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22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Year C – 27/28th August, 2022

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.

First Communion Weekend Social Justice Sunday Weekend

From the PP's Desk...

One of the people I've spent quite some time with via Zoom over the past year has been Ron Huntley—a man who is passionate about helping parishes grow in leadership so that they can grow in nurturing their existing community to be vibrant, open and welcoming and at the same time to grow in capability and willingness to invite new people to join (to be more missionary).

Amongst a lot of valuable ways he helps leaders there are two things that come to my mind this week. They come to mind because in all three of the schools I help lead I arrived to ask a question and walked in on a moment where children were being led through a restorative justice process after they had behaved badly. The children's behaviour was being called out respectfully and the teacher/principal was comfortable in the role.

The two areas that these incidents brought to mind are "our culture" and "being in a role that is the 'right role for me'"

Culture can easily be 'how we do things' with no thought for right/wrong or just/unjust. I think we've got a pretty good culture as parish: open, honest, tolerant, willing to speak up, seeking what is good for our children, faith-filled. I would be interested to know what you think. Do you agree? What gaps or flaws do you see? Strengths/improvements? Are we willing to call out bad behaviours (as was done at the schools)?

I'm not thinking about your paid job but rather your participation in faith life, parish life. Are you called to the ministry you are undertaking? Should it change? Do you want a new challenge? Do you have gifts from the Holy Spirit that you could bring to bear in new ways?

There are tools (eg Called and Gifted) which can help tease out possibilities. Would you like to learn some more about yourself and your faith?

We can arrange a workshop for one of these tools or point you to places on-line.

Please let me know your thoughts.

And yes, for the record: please praise me for the good ways I work but please doubly call me out when something I do could be improved.

God bless, Fr Charles

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



Saturday	5.30pm	Communion Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses (First Communion Mass @ 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	Mass
Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses



This weekend, our second collections will go towards an appeal for the **Serra Australia Foundation**. Serra, named after St Junipero Serra, is a worldwide movement within the Catholic Church whose objective is to encourage and support vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life. The Serra Australia Foundation Inc provides funds to cover the cost of activities which directly promote vocation.

The Foundation is this weekend conducting an appeal for funds to enable it to continue its work. On the table in the narthex are brochures which outline the work of Serra and include a form to make a donation Also on the table are vocations prayer cards/bookmarks.



SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2022-2023

The Australian Catholic Bishops have released their annual social justice statement – a practice dating back to the 1940s. This year's statement, titled **Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse**, addresses the scourge of domestic and family violence in society. Australian Catholic Bishops Conference president Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB writes in the statement's foreword that "The teaching of Christ urges us to promote relationships marked by respect and freedom rather than coercion and control. The message of the Gospel is not a message of domination of one person over another but a message of mutual esteem and kindness."

Copies can be found on the table in the Gathering Space or on our website.



to those of you who have ensured that the parish office has a copy of your Working With Children Check as well as signing our Code of Conduct document. If you haven't done so yet, please ensure that the parish office has a copy of these documents at your earliest possible convenience. Thank you all.



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 weekend.
Congratulations and welcome to:

Adam Carter

Gabriel Ciro

Gabriel D'Alessio

George Karagiannis

Ava Pana

Sienna Paterson-Caracoglia

Mark Purcell

William Singh

Everly Stocco

Isaac Strong

LITURGYROSTER

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 27/28th August 2022

1st Read: Eccles 3: 17-20, 28-29 2nd Read: Heb 12: 18-19, 22-24 Gospel: Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Pauline Erickson	Bredenia Raquel	Lynne O'Brien
8.30am	Frank Ozzimo	Kirsten Collins	Paul Polidano
10.00am	Tony Byrne	Lucy Halliburton	Geraldine Williams Carmel Shiel

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 3rd/4th September 2022

1st Read: Wisdom 9: 13-18 2nd Read: Philemon 9-10, 12-17 Gospel: Luke 14: 25-33

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Margaret Mangan	Peter Howes	Lynne O'Brien
8.30am	Frank Ozzimo	Paul Polidano	Pat Rowland
10.00am	Vianney Shiel	Frances Johnson	Raffaella Dinelli 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, Mary Calleja, Batoul Barak, Louise Dipetro and Mary Hodgekinson.

