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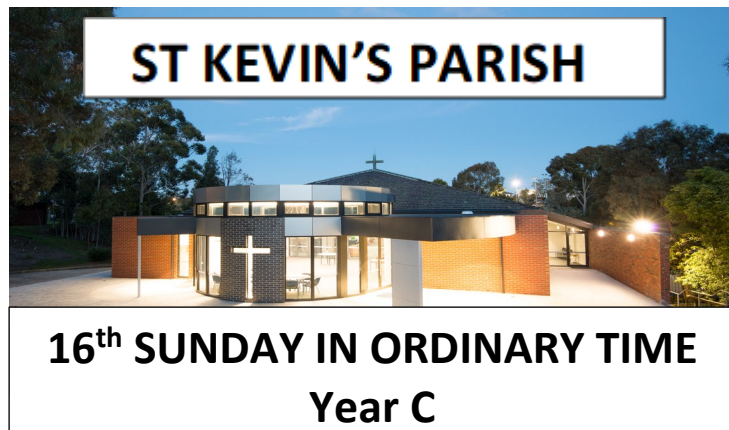
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Pastoral Worker: Mrs Rebecca Sandwell

Lay Ecclesial Leader: Mrs Tiziana D'Costa

Parish Priest: Fr Charles Balnaves



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.

16/17th July, 2022

FIRST EUCHARIST COMMITMENT WEEKEND

From the PP's Desk...

I look at what is happening around the parishes I help lead and see wonderful things: progress with implementing Child Safe practices; successful formation towards receiving the sacraments for our young people; baptisms; a Forum at St Greg's on 2nd August to delve into the breadth of ministries that enliven the parish and how to better support and grow; the creating of a new website at St Kevin's (that may guide us in renewing the St Greg's website); the knitting group at St Kevin's that now has links into St Greg's; establishing a Men's Group at St Kevin's (and all men are welcome); hospitality after Masses and social events beyond that (my birthday party being one, and thank you again); youth and young adults groups awakening or rather re-awakening; on-going adoration and meditation and a new healing/adoration/praise-worship/Mass group; schools helping our children grow in faith and thrive in all they do. And more ...

Then of course: our Sunday and Weekday Masses. It is marvellous to have the ability to gather together in worship, to be nourished by Jesus himself and to offer praise to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Sunday attendance remains at about 60% of pre-Covid-19 levels – this seems a statistic that is true for many organisations – a change of practice by many people or a fear of resuming? I don't know but I do wonder what we can do to help people re-join our gatherings as the Body of Christ.

I know there is a broad presence of Covid-19 B4/B5 and Flu and RSV (in toddlers) and other illnesses and stress on our hospital / medical system but ... amidst that Parish life is coming back, and that is wonderful to see. THANK YOU!! Thank you to each and every one of you who helps to make all these things happen.

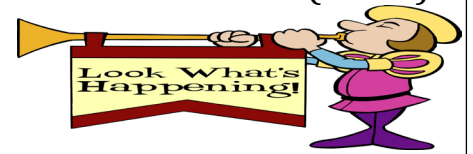
Amidst that I remain hopeful that we can find ways to open our hearts and minds in new ways which reach out and seek to invite people to come and learn and to encounter Jesus the Christ. This is essential!

Our reason for existence as the Parish of Doncaster and the Parish of Templestowe is, in the end, solely for this purpose of inviting people to Jesus. Yes, through our own personal conversion, but also through finding the ways to reach out. I would love to spend time with you talking about this, about your thoughts on how we might reach out to those who don't know Jesus and invite them to start on the journey.

God bless, Fr Charles

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

Saturday	5.30pm	First Eucharist Commitment Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses First Eucharist Commitment Mass (10am)
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	Baptism Presentation Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses



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.

This year's **Knights of the Southern Cross, Priests Support and Education Fund, Archbishop's Dinner** will be held on **Friday, 19th 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.



We are currently in the process of renewing our parish website and will have a professional photographer here on Tuesday, 19th July.

You are all especially invited to attend Mass on Tuesday morning at 9.15am so that the photographer can capture the true essence of our beautiful Church and faith community.

This weekend we pray for our children and their families who will be making their commitment to prepare for the reception of the Holy Eucharist for the very first time.

First Eucharist is a special occasion - a further step in becoming one with Christ and united with the People of God.

May God continue to protect and bless you all

2nd Collection this weekend

Last Sunday concluded NAIDOC week but also happened to coincide with Seafarers Sunday. This weekend's 2nd Collection supports Stella Maris Melbourne as part of the Catholic Church's official missionary work caring for Seafarers. Regardless of Nationality, Cultural background, Religious belief, Gender or Social standing, Stella Maris provides Seafarers with welcome and hospitality, personal assistance, social opportunity, and pastoral or spiritual support as required.

