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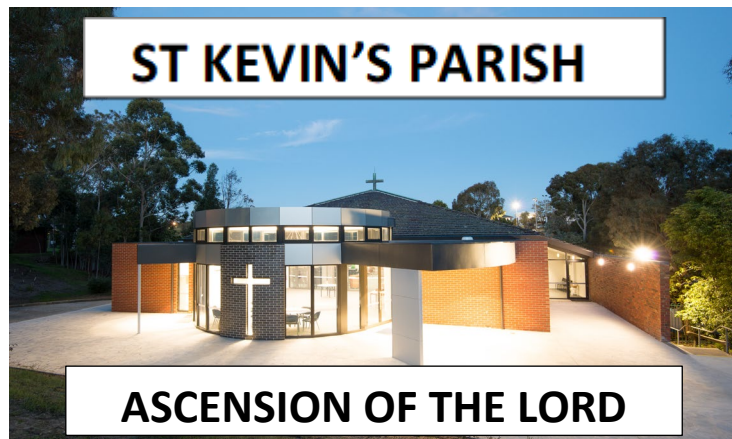
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VISION STATEMENT

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.

28/29th May, 2022 National Reconciliation Week Year C

From the PP's Desk...

Reconciliation Week

There are two weeks of each year when, across the country, we take time to reflect, particularly as a nation and as individuals and as a faith, on the aspirations and tragedies and the circumstances of our First Nations peoples: the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The first is this week we are just finishing (27 May—3 June) has been Reconciliation week, including Sorry Day on 26th May. The second is in NAIDOC week from 3—10 July which includes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday (a memorial that has, I believe, been part of our year since the 1940's).

My involvement with our First Nations peoples began during my university days in 1970—1972 when I joined various lectures and talks and walks and demonstrations, including a cold night outside the Old Parliament House supporting the provision of Scholarships to help Aboriginal people access tertiary education. I was not directly involved but that is the time also when the Aboriginal Tent Embassy was set up.

Then to my lasting sorrow ... I lost touch—my life went other ways. I didn't meet anyone who I consciously knew to be Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. Somehow, I 'forgot' about the need for fairness and justice and equity and reconciliation for these proud peoples. Then in 2004 I came into contact with the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry in Melbourne and discovered that the needs of 1972 are still with us. I discovered how many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were around me in my daily life—whether I was aware of the individuals or not they were present: their needs surround me, surround us.

Journeying with our First Nations peoples and giving them a hand up to leave disadvantage behind must be a focus in our lives. We have printed off copies of the "Uluru Statement from the Heart" for you.

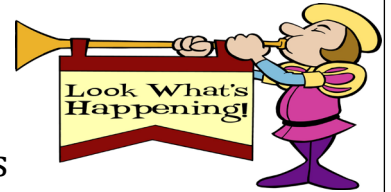
You can also get it online at <https://ulurustatement.org/the-statement/> This statement gives a clear indication of how our First Nations peoples want to be helped, please read and reflect on it carefully.

This Sunday is Ascension Sunday—the day on which we remember that Jesus has handed on the baton of spreading the Good News, of bringing peace, truth and justice to the world. I pray we can join our actions in faith with the actions that are needed in the world.

God bless, as we approach Pentecost, Alleluia Alleluia!!!

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

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



BRING HOPE TO NEELA AND HER FAMILY

Thank you so much for your generous partnership with life-changing mission programs like the establishment of the Deberety Goat Rearing Centre in Emdibir, Ethiopia.

Your gift is helping the Church and the local community work towards constructing the Centre, supplying feed and veterinary medication, and procuring goats to provide nutritious milk to help address problems like malnutrition in babies and children. Your gift also supports mission programs around the world that reach out and give life to those in most need.

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 contribute again, please go to catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia or scan the QR code below today.



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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 Pentecost Mass next week, John Costa will give a brief introduction about how St Kevin's is working to achieve action in the area of social justice.

Pizza and Wine Celebration at St Gregory's



All parishioners and friends are warmly invited to a **Pizza and Wine** social gathering at St Gregory the Great, Doncaster on **Saturday 28th May after the 6.00pm Mass.**

A wonderful opportunity to connect with our brothers and sisters in Christ outside our Parish.