Anniversaries:

Recently Deceased: Phyllis Dunn
(aunt of Carmel Shiel)

A Word From Our Lay Ecclesial Leader...

I had a lovely conversation with a parishioner during the week. We chatted about gratitude. We agreed that it is easy to count your blessings in good times and to be hopeful for the future, far harder to do so in difficult times.

How do we keep hopeful when times are tough? Joan Chittister says 'hope is not insane optimism in the face of palpable evil or dire circumstances. Hope reminds us that there is nothing in life we have not faced that we did not, through God's gifts and graces - however unrecognized at the time - survive. Hope is the recall of good in the past, on which we base our expectation of good in the future, however bad is the present.'

For me hope is having faith that - no matter the circumstances - God always provides and cares for us. This is not always easy to do, especially in times of great distress. It's a work in progress. To be hopeful is a choice we make every day.

Blessings, Tiziana



Caring for those who cared

Father's Day - Next weekend, we celebrate **Father's Day!** We will also have a collection for **The Priests Retirement Foundation**. They provide complete care to the retired clergy within Melbourne.



The next **St Kevin's Men's Social Group** takes place on **Friday, 9th September @ 7.30pm in the Church Gathering Apaca**. 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. Space. Supper provided. BYO alcoholic drinks. \$7 donation suggested to cover costs.



YOUTH NIGHT

Join us 7pm till 9pm

@ The Parish room at St Gregory the Great

Open to all from Grade 6 to Year 9 a movie and pizza night is being held at St Gregory the Great Hall, on Friday, 2nd September. Come in your PJs and enjoy a lovely evening gathering with your friends. Please ring the parish office on 9412 8425.

*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, in your goodness,
you have made a home for the poor.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you;
learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.
Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

[Ecclesiasticus 3: 17-20, 28-29](#)

Still commonly referred to as the book of Ecclesiasticus, this manual of wisdom has quite a history. Originally written in Hebrew by "Jesus, son of Eleazar, son of Sirach" (50:27) around the year 200 BC, it was translated into Greek several decades later by the author's grandson. It then acquired a Latin title "Ecclesiasticus," meaning "book of the Church," around the year 200 AD.

Nowadays it is often called "Sirach" after its author's forebear. It is not included among the Jewish or Protestant scriptures.

The book is largely a life-time's collection of sayings and reflections on wisdom. This makes it a kind of handbook of wisdom. In Jewish tradition, wisdom is a broad category, ranging from short practical proverbs about daily living through to sublime meditations on the divine spirit.

For Ben Sirach, wisdom is closely aligned with the Mosaic Law, though this is not evident in today's extract on the subject of humility. The virtue is extolled not merely for its earthly value but because the humble "will find favour with the Lord." The proud person, on the other hand, is a lost cause, "since an evil growth has taken root in him." The reading concludes with general approval for those who pursue wisdom by reflecting on proverbs and listening attentively.

Second Reading

[Hebrews 18-19, 22-24](#)

This final passage from the letter to the Hebrews opens up a glorious vista of the heavenly Jerusalem, thronged with angels and saints and presided over by God and Jesus, judge and mediator respectively. It may surprise those who read the whole of this chapter to find this splendid scenario surrounded by warnings against falling away from the faith. It's a reminder that the author's fundamental purpose is to persuade his recipients not to lose heart and give up. He's not afraid to use threats to achieve his goal. That said, the reading itself is an invitation to thrill at the sight of the heavenly realm. The new Mount Zion is a festive place of inclusion, equality and belonging. It's not like Mount Sinai where the enactment of the old covenant was accompanied by terrifying sights and sounds (Ex 19:10-25; Dt 5:22-26). The new Jerusalem is a place of peaceful, joyous ingathering, laid open by Jesus, high priest of the new and eternal covenant and pre-eminent leader in faith.

