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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.

Father's Day Weekend

From the PP's Desk...

First, a reminder: have you ensured your **Working With Children Check** and Code of Conduct are up to date? 40% of those on our volunteer lists are not yet up to date.

Soon you will be contacted by parish staff if you aren't up to date. This contact will be our last effort before we are mandated to remove those who are non-compliant from the roster.

I don't want to lose volunteers, you are vital to the life of our faith community. Please, if you do anything with the parish of a volunteer nature: get a Working with children Check and sign a Code of Conduct (available from the table in the Gathering Space).

Second: Happy Father's Day!!

I sat with some Dads and Children at the St Greg's School Father's Day Breakfast last Thursday and asked one Dad if eating breakfast with his daughter was a first. "No! I try to always have breakfast with her." I realised that I can't remember a time as my children grew up that I shared breakfast with them other than weekends and holidays. Getting to the office required catching the bus and to manage the traffic, I left early. The Dad I was talking to said pre-Covid that would have been him too but now—he has discovered the importance of starting the day with family and is very pleased that working conditions now allow him the choice to breakfast with family. It is easy to allow the busyness of our lives to prevent us from being together. I know it is hard. I had to leave the Father's Day breakfast at St Greg's to go to a meeting at St Kevin's so I couldn't stay to see the magician. As I reflect on my words that I have just written: did I HAVE to leave? Could I have cancelled that meeting and stayed to be with community? Hmmm ... how can we focus on what is truly important?

We remain at about 60% of pre-Covid Mass attendance —and that proportion is very common across the parishes around Melbourne. What happened to the other 40%?

Some remain sensibly wary of large groups due to health concerns. But what about the others? Who do you know that hasn't returned? Are you able to discern what would help them return? Can you invite them to come with you?

When we talk about allowing time for what is truly important then for me at least, that must include time to gather as a people of faith. Faith needs nourishment. How can we make our gatherings nourishing of faith?

There are requests for a group or groups to be formed to reflect on the weekend readings and draw them into life; for a regular healing Mass; ... what would help nurture your faith as a truly important basis in your life?

God bless, Fr Charles

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



Saturday	5.30pm	Father's Day Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Father's Day Masses
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	Confirmation Commitment Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses (Confirmation Commitment @ 10.00am)

Asylum Seekers and a new Australian Government - Parish Social Justice Action event

Last weekend was observed as Social Justice Sunday and the Brigidine Asylum Seeker's Project (BASP) Co-Founder, Sr Brigid Arthur AO csb, has kindly agreed to a St Kevin's SJA request for a timely update on the growing significance of Australian Asylum Seekers. This will be via an online event on **Thursday 29th September from 7:30pm - 8:30pm**. In the context of Catholic Social Justice thinking, and a new Government, the Forum will also include a Q&A session and be made available to Parish School families, our sisters and brothers at St Gregory's Parish and some other neighbouring parishes. Further details and online registration will be provided shortly, but if social justice is important to you do mark this in your diary now, and register for online access when shortly made available on our parish website Social Justice Action page.

John Costa

PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION



Caring for those who cared.

This appeal creates one of the four main income streams for the Foundation enabling them to support the retired priests of the Archdiocese. They are grateful to the Catholic people of Melbourne who so generously respond.

A Father's Day BLESSING

God our Father,
in your wisdom and love you made
all things.

Bless these men,
that they may be strengthened
as Christian fathers.

Let the example
of their faith and love shine forth.
Grant that we may honour them always
with a profound respect.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Happy
Father's
Day



LITURGYROSTER

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

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 10/11th September 2022

1st Read: Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14 2nd Read: Tim 1: 12-17 Gospel: Luke 15: 1-32

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Margaret Turner	Kathy Pearce	Lawrence Cecconello
8.30am	Miriam Ayoub	TBA	Mary Waddick
10.00am	Carmel Purdey	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, Batoul Barak, Louise Dipetro, Mary Hodgekinson and Izabella Fantin.

