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## ST KEVIN'S PARISH

**27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**Year C – 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2022**

### *St Vincent De Paul Weekend*

#### ***From the PP's Desk...***

I found myself in what was for me an unusual situation last weekend: I had carefully prepared my homily and it seemed to make sense when I finished it. But!!!! When I presented it at St Kevin's, it fell apart, twice (to the 5:30 pm / 10 am congregations my apologies). Then: I got focus, I think it became ok.

I mention this because it reminds me of an important point: it is easy to make mistakes; easy to focus on 'me and what I want to say' and forget to allow the Holy Spirit space. That is what happened: I squeezed in three ideas that "I" wanted to speak about—the Holy Spirit wanted only ONE idea included. We all need to make space for the Holy Spirit—and recognise his call.

Bishop Hilton Deakin died on 28th September. Bishop Hilton played a significant role in my life and vocational call from 2004 to 2013 and occasionally since. A man, priest, bishop of great insight, passionate, who loved Jesus Christ before all and through Christ loved the marginalised: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, Timor Leste, Timor Oeste. I grieve at his death.

On a more positive note: I am about to start a series of 'leadership coaching' sessions with Ron Huntley and four parishioners have agreed to journey with me (Alfred Ablaza and Margaret O'Donnell from St Greg's and Tiziana D'Costa and Carmel Purdey from St Kevin's). They will be a support group for me, helping me to lead our parishes towards ways for the strength of faith that we already have to be deepened and so that we can flourish in seeking to spread the Good News. I am not supplanting the parish councils or finance groups or any other groups but seeking to have help so we can all have greater insight into how to be even better followers, disciples, of Christ.

And ... I have had meetings with the finance groups in both parishes and am pleased to say that we are in good financial health: THANK YOU, indeed, I do thank you greatly.

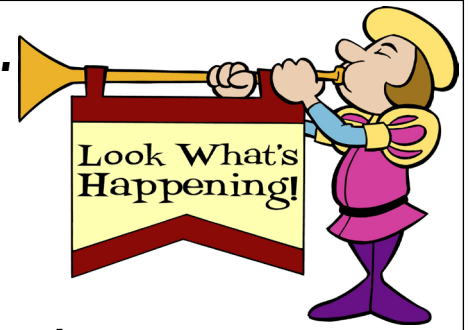
Yes, there has been some loss of thanksgiving income but we don't see this as the right time for a Stewardship/Thanksgiving campaign. I would however, gently ask that you review your pledge and see if it remains current and appropriate for you today.

And finally: As we seek to get current volunteers up-to-date with Working With Children Checks and Code of Conducts it is also true that we need more people to step in and help with all aspects of parish life. Please look inside your heart, feel inside your soul: are you giving of your time and talent in ways which can help the parish flourish? Thank you for looking - come and see me.

***God bless, Fr Charles***

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

<b>Saturday</b>	5.30pm	Mass
<b>Sunday</b>	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses
<b>Tuesday</b>	8.30am	Adoration
	9.15am	Mass
	1.00pm	Needlecraft Group
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.30am	Christian Meditation in Chapel and on zoom (please contact the Parish Office to provide email address)
	11.00am	Adoration
<b>Thursday</b>	8.30am	Adoration
	9.15am	Mass
<b>Saturday</b>	5.30pm	Family Mass hosted by St Kevin's Year 5/6
<b>Sunday</b>	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses



Next Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> October, we will celebrate a **Family Mass** hosted by St Kevin's Year 5/6. All are welcome to join in the Celebration!

**The 2nd Collection** this weekend will be for **LOYO Elementary School in Cebu, Philippines**, which St Kevin's School and our Parish have continued to strongly support for some years. The school is recovering both from extended COVID lockdown and storm damage. LOYO representatives will visit St Kevin's School and Parish (and others) in November.

**John Costa**

**Parish Follow up on Asylum Seekers & Refugees.** Following the Sr Brigid online Social Justice Action presentation last Thursday night the next newsletter and associated website notices will announce details of Parish opportunities for interested parishioners to actively engage in Asylum Seeker and/or Refugee support activities.

**John Costa**

### **Craft Stall coming soon from the Convent of St Elisabeth in Minsk, Belarus!**

We are delighted to invite you to see and purchase handmade religious articles made by the Sisters of St Elisabeth Convent (Belarus). The exposition will take place on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> October after the 9.15am Mass.

*Sisterhood of St. Elisabeth was founded in 1996. Our missionary began in National mental hospital located not far from the Convent. Sisters take care of mentally challenged children and adults. Life of the child with diagnoses such as Down syndrome, birth traumas or congenital physical defects may be quite short and it is painful to see them suffering. Also the adult patients need constant support owing to the fact that their illnesses make it impossible for them to adapt socially.*

In recent years a shelter and house of Labour for former drug and alcohol addicted people was organised 20 miles away from the Convent. A lot of homeless, struggling and lost people get a chance for new start in life to find the God.

In order to help these people some workshops were organized on the premises of the Convent where vulnerable people have a possibility to express themselves in art for God working together with nuns and sisters and making icons (including hand painted), crosses, crucifixes, wood carvings, embroidered and ceramic gifts, rosaries and vestments. All these goods made with love and prayer bring blessings to their owners.

