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20th 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.

13/14th August, 2022 FIRST COMMUNIONS WEEKEND

From the PP's Desk...

Once in a while I sit down to plan my life, and before I can blink life changes. Or so it seems. There is an element of truth to this: at the beginning of last week, I looked and saw that I had Wednesday and Thursday free this week, and before the thought had even gelled into being an opportunity, calls came for me to celebrate two funerals. Any thought I might end up having time to reflect deeply on what I thought of the forum held at St Greg's on August 2nd, or to seriously review the new website at St Kevin's and suggest new things to add to the page, was gone. Yet ... the perspective is wrong: my perspective was wrong.

Life hasn't changed, life continues, and I have fallen into the trap of wanting life to stop for me! And that is impossible: life is change. Without change there is no life for us in this space-time world. Life continues, and it was like that for Jesus. Remember that after John the Baptist's beheading, Jesus just wanted to get away and go and grieve and pray alone, but the people found him so he ministered to them. This insight is important for us!

As we seek to grow in being missionary disciples, we must do so while engaging with the life that is happening around us and to us. If we don't engage with the here and now we will find ourselves like the priest or the Levite in the parable of the Good Samaritan. Yes there is a place and time for prayer and worship and for planning and strategising: but those things must happen within the context of life, not separate from life and from within the context of life will arise threads we can follow which will enrich our thinking and planning.

I was contacted by a parishioner: would I be willing to have a retired archbishop celebrate Mass with us one weekend soon! Oh! Another thing to plan! ... No! No! an opportunity to hear a voice from elsewhere, helping inform us of Jesus Christ's message from the perspective of a different culture. Now that could be useful for us.

I spent, as you know, thirty years in mathematics / engineering with fixed deadlines and largely well constrained problems to solve. So that mindset tends to be uppermost in my mind sometimes, even today twenty years later. The love Jesus brings is not a well constrained problem: it is a boundless opportunity to love and each interaction is unique. I and a total for fifteen others from across St Kevin's and St Greg's will attend a workshop this weekend entitled "Leading Parish Renewal." I am hoping that the workshop will help us be open to the call of the Holy Spirit for our parishes. Keep us in your prayers please.

God bless, Fr Charles

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



Saturday	5.30pm	First Communion Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses
Monday	9.15am	Feast day Mass for the Assumption of Virgin Mary
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	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses

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**.



Monday, 15th August, we celebrate the **Feast Day** of the **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Mass will be celebrated at St Kevin's Church at 9.15am, together with the whole school, and at St Gregory the Great Church at 6.30pm. All welcome.

Next weekend, we will be conducting an appeal for the **Serra Australia Foundation** to enable it to continue to support activities which promote and support vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Consecrated Life. Vocations prayer cards (which can also be used as bookmarks) are available from the table in the Gathering Space.



CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.

CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential. Your compassionate generosity will help the most vulnerable members of our community – those facing job loss and homelessness, those experiencing mental health issues, families struggling with relationship problems, people in hospitals and prisons, newly arrived refugees, and those experiencing anxiety, grief and trauma.

Please donate to CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help the most vulnerable and marginalised in our community.

You can donate using the appeal envelope available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible

LITURGY ROSTER

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 13/14th August 2022

1st Read: Jeremiah 38: 4-6, 8-10 2nd Read: Hebrews 12: 1-4 Gospel: Luke 12: 49-53

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Margaret Turner	Kathy Pearce	Anne Maguire
8.30am	Kirsten Collins	Paul Polidano	Mary Waddick
10.00am	Tony Byrne	Miriam Ayoub	Kaye Byrne Joe Batiller

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time – 20th/21st August 2022

1st Read: Isaiah 66: 18-21 2nd Read: Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13 Gospel: Luke 13: 22-30

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Janet Parsons	Daniel Marini	Maryanne McNamara
8.30am	Paul Polidano	Rebecca Sandwell	Pat Rowland
10.00am	Mishika Perera	Julie O'Donnell	Lyn 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, Mary Calleja and Batoul Barak.

Anniversaries: Faye Whitehead, Jopie Lun and June Gillespie.

Recently Deceased:

A Word From Our Lay Ecclesial Leader...

On occasion of the Feast of the Assumption next week, I ponder 'Who was Mary?' As a child, I was taught Mary was a woman meek and mild. With time and study, this image has expanded. Joan Chittister says wisely - Mary knew what it means to be strong. She said yes to God to be an unwed mother. At Cana, she was strong enough to insist on miracles and to get them. Mary never gives up after Bethlehem, after Egypt and after the crucifixion. Mary is the image of women everywhere: independent women, unmarried mothers, homeless women, refugee women, mothers of the condemned and mothers who outlive their child - We will never know for sure what Mary was really like, but Scripture gives us some insightful clues. And if it is accepted that Mary was more than just a meek and mild woman, what might this mean for our faith and for the Church overall?

Blessings, Tiziana



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

Samuel Dykstra Ndapiwanashe Frewen

Alexander Fusco Mia Nardelli

Lennix Nunziato Aria Toscano

Asher Trewella Liesel Vercauteren

The Archbishop of Melbourne has paid tribute to our Fr Charles Balnaves for all his hard work and dedication in not only building a new Church but also a new primary school at Bannockburn, during his time there as parish priest, . You can read all about it at the Archdiocesan website: melbournecatholic.org/news/archbishop-dedicates-new-st-mary-of-the-cross-mackillop-church-in-bannockburn.
Well done Fr Charles!



Church Maintenance This week, you will see some workers carrying out maintenance work in our Church, including some rewiring of speakers, painting, repairing leaking downpipes – just to name a few! But don't worry, all weekly activities including Masses will be 'business as usual' at our Church.

For information on our Parish
Schools please contact:

St Kevin's Primary School
Phone: 9273 9999

St Charles Borromeo Primary School
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Responsorial Psalm

Lord, come to my aid!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

[Jeremiah 38: 4-6. 8-10](#)

It's a perennial question for small nations threatened by much larger hostile forces.

Should they engage in what seems futile resistance or should they sue for peace?

This was hotly debated in Jerusalem about 600 BC. Faced with the might of the Babylonian empire, King Zedekiah was advised by some of his courtiers to ally himself with the power of Egypt and fight back.

Jeremiah took the opposing view, recommending the city accept its fate and surrender.

Jeremiah's unpopular political advice, along with his support for religious reforms, made him a ready target for ridicule and rejection.

Accused of undermining the morale of the troops and already imprisoned in the guards' quarters, the prophet is left to die in the miry depths of a well.

A lone foreigner at court, Ebed-Melech, persuades the king to spare Jeremiah's life and he is rescued.

Second Reading

[Hebrews 12: 1-4](#)

The recipients of the letter to the Hebrews appear to be disheartened and in sore need of encouragement, so the author seeks to bolster their faith by stressing the uniqueness of Christ's priesthood and the supremacy of his sacrifice. By his willing obedience on the cross Jesus brought the whole sacrificial system to an end and gained free access to the heavenly sanctuary once and for all.

Today the author introduces the metaphor of a race. The Old Testament exemplars of faith that he has listed in the previous chapter are "witnesses in a great cloud on every side," like a crowd cheering on believers in the race towards their heavenly destination. As they run, they are urged to fix their eyes on Jesus who has made his way through opposition, suffering and crucifixion to "the right of God's throne." If they keep him in sight, they "will not give up for want of courage." At this point the metaphor changes from a race to a fight, either in the boxing ring or on the battlefield.