Anniversaries: Peter Raymond Murphy, Angela Castellucci, Frank Delaney, Neta Meagher, Sharon Hammet, Elisa Ruggieri and Peter Coade.

Recently Deceased: Erminia Theuma

A Word From Our Lay Ecclesial Leader...

The Holy Spirit came up in two conversations this week. This is unusual. Often conversations centre around Jesus. This is not a bad thing, of course, but I wonder why we sometimes forget to acknowledge that the Spirit of God is active everywhere, every day. The Spirit comes to me as an intuition, a nudge, a strong 'gut feeling' to move in a particular direction. It is never frantic, but calm and confident. And it always leads to love.

The Holy Spirit is God's promise to be with us come what may. Take a moment in prayer or stillness this week; be open to feel the Spirit's breath and what she may be telling you...

Blessings, Tiziana

MEN'S SOCIAL GROUP



ST KEVIN'S PARISH, TEMPLESTOWE

The next **St Kevin's Men's Social**

Group takes place on **Friday, 9th**

September @ 7.30pm in the Church

Gathering Apace. 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. Supper provided.

BYO alcoholic drinks. \$7 donation suggested to cover costs.

Thank You

Money Counting

St Kevin's Parish would like to thank **Bernie Brady** for his many years of dedicated service as a valued member of the Money Counting Team. Bernie has announced his retirement from the Team and we wish him and his wife Heather all the very best for the future.

SPRING HAS SPRUNG,



Next weekend 10/11th September we will celebrate Confirmation Commitment Masses. All are welcome to come and pray for our children as they continue to travel along their faith journey.

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St Kevin's Primary School
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St Charles Borromeo Primary School
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Responsorial Psalm

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord hear our prayer.

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

First Reading

Wisdom 9: 13-18

The phrase, "the wisdom of Solomon," is still a popular saying as well as the name of a book in the Bible. Today's reading is from this book. The unknown author weaves strands of Jewish faith and Greek philosophy together to create an impressive tapestry of wisdom. The Egyptian city of Alexandria, centre of Greek culture and home to a large Jewish community, is widely regarded as the place of composition, perhaps not long before the time of Jesus. Much of the reading seems to be in sympathy with what we heard several Sundays ago from the author of Ecclesiastes. Just as he complained that life has no discernible meaning or purpose, so today's sage laments how impossible it is for mortals to know the will of God. Their minds are impeded by "a perishable body" and "this tent of clay," a philosophical view embraced by the followers of Plato. But the author goes on to put this in a faith perspective. Human beings are saved from blind ignorance by God's gift of wisdom: "your holy spirit from above." Christian believers will see here a hint of the Spirit promised by Jesus and bestowed on the apostles after his resurrection. Both the builder and the king in Jesus' gospel story were faced with challenges that required such practical wisdom.

Second Reading

Hebrews 18-19, 22-24

The shortest and most personal of all Paul's letters is known as the Letter to Philemon, but in fact it is addressed also to "the church that meets in your house" as well. Philemon appears to be an esteemed believer, perhaps even a leader of sorts, and the owner of the slave Onesimus. The letter has generally been interpreted to imply that Onesimus has run away from his owner and perhaps even stolen from him, but it's possible he was loaned to the imprisoned Paul and simply overstayed his time. During his stay with Paul, he has become the apostle's spiritual son by embracing the good news. Whatever the rift between his master and Onesimus, Paul appeals very diplomatically to Philemon to accept his slave back "as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord." In the process Paul engages in some word-play based on Onesimus' name which meant "useful." It may surprise some that Paul makes no protest about the institution of slavery in spite of his declaration that human distinctions count for nothing in Christ (Gal 3:28). Perhaps slavery was so integral to life in the Roman Empire that it was impossible to question it, or perhaps the expectation of Christ's return was still so strong it was considered unnecessary.