We are happy and thanking God for the opportunity to introduce and offer them to you.

## LITURGY ROSTER

### Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022

1<sup>st</sup> Read: Habakkuk 1: 2-3; 2: 2-4 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14 Gospel: Luke 17: 5-10

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Margaret Mangan	Kathy Pearce	Lynne O'Brien
8.30am	Frank Ozzimo	Rebecca Sandwell	Pat Rowland
10.00am	Vianney Shiel	Carmel Shiel	Tony Whelan Lucy Halliburton

### Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 8/9<sup>th</sup> October 2022

1<sup>st</sup> Read: 2 Kings 5: 14-17 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: 2 Timothy 2: 8-13 Gospel: Luke 17: 11-19

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Margaret Turner	Daniel Marini	Lawrence Ceconello
8.30am	Pauline Erickson	Paul Polidano	Pat Rowland
10.00am	Mishika Perera	Frances Johnson	Lyn Robinson Tony Robinson

**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 and John Nigro.

**Anniversaries:** Kristina Kulpinska, Wladyslawa Kulpinska, Gino Trentini, Denis Houlihan, Orazio Torre and Palmira Dinelli  
**Recently Deceased:** Bishop Hilton Deakin and Catherine Conti

### ***A word from the Lay Ecclesial Leader***

In a few conversations this week I was reminded about the wonderful diversity in our parish. Diversity of gifts, talents as well as opinions and experiences. Diversity is a strength. We are many parts of one body. Our parish needs everyone's gifts and talents; we are stronger when we all help and become involved - in whichever way we are called to. In this weekend's gospel we are reminded that faith is not what we want God to do for us; faith is about our being and doing for God.

What can you do for God in the parish? What is your special interest, gift or talent? Can you help with bringing new and old people back to the parish community? Can you assist with the running of the Mass? Would you like to be involved in any of the parish groups? Faith is more than duty, it is about responding to God's call of love for one another. This is experienced uniquely by each of us depending on our gifts and interests. So I am asking you: how will you experience and share your faith in our parish?

I look forward to hearing from you.

*Blessings, Tiziana*

### **125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Consecration – St Patrick's Cathedral**

As we celebrate our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year as a diocese – we also mark a significant milestone for our Cathedral. Archbishop Comensoli warmly invites you to join him for Mass to celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Consecration of St Patrick's – **Thursday 27 October 2022 at St Patrick's Cathedral, commencing at 1pm**. This is a beautiful opportunity to come together in the house of the Lord – built by the faithful and generous people from every part of our Archdiocese, and home for all. Mass will be followed by the Launch of the **Catholic Precinct Walking Tour App**, an initiative of the Mary Glowrey Museum.

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### **Responsorial Psalm**

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word  
given to you, the Good News. Alleluia!

### **Response to Prayers of the Faithful**

Lord hear our prayer.

## **REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### **First Reading**

[Habakkuk 1: 2-3; 2: 2-4](#)

A number of major characters in the Old Testament, such as Abraham, Moses, Job and Jeremiah, engage in debate with God. Today it's the prophet Habbakuk's turn. The short work that bears his name suggests that he was a contemporary of Jeremiah, prophesying in the critical years when the kingdom of Judah was in imminent danger of being overrun by the Babylonians around 600 BC.

Today's reading comes from the first section of the book. The prophet objects in no uncertain terms to God's failure to save the kingdom, not so much from its external adversaries as from internal injustice and corruption. God's reply and a second objection from the prophet are omitted. The reading as we have it is thus a combination of Habbakuk's first complaint and God's second reply.

The two parts are radically different in character. Habbakuk lets fly with a barrage of angry accusations in plain language. God's reply is calm and peaceful but also enigmatic, as befits an oracle. It isn't clear what "the vision" is that God refers to. Yet the promise that it will be fulfilled in time is soothing. Until then what is required is the steadfast fidelity that keeps a person in right relationship with God. Paul the apostle seizes on this statement to support his case for justification by faith.

### **Second Reading**

[2 Timothy 1: 6-8. 13-14](#)

Rather curiously, when the Lectionary begins a series of readings from a New Testament letter, it rarely includes the opening greeting that identifies the author(s) and recipient(s) and establishes a friendly tone. Each of the letters to Timothy suffers from this omission, but 2 Timothy especially so because it is more personal than its predecessor.

Today Paul refers to himself as a prisoner; in a few Sundays' time he will speak of impending death. We have to infer from the reading's title that the "I" and the "you" of the opening sentence are Paul and Timothy respectively. As in the earlier letter, Timothy is exhorted to make use of the gift he received in the laying on of hands. The mention of "self-control" may seem to sit oddly with "power and love," but it was an esteemed virtue in the Stoic tradition. On the other hand, the shame of Jesus' crucifixion and of Paul's imprisonment still appear to have been problematic for the culture of the day.

The Lectionary text, presumably for brevity's sake, omits a short confession of faith and a reflection on Paul's current hardship. The primary focus remains on Timothy, who is counselled to keep good custody of the apostolic tradition Paul has passed on to him.

