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Confirmation Commitment Weekend

From the PP's Desk- Anniversaries! 1 year. Thank you thank you for your welcome and love. Anniversaries creep up on you don't they? The Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary this past Thursday marked a year since I arrived in Doncaster and Templestowe Parishes (yes, I did visit both that day). I arrived a little earlier than I had expected—about 2pm. I had that morning anointed a lady near death, and celebrated a final Mass at 11am in Meredith—the drive—a major move with no record of it in my diary. How odd... I arrived to find my boxes distributed through the house not stacked in the garage. What a gift. And being gifted at St Greg's School with such a smile and welcome from Michelle, the school principal, along with the keys to the house and the church. Grace indeed! Smiles! Welcomes! From everyone as the days progressed and then the weeks and the months.

So much has changed in this past year. It started in a strong lockdown—for nearly two months—live-streamed Mass with four people in person and forty on Zoom and hundreds via Facebook—meeting just a very few people. I had time to sort my books. Then slowly slowly opening up, people coming into or back into my life in person, people getting to know each other again in person. Mass attendances growing. The beginning of meetings in person. A parish gathering in the hall. The beginnings of finding out about both parishes. Yes, I knew St Kevin's from 8 years before but not as Parish Priest. Learning then and still learning. Knitting Group. Meditation. Youth and Young Adults. Vinnies and Social Committee. Liturgy planning. Masses in Aged Care. As the months have gone on new activities have been added: a Mens-group; Adoration/Healing/Charismatic Mass; the beginnings of seeking to find how all our ministries can thrive and become more missionary. Along the way I celebrated 7 years ordained and 70 years of life.

I arrived with two things burning in my heart: I want to share the joy of the Gospel with you—to draw you further and further into the love that I know we share for Jesus Christ and I want our communities to be vibrant in faith and to that know the joy of reaching out, inviting others to come to meet Jesus.

There are lots of things I see the need for people to help with. More lectors (readers) and ministers of Holy Communion and members of liturgy groups and pastoral and finance groups; and people willing to assist with music ministry and to join Vinnies, and help interface with the schools, to join RCIA, the group helping others join our faith I could go on.

But a new area I see as urgent is to find some people who will help an evangelisation effort get started: the effort our vibrant community will support: the effort that reaches out and invites others to come and see. Yes, like Mary in Bethany, we are called to sit at Jesus' feet and listen. But also, our baptismal call is "To Go and Make disciples". Please, will you help? Come forwards and let me know you would like to find out more and maybe be part of this missionary effort. None of us are worthy—but the Spirit calls us in our weakness and frailty. Answer! Yes! Please!

God bless, Fr Charles

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



Saturday	5.30pm	Confirmation Commitment Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses (Confirmation Commitment @ 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 (Baptism @ 10.00am)

Online Registration now available (and required) for 29 September Parish Social Justice Action Zoom Presentation by St Brigid Arthur


This timely Online Presentation from 7:30pm-8:30pm on 29th September 'Asylum Seekers and a newly elected Australian Government' by Sr Brigid Arthur is described in detail on the Parish website Home Page and Social Justice Action pages. Attendance requires REGISTRATION online via the website Notices for this event. Registration is straight forward but for anyone without a computer or who can't register one way or another please let the Parish Office or myself know if you need assistance.

John Costa

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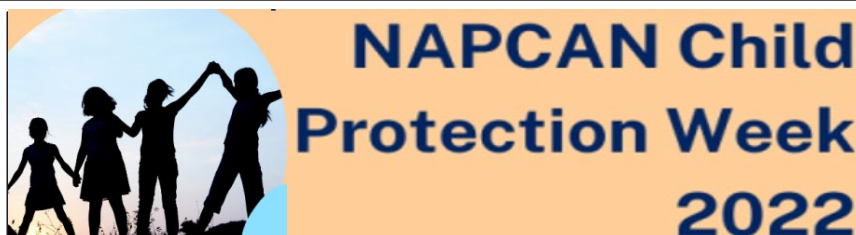


A big "thank you" to all who contributed towards this appeal last weekend. Together we managed to raise \$829 for our sick and retired priests who have given their lives to look after us.

 **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 the parish office has a copy of these documents at your earliest possible convenience. Thank you all.



This weekend we observe Child Protection Sunday. It coincides with National Child Protection Week 2022, launched by the Governor General this week. The 2nd Collection for this weekend's Masses will be for the National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (NAPCAN) which among their many national Workshops, Training, Information, Events and Advocacy also organises Child Protection Week.

*Happy
1st
anniversary*

to our Parish Priest, Fr Charles Balnaves, who celebrated his first anniversary with us last Thursday, 8th September. Congratulations and well done Fr Charles. Thank you very much for all that you do for us and for our parish.