Mass Count As we are now in the last weekend of the month of May it is time for our final Annual Mass Count this weekend.

Counters are requested to count the number of folk who are at Mass.

Counting sheets are provided on the bench in the sacristy near the money bags.

LITURGYROSTER

The Ascension of the Lord – 28/29th May 2022

1st Read: Acts 1: 1-11 2nd Read: Hebrews 9: 24-28; 10: 19-23 Gospel: Luke 24: 46-53

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Margaret Mangan	Chelsea Soklevski	Anne Maguire
8.30am	Paul Polidano	Pauline Erickson	Betty Natoli
10.00am	Miriam Ayoub	Mishika Perera	Raffaella Dinelli Jo Ridgeway

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

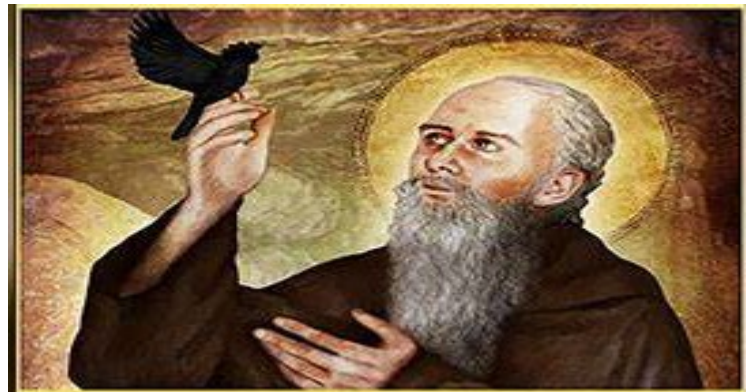
We pray for Better Health: Michael Doyle, Angelina Amalfi, Fr Brendan Dillon, Mike Westbrook, Jill Hodson, Ella Dunn, Betty Natoli, Rick Gaillardetz, Bastine D'Cruz and Antonietta Dardam.

Anniversaries: Rosa Giannini, Val Byrne, John Norman, Geraldine Dalla Riva, Maureen Whyte, Julian Hunter, Vince Materazzo and Salvatore Lo Monaco

Recently Deceased:

Next Friday, 3rd June we celebrate
St Kevin's Feast Day

A special commemorative Mass will be celebrated on that day at 2.30pm.
Please join our parish and school communities in tribute to our Patron Saint.



St Kevin, man of prayer

Help us to imitate you by making stillness and silence a priority in our lives

St Kevin, man of service

Help us to imitate you by never holding back on helping others

St Kevin, upholding creation

Help us to imitate you by showing reverence to even the smallest of creatures

St Kevin, man of inspiration

Help us to imitate you by listening to the promptings of the Spirit deep inside us

Kevin lived the life of a hermit at Glendalough in Ireland, with an extraordinary closeness to nature. His companions were the animals and birds all around him. He lived as a hermit for seven years wearing only animal skins, sleeping on stones and eating very sparingly. He went barefoot and spent his time in prayer. Disciples were soon attracted to Kevin and a further settlement enclosed by a wall, called Kevin's Cell, was established nearer the lakeshore. By 540 Saint Kevin's fame as a teacher and holy man had spread far and wide. Many people came to seek his help and guidance. In time Glendalough grew into a renowned seminary of saints and scholars and the parent of several other monasteries.

*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

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord you are always there for us,
please hear our prayer.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

First Reading

Acts 1: 1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus
has been taken into heaven.*

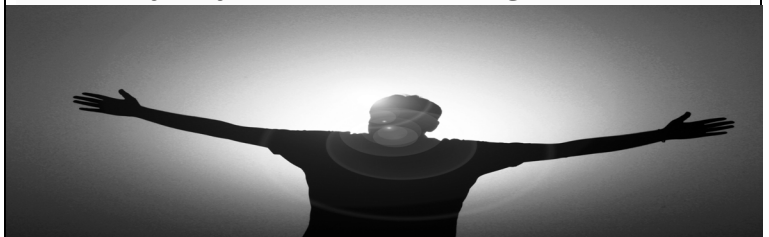
In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near

First Reading (cont)

them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'



Second Reading

Eph 1: 17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven..

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.