John Costa - St Kevin's Social Justice Action



LITURGY ROSTER

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 16/17th July 2022

1st Read: Genesis 18: 1-10 2nd 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

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 23rd/24th July 2022

1st Read: Genesis 18: 20-32 2nd Read: Colossians 2: 12-14 Gospel: Luke 11: 1-13

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Peter Howes	Pauline Erickson	Bredenia Raquel
8.30am	Paul Polidano	Rebecca Sandwell	Frank Ozzimo
10.00am	Mishika Perera	Julie O'Donnell	Lynne Robinson Tony Robinson

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 Batoul Barak.

Anniversaries: Andrew Tomaro, Gino Natoli, Carmel Scaffidi, Livio Dinelli, Joe Norman (4), and Remo Moscardini (4)

Recently Deceased: John Turner

A Word From Our Lay Ecclesial Leader...

It is time to bring new energy to the parish as we emerge from the pandemic lockdowns. We are still living with Covid - and precautions are very important - but maintaining sensible public health measures we can embrace opportunities to socialise and have fun in person. We all know this is good for our wellbeing! With this in mind we are launching St Kevin's Men's Social Group. An opportunity for men of any age to get together once a month on a Friday night to chat, share some food and drinks and maybe watch the footy on the big screen. Parishioners and non parishioners welcome. More information available on the website and noticeboard. If you are interested in volunteering for light administration duties, please let me know at your earliest convenience (tiziana.dcosta@cam.org.au). First gathering scheduled on Friday 12 August, 7.30 pm in the gathering space. To assist with associated costs, we suggest a donation of \$7, BYO alcoholic drinks. Parish will provide supper.

Thank you very much to those who have already expressed an interest in participating. It is wonderful to see there's so much goodwill in our parish.

Blessings, Tiziana

A friendly reminder about parish health & safety Please remember to sanitise your hands on entry to the church and before Communion. Mask wearing is encouraged. If you are experiencing cold and flu symptoms please remain home until you are better. ***Fr Charles/Tiziana***

Providing education opportunities for Koori youth

For some weeks as part of our Social Justice Action the Parish has been collecting donations from a number of the 2nd Collections towards helping provide young aboriginal (or Koori) people with good education of their choice. It was initially going to buy a computer for the Aboriginal Catholic Mission, but the Melbourne Archdiocese stepped in and as a result the Parish is able to directly donate \$2,000 to this cause via the Opening the Doors Foundation, for which parishioners are warmly thanked. The money will be presented by members of Social Justice Action who will then report back to the Parish on how this helps young aboriginal people with education. John Costa - St Kevin's Social Justice Action

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

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a
generous heart and yield a harvest through
perseverance. Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Loving God please hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

[Genesis 18: 1010](#)

Reliable or not, tradition locates the "Oak of Mamre" in the Palestinian city of Hebron, some thirty kilometres south of Jerusalem. Contemporary tensions there between Palestinian residents and Jewish settlers contrast sharply with the peaceful scene of hospitality played out in the reading from Genesis.

Biblical scholars theorise that a number of different traditions have been combined and edited to produce the book of Genesis. This hypothesis finds support in the fact that there are two stories about the birth of Isaac side by side, one in chapter 17, the other (the one we hear today) in chapter 18. Both explain how a seemingly intractable impasse was overcome. Along with land, Abraham had been promised a wealth of descendants, but he and Sarah were childless.

Unknowingly Abraham experiences a divine visitation (the number of visitors varies between three and one). The initial hospitality he offers them becomes more and more lavish as time goes on. The climax of the story is finally reached when Abraham and Sarah are promised a son. In the verses that follow we are told that Sarah was reprimanded by the Lord for laughing at such an improbable proposition.

Second Reading

[Colossians 1: 24-28](#)

In the fourth and final chapter of the letter to the Colossians, the author writes of being in prison (4:2,10,18). Even if the author is Paul, which is open to question, the date and place of this imprisonment cannot be identified for certain. But presumably this is the affliction the author refers to when he says, "It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now."

Imprisonment was certainly one of the many forms of suffering that Paul endured. He saw this suffering as a participation in the passion of Christ. It authenticated his claim to apostolic authority. Now he proceeds to speak with that authority. His mission and message, he declares, has been to reveal the mystery of Christ to the nations, "Christ among you, your hope of glory."

A constant and recurring theme of Paul's letters is the once-and-for-all efficacy of Christ's saving death and resurrection, so it's puzzling that he writes here of what "still has to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church."

While somewhat obscure, perhaps he means to say that the sufferings of Christ are still being worked out in his body that is the Church.