Our friends at the Exodus Community are grateful to our merry band of knitters who provided warm blankets for those in need recently. You can read the full letter of appreciation from the noticeboard in the Gathering Space. Well done Ladies! Keep up the great work and thank you for your generosity of time and talent.

LITURGY ROSTER

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 Ceconello
8.30am	Miriam Ayoub	Pauline Erickson	Mary Waddick
10.00am	Carmel Purdey	Julie O'Donnell	Lyn Robinson Tony Robinson

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 17/18th September 2022

1st Read: Amos 8: 4-7 2nd Read: Timothy 2: 1-8 Gospel: Luke 16: 1-13

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Janet Parsons	Peter Howes	Anne Maguire
8.30am	Frank Ozzimo	Rebecca Sandwell	Pat Rowland
10.00am	Mishika Perera	Liz O'Connell	Carmel Shiel Geraldine Williams

We pray for Better Health: Michael Doyle, Fr Brendan Dillon, Jill Hodson, Ella Dunn, Betty Natoli, Rick Gaillardetz, Bastine D'Cruz, Mary Calleja, Batoul Barak, Louise Dipetro, Mary Hodgekinson, Izabella Fantin, Tony Nigro and Catherine Conti.

Anniversaries: Lauren Williams, Allan Robinson, John Brennan and Therese Lavery

Recently Deceased: Queen Elizabeth II

A Word From Our Lay Ecclesial Leader...

At a retreat this week I was reminded of two very important things. The gift of authentic encounters and the gift of truly listening to another. An authentic encounter can happen anytime, with anyone - it occurs when we make a connection at the heart level; it is very special - it stays with us. To truly listen is a gift we give another. It happens when we are present and we listen without judgement, and without seeking to find solutions. It can be an uncomfortable space, but to be fully attentive to someone can be transformational for the person who is heard.

Often caught up in the busyness of life, the lesson is to remember to stop from time to time. A simple act of love (listening with the heart and being present) can make a huge difference in someone else's life.

Blessings, Tiziana

Confirmation
Commitment



This weekend we celebrate Confirmation Commitment Masses. All are welcome to join in prayer for our children as they continue to travel along their faith journey.

Baptism Welcome!

This weekend we welcome:

Richard and Helena Scully

who will be introducing

Leo

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

Celebration
of the
Sacrament of Baptism



Vale Queen Elizabeth II

In 2002 Her Majesty shared in her Christmas message:

“Each day is a new beginning.

I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God.” May she rest in peace.



Did You Know... It has been 51 years since Templestowe became a Parish and Father Charles McCann was appointed our first Parish Priest? All this interesting information and more can be found in our website on the ‘parish history page’. Check it out and be proud of our rich history.

For information on our Parish
Schools please contact:

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

I will rise and go to my father.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has
entrusted to us. Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord hear our prayer.

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

First Reading

[Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14](#)

The story of how the covenant between God and the Israelites was sealed in blood at the foot of Mt Sinai is told every three years on the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. We never hear how the episode concludes – with Moses staying on the mountain forty days and nights. Several chapters of instructions for a shrine for the ark of the covenant follow. The story resumes with the people taking advantage of Moses' absence to fashion a golden calf.

Today's reading recounts the consequences.

It consists of an impassioned exchange between God and Moses.

God laments the people's apostasy and determines to punish those responsible.

Moses responds with a plea to God on the basis of God's past saving actions and promises for the future.

Moses' appeal to God's "better nature," as it were, succeeds and God relents.

The story enhances Moses' reputation as a powerful intercessor.

It also presents God as one who can be persuaded to let mercy triumph over justice.

The gospel will depict this mercy even more memorably.

Second Reading

[1 Timothy 1: 12-17](#)

Neither of the two letters addressed to Timothy give us any biographical information about him, apart from him being Paul's "loyal child in the faith" entrusted with oversight of the community at Ephesus. From the Acts of the Apostles, we learn that his mother was Jewish and his father Greek and that he was a companion of Paul's on his missionary journeys as well as an occasional emissary. This first of three readings from the first letter to Timothy is all about Paul. It's an account of his transition from doing all he could "to injure and discredit the faith" to being filled "with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus." This serves two purposes: it establishes his apostolic authority and it offers assurance to false teachers that they too can be saved. It needs to be said that most scholars now believe this letter, along with 2 Timothy and Titus, was not written by Paul himself but by a later author invoking Paul's name. One of the clues to a post-Pauline date for these letters is the repeated use of the phrase "this is a saying you can rely on," suggesting a later concern for authentic tradition.

There are also allusions to the development of Church offices.

Nonetheless it remains convenient to speak of the author as Paul.

