: Luke 10: 38-42

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Janet Parsons	Peter Howes	Lawrence Ceconello
8.30am	Frank Ozzimo	Kirsten Collins	Mary Waddick
10.00am	Michael Lynch	Liz O'Connell	Jo Ridgeway Raffaella Dinelli

**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, Aidan Puls and John Turner.

**Anniversaries:** Anne Di Nardo, Gerry Barber, Leo Scaffidi, John Tyrell, Mario Rossimel, James Allen and Harryanto Susanto (1<sup>st</sup> Ann)  
**Recently Deceased:** Beryl Powell, Jenny Lees and Raffaella Dimase

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

My sincere congratulations to the liturgy team for the thoughtful and inspiring Masses last weekend to honour our First Nations sisters and brothers during NAIDOC week. I am in awe at the huge amount of work and preparation that the team put into it. Our solidarity makes an important statement about this key social justice issue and it is testament of our commitment to follow Jesus' example. Well done!

***Blessings, Tiziana***

### **A friendly reminder about parish health & safety**

It is wonderful to be together again as a parish by meeting and attending Mass in person. However, the reality is that we continue to live with (new strains) of Covid-19, and seasonal colds and flu so it is important to remain vigilant about everyone's health and safety in the parish. This is a friendly reminder to sanitise your hands on entry to the church and before Communion. Although not mandatory, mask wearing is encouraged. If you are experiencing cold and flu symptoms please remain home until you are better. The Archdiocese has lifted restrictions regarding taking communion under both species and has asked parishes to decide whether that is appropriate in their context. Upon serious consideration, we have decided that in the current public health climate it is not prudent to offer the cup during Mass. We hope this can change in the near future. Thank you all for your cooperation. **Fr Charles & Tiziana D'Costa**

### **Refugee Issues Looming**

Social Justice Action held an organising committee meeting last week. While there is healthy interest in *attending* activities, Volunteers at this stage are harder to locate, but we're also working on that. While we don't **yet** have sufficient participation to register St Kevin's involvement in the Refugee "Group Mentorship Programme" we're considering other refugee support options and also organising an evening online session shortly on Australian refugees. This format will enable neighbouring Parishes (we have identified 4 so far) to join in. Watch out for details. Two weeks from now we'll also be exploring possible Social Justice information-sharing / collaboration with our schools and school communities. SJA Enquiries or volunteers can queue up at the Parish Office or email [johncosta@westnet.com.au](mailto:johncosta@westnet.com.au)

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

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;  
you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

### Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Loving God please hear our prayer.

## REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### First Reading

#### Deuteronomy 30: 10-14

The book of Deuteronomy presents itself as Moses' comprehensive legacy to the Chosen People before he dies. As such it is a recapitulation of saving history and an exhortation for Israel to abide by the Law that defines the covenant. In actual fact the book is a collection of traditions that may not have been compiled until the time of the Babylonian exile. The reading is a wonderfully encouraging text. First of all, Moses puts "commandments and laws" in perspective. They embody "the voice of the Lord your God." The Law is first and foremost a living word from the mouth of God. Then he reassures the people that the Law is not something remote or impossibly onerous. In words taken up by Paul in his letter to the Romans (10:9), Moses tells them that "the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance." The reading begins with the injunction to obey the Lord and concludes with Moses' emphatic assertion about the nearness of the word. The central section comments on the opening command and builds up to the final affirmation.



### Second Reading

#### Colossians 1: 15-20

After the tumult of Paul's letter to the Galatians, a series of readings from his missive to the Colossians may come as a welcome relief. Still, like Galatians, Colossians is a letter written in response to false teaching. Whether it was written by Paul himself or by a later author invoking the apostle's name (a common enough practice in the ancient world) is still debated. Paul did not establish or visit the Colossian community.

The letter targets teachers who are promoting belief in celestial powers, ascetical and ritual practices, and false wisdom. The author responds to their activities by reiterating Pauline teaching on the supremacy of Christ, the complete efficacy of his saving death and resurrection, and the sufficiency of baptism for life in Christ.

The cornerstone of the letter is the hymn that serves as today's reading. It appears to have pre-existed the letter, possibly originating in early Christian worship. It falls into two parts. In the first, Christ is "the image of the unseen God" in whom the whole of creation finds its unity.

In the second, Christ is "first to be born from the dead" in whom all things are reconciled. Thus Christ is central to two fundamental theological issues - creation and redemption.



to Jan Sheehan and Pat Rowland who celebrated their 82<sup>nd</sup> Birthdays this week. Happy Birthday to you both and thank you for all that you do for us.