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ST KEVIN'S PARISH

18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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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.

30th/31st July, 2022 FIRST EUCHARIST SUNDAY

From the PP's Desk...

Safeguarding update: URGENT!!!

ALL volunteers must have a valid Working with Children Check (WWCC).

ALL volunteers must sign a new Code-of-Conduct (it is over two years since you last signed one so it is due for renewal). Please check your WWCC and renew it NOW.

We will be calling around to chase you about your WWCC if you haven't renewed it or don't have one. I was this week made aware again, strongly, that if you or I work or volunteer without a valid WWCC the government fine can be thousands of dollars (and hundreds of thousands for the parish). So if you are not up to date: let us know and stop volunteering till you have applied for a current check.

We will distribute the Code-of-conduct for you to sign: this also is legally mandated.

Fr Charles Away: I will be in Dubbo Wed-Sat (am) for the funeral of my Mother-in-Law.

There will be no Masses in St Greg's or St Kevin's during this week. There will however be Services of Word with Holy Communion.

Masses for the Dead: Recently I have had some weekends where I have accepted a money offering to offer a particular Mass for the anniversary of death of a family member and another family arrives at the start of Mass requesting me to offer the same Mass for an additional person. When this happens I name each of the deceased at the start of Mass and in the Prayers of the faithful but only name the first during the Eucharistic Prayer. I then offer another Mass for the second person so that each person who has died does indeed have a Mass offered for the repose of their soul.

Reach Out—Bring People to Jesus—we have a forum for ministry leaders happening on Tuesday evening, continuing the work our Parish Pastoral Council seeking to re-enliven all parish ministries and to develop ways to grow so that our ministries can more effectively contribute to our primary mission as disciples of Christ to bring the Good News to all.

God bless, Fr Charles

Our new website is now live!

www.stkevinsparish.org.au

Very well done to Rebecca who has worked hard to migrate content from old to new website under tight deadlines. There's still some tinkering to do, but we hope you all agree it really looks great! Please take some time to check it out for yourself – we are sure you will find it both visually enticing and full of important parish information. **Your Parish Team**

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



Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses (First Communion at 10.00am)
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	Service of the Word with Communion
Saturday	5.30pm	Baptism Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses (Baptisms at 10.00am)

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.

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 also be playing.

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 or ring the parish office on 03 9850 5983.

Funeral Wake

Last month, our dear Michael Westbrook passed away. His ashes will be interred at Andersons Creek Cemetery on Monday, 1st August at 1.00pm followed by a wake here in St Kevin's Gathering Space. All are welcome to attend.



to all of you who supported me during the recent passing of my husband, John Turner. Thank you for coming to his funeral last Tuesday. Your presence was of great comfort to me. It has been a difficult journey but knowing I have the support of this wonderful community helps me greatly. Margaret Turner

LITURGY ROSTER

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 30th/31st July 2022

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

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Pauline Erickson	Kathty Pearce	Anne Maguire
8.30am	Paul Polidano	Kirsten Colins	TBA
10.00am	Tony Byrne	Miriam Ayoub	Lyn Murphy Kaye Byrne

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 6/7th August 2022

1st Read: Wisdom 18: 6-9 2nd Read: Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19 Gospel: Luke 12: 32-48

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: Maria Amato, Domenico Morello, Alberico Mollica, Joy Lewis, Nick Corken and May Poon.

Recently Deceased:

A Word From Our Lay Ecclesial Leader...

We celebrated a wonderful Mass on Tuesday for grandparents and special persons. There was a happy crowd of St Kevin's schoolchildren, their grandparents and special people, and parishioners. It was so lovely to see the Church filled to the brim and the community come together to worship and give thanks. It happens less often these days that we see such a large turnout to Church. Post lockdowns, what keeps people away? To help us understand, please take the survey in the Gathering Space to someone you know who no longer comes to Mass. You can return the survey to me, to the parish office, or place it in the special box provided in the Gathering Space. Thank you!

Blessings, Tiziana



First Communions - Wow!
The Parish of St Kevin's welcomes ten lucky and delightful children who come to the Table of the Lord for the first time, this Sunday. Congratulations and welcome to:

Lucas Caio Gloria Dellios

Michaela Dellios Brona Green

Sienna Kam Malia Peters

Anastasia Simonovski Elliott Souter

Ashley Tsoi Milla Veleski

Baptisms Welcome!

This weekend we welcome:

Andrew and Laura Bury

who will be introducing
**Aliyah Alice and Eve Ida,
 Blessing and Munachi Enyi**

who will be introducing
**Chimjimakaoma Zayne,
 Nathan and Jennifer Jayawardena**

who will be introducing

Julian Noah and

Nicholas and Deanna Spyropoulos

who will be introducing

Eva Rose

to our Parish Community in preparation for their Baptisms next month.

Celebration
of the
Sacrament of Baptism



New Readers/Commentators Rosters have been emailed. Could everyone please check your inbox and ensure your availability on the dates stipulated. Thank you all.

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

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

[Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 2: 21-23](#)

The person claiming to be the author of Ecclesiastes calls himself Qoheleth.

This Hebrew word (Ecclesiastes in Latin) means something like "person of the assembly."

His anonymity matches the fact that his composition is one of the most enigmatic books in the entire Bible.

It stands in stark contrast to Moses' assurance a few Sundays ago that God's word and the Law were within everyone's easy reach.

Qoheleth begs to differ.

Human beings, he laments, are unable to make sense of life.

Working hard and living a godly life produce no benefit; life is largely absurd.

Those who take the trouble to read all twelve chapters of this treatise will find some glimmers of light amid the general gloom, but none of them are in today's passage.

How unjust life is, he complains, when all the benefit of a person's working life goes to someone who hasn't earned it.

All is vanity, like a misty vapour or a passing breeze.

This text, short as it is, is typical of much of the whole book.

Some may argue that it is all too much in tune with contemporary disillusionment.

Second Reading

[Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11](#)

The first few verses of today's reading may have been read on Easter Sunday. As was noted then, they seem other-worldly.

"Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on earth," the author of the letter to the Colossians writes.

But as today's additional material shows, the contrast between heavenly and earthly things is that between two ways of living in this world.

There's the way of the "old self" (exemplified by a standard list of vices) and the way of the "new self."

It's baptism that makes all the difference, as is hinted at in the metaphor of stripping off old garments and putting on new robes.

In the waters of baptism the old self is discarded and the new adopted.

The baptised are renewed in the image of God, and in God earthly distinctions are of no account, just as the white robe of baptism overrides the visible differences between people.

Notably absent from the list of differences is the dyad of male and female from Galatians 2:28.

In sum, "There is only Christ: he is everything and is in everything."

