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ST KEVIN'S PARISH

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Year C – 15/16th October, 2022

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From the PP's Desk...

Listening to the news on Friday morning, after the rains of Thursday evening, there was mention of flooding and SES call out in Doncaster! Jude and I had sat at dinner on Thursday evening watching the rain, commenting on it—wondering HOW heavy it was. It didn't seem heavy enough that it would cause much damage. Perhaps just enough to overflow my gutters at a low point—but damage needing an emergency call out: no!

As I write this, I have just checked my 'other' email inbox and found notice of the death of John Bumford (a retired Uniting Church coordinator in Winchelsea). John had an amazing gift for music and for three of my five years in Meredith Parish he would come on Saturday evening to play the organ for us at our (Catholic) Mass. During Advent and Lent he would organise a concert in the Catholic Church.

Neither of those events, or indeed the death of Bishop Hilton Deakin whose funeral I attended on Thursday, is of great moment in the world. Our lives will just keep going. But ... For me though, they highlight two things we need to be aware of as we seek to flourish in faith and grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

The first is that there are people in need in our community—perhaps some of them right nearby: are we awake to the possibility that our neighbor is in need? Perhaps the need is not just because of rain or wind—perhaps it is loneliness or mobility challenge.

The second is to be aware of the presence of Jesus Christ through, or in, those around us. Without Bishop Hilton's insight and advice with my vocational call it is likely that my journey into ordained life would not have led to priesthood. Yet I only met him and spoke with him maybe twenty times. Without John Bumford's presence enlivening us with his music and advising me on local Winchelsea matters, I would have been unable to understand the richness and complexity of that wonderful local community.

Keeping alert to the needs of others around us. Offering our help, and our prayers, whenever possible. Remaining aware of the ways in which the Holy Spirit is calling. Seeking always to bring the touch of Jesus Christ into everything we do as Bishop Hilton and as John Bumford have for me: these are at the core of taking the nourishment we receive through Word and Eucharist into our daily lives.

God bless, Fr Charles



Are you interested in BECOMING A CATHOLIC and learning about Jesus?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is conducting a series of meetings at St Gregory's Church Meeting Room on Wednesdays at 7.45pm. For more information, please phone Cathy or Noel on 9848 5447 or leave your details with the Parish Office or speak with Fr Charles.

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

Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	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	1.00pm	Parish Confirmations with Episcopal Vicar Tony Kerin
	3.00pm	Parish Confirmations with Episcopal Vicar Tony Kerin
	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses



Journeying Together

Are you wondering about the new display in the Gathering Space?

It has been informed by a discussion of the Parish Council. It is a Visual representation of the participating and volunteering activities in our parish. It represents our parish family journeying together as we live out the Gospel of Jesus, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We chose the dove as a symbol of the Holy Spirit.

Why circles? We chose circles and a (roughly) circular formation of the circles to symbolise inclusion, collaboration and co-responsibility. It is deliberately not hierarchical or authoritarian in shape.

We hope that the diagram, in some way, symbolises the new concept of "Synodality" in action at the local level. One description of Synodality is: "...we are Church together, on the way, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit" (Jos Moons in LaCroix 10.08.22).

There are many opportunities for us to participate, to volunteer and to be involved!

Summary available of St Brigid's recent St Kevin's Presentation. Also, Ways you can support Refugees & Asylum Seekers!

36 people from St Kevin's and other Parishes registered for this excellent recent presentation. For those who missed out a brief summary is available on the website Social Justice Action page. There are various practical ways we can support Refugees and Asylum Seekers. To find out more email the Parish at templestowe@cam.org.au or leave your phone number for a Social Justice Action Committee Member to provide you with further information. Balancing this we are also engaging in other SJ issues, including Indigenous Issues as the Government advances discussion on this. **John Costa 0409 967 207**

Join us for a Lector and Commentator Workshop

Refresh and/or learn skills to proclaim the 'Good News'.

We invite **Existing, New and Curious** Lectors and Commentators...

All Welcomed!

(Children aged 12 and above are also invited).

When: Sunday, 23rd October

Time: 11.15am – 12.15pm

Where: St Kevin's Gathering Space
Gain a much deeper understanding and skill to proclaiming the Word of God, to read and lead with more confidence and grace.

LITURGY ROSTER

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 15/16th October 2022

1st Read: Exodus 17: 8-13 2nd Read: 2 Timothy 3: 14-4: 2 Gospel: Luke 18: 1-8

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Margaret Mangan	Kathy Pearce	Anne Maguire
8.30am	Frank Ozzimo	Rebecca Sandwell	Mary Waddick
10.00am	Julie O'Donnell	Miriam Ayoub	Kaye Byrne Lyn Murphy

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 22nd/23rd October 2022

1st Read: Eccl 35: 12-14, 16-19 2nd Read: 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18 Gospel: Luke 18: 9-14

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Margaret Turner	Bredenia Raquel	Maryanne McNamara
8.30am	Frank Ozzimo	Pauline Erickson	Paul Polidano
10.00am	Carmel Purdey	Frances Johnson	Joe Batiller Tony Whelan

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: Salvatore Ozzimo, Doris Delaney, Lorna James, Roma Johnson, Palmara Dinelli, Peter Chin, Pam Graham and Liberato Crescia (one month).
Recently Deceased: John Bumford

JOB OPPORTUNITY – Finance Administrator/Parish Secretary

We have an exciting opportunity for a person with a can-do attitude to work as a finance administrator/parish secretary in our parish.

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 wider world and to be hospitable and generous so that all may live life to the full. The successful applicant must be able to recognise and respect the pastoral aspect of the Parish and possess a strong commitment to its practices and values.

Come and join our dedicated team and make a difference with us! The position is permanent part-time one day a week, Tuesdays, 9 am to 4 pm. Immediate start. For more information, please visit our website <https://www.stkevinsparish.org.au/>

Blessings, Tiziana

125th Anniversary of Consecration – St Patrick's Cathedral

As we celebrate our 175th 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 125th 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.

The 2nd Collection this weekend will be for Saint Elisabeth Convent in Minsk, Belkarus, who recently visited our Parish for fundraising via the sale of beautiful small religious items. The Sisters care for mentally challenged children and adults, run a shelter and house of Labour for former drug and alcohