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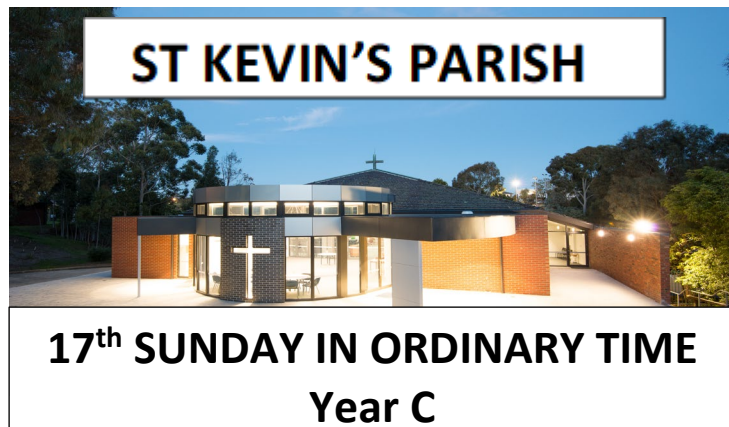
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**Parish Office Hours:** Tue to Fri: 9am to 4pm

**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.

**23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 BAPTISM PRESENTATION WEEKEND**

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

Can you believe it! July and we are setting calendar dates and discussing the sacramental program for 2023. One of the most wonderful things in the discussion was the absence of any hint of worry about 'if we are not locked down.' For me at least that suggests I've grown past the fears that 2020/2021 Covid-19 restrictions imposed. Yes I am still being careful with masks and hygiene and yes there remain concerns for the future but fear isn't driving decisions.

So, we are able to move ahead with re-starting or starting new things: Needlecraft, Men's group, Social Justice Action, Meditation (face to face), ...

Congratulations! You are participating!

But ... what about others?

A few weeks ago we put out a 'survey' seeking to get some insight into why a lot of people have not returned to active involvement in parish life. So far we've had almost no response (clearly we didn't reach our intended group).

Who among your family and friends hasn't come back yet? Can you find out and let us know why?

Our community life is essential as we seek to be the Body of Christ – it is hard to be a body when many parts are missing.

Let me know, let us know.

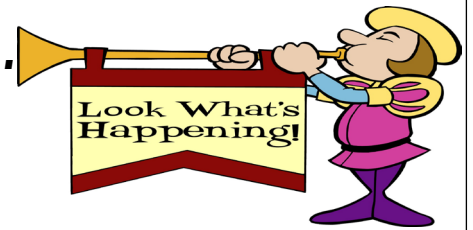
*God bless, Fr Charles*

### **Social Justice Collaboration with St Therese's Parish Essendon**

Thanks to a thoughtfully arranged new connection for our Parish Social Justice Action, Sherry Balcombe of the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry (ACM) has introduced us to Essendon Parish Pastoral Council President, and Social Justice Coordinator, who generously and enthusiastically shared with us via Zoom last Thursday details of their long-standing active engagement in Indigenous Issues, and ways they have engaged their community and Parish School. They also made available for our use some of their impressive self-generated and ACM endorsed Multimedia presentations, periodically/seasonally used by them for post-communion Mass reflection.

*John Costa*

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



|                  |                  |   |
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| <b>Saturday</b>  | 5.30pm           | Baptism Presentation Mass   |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 8.30am & 10.00am | Masses  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 8.30am           | Adoration   |
|                  | 10.15am          | Grandparents Day Mass together with the school  |
|                  | 1.00pm           | Needlecraft Group   |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 9.30am           | Christian Meditation in Chapel and on zoom<br>(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  |



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>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> July.

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.**

### MEN'S SOCIAL GROUP



ST KEVIN'S PARISH, TEMPLESTOWE

#### St Kevin's Men's Social Group

It's time to get together and have fun, to rekindle connections and make new friendships.

St Kevin's parish is starting up a Men's Social Group.

Open to men of any age (older teenagers are welcome with their guardian) - parishioners and non parishioners alike.

All welcome.

Invite a friend, relative or neighbour along.

Socialising in person is good for our wellbeing!

Share food, drinks, chat and mingle - the footy will be playing in the background.

**When:** Second Friday of the Month.

Beginning on Friday, 12 August 2022 at 7.30 pm in the Gathering Space at St Kevin's Church.

To assist with costs, suggested donation \$7 - BYO alcoholic drinks. Supper provided.

For catering purposes, please register your interest by emailing Tiziana

D'Costa [tiziana.dcosta@cam.org.au](mailto:tiziana.dcosta@cam.org.au) or ring the parish office on 03 9850 5983.

## LITURGY ROSTER

### Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> July 2022

**1<sup>st</sup> Read: Genesis 18: 20-32    2<sup>nd</sup> 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<br>Tony Robinson |

### Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> July 2022

**1<sup>st</sup> Read: Eccle 1: 2; 2: 21-23    2<sup>nd</sup> Read: Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11    Gospel: Luke 12: 13-21**

| Time    | Commentator      | Lector         | Communion                |
|---------|------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| 5.30pm  | Pauline Erickson | Kathly Pearce  | Anne Maguire             |
| 8.30am  | Paul Polidano    | Kirsten Colins | TBA                      |
| 10.00am | Tony Byrne       | Miriam Ayoub   | Lyn Murphy<br>Kaye Byrne |

**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:** Patricia Lo Giudice, Jim Baruta, Ron Herbert, Elaine Viney and Peter McNamara.

**Recently Deceased:**

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

**Sunday 24 July is World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.** This is important because often elders lack recognition and respect in our society. It is a sad state of affairs: the hard-won life experience of elders is invaluable and grandparents, in particular, play a vital role in the life of a family.

My grandparents were an integral part of my childhood. I loved them dearly and their values shaped me as a person. My children are also fortunate to have a close relationship with their grandparents.

Grandparents are the foundation of the extended family, they help us to keep a strong connection to family history and traditions, and they give us unconditional love. Their patience, care and wisdom provide an emotional safety blanket for the whole family.

On Tuesday 26 July, at 10.15 am, there will be a Mass to give thanks for the grandparents in our life (this Mass replaces the weekly 9.15 am Tuesday Mass). Please come along and join St Kevin's school students and their grandparents in this important celebration.

I look forward to gathering as a community to acknowledge the gift that grandparents are to us all.

***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***

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Collection**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection today is for families with urgent special needs.

***John Costa***

### ***Baptisms Welcome!***

*This weekend we welcome:*

**Robert and Lauren Nardelli**

who will be introducing

**Luka**

to our Parish Community in preparation for his Baptism next month.

Celebration  
of the  
Sacrament of Baptism



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**

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

Alleluia!

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

Loving God please hear our prayer.

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

### **First Reading**

#### [Genesis 18: 20-32](#)

If the situation weren't so serious, one might be amused by this David and Goliath contest between Abraham and God.

The story follows immediately after God's promise last week to make Abraham the father of a great nation. It begins with God consulting himself about what to do with Sodom and Gomorrah, then turning up in front of Abraham.

We're not told how Abraham knows God's intentions, but he immediately lectures his Master on ethics, launches into a round of bargaining, and drives the numbers down step by step.

In the event the cities were destroyed, but Abraham emerges from this exchange with his reputation enhanced.

Only a person of admirable justice could have mounted such a challenge to the Almighty and stood his ground until God conceded and vacated the field.

We don't hear the aftermath today, when the author reports an attempted male gang rape that precipitates the cities' fate.

Some of the prophets offered an alternative view of Sodom and Gomorrah's guilt.

For Isaiah it was social injustice (1:10-17), for Ezekiel it was failure to care for the poor.

### **Second Reading**

#### [Colossians 2: 13-14](#)

The letter to the Colossians, whether by Paul himself or a follower, was prompted by reports of teachers leading the community astray.

They speculated about celestial beings with spiritual powers and advocated dietary practices and ritual observances. Such teaching was anathema because it called into question the complete adequacy of Christ's saving death.

Today Paul spells out how believers in Christ share in the salvation he achieved once and for all.

As he had taught in the letter to the Romans (6:3-5), it was by baptism.

In the waters of baptism they died and rose with Christ and had their sins forgiven.

Mention of forgiveness prompts Paul to introduce the metaphor of debt.

The bill of debt, he says, was made null and void by being nailed to the cross.

The message is strong and clear except for a somewhat ambiguous reference to the Colossians being uncircumcised.

This simply identifies them as Gentiles; the whole argument makes it clear that Paul is not requiring circumcision of them, quite the opposite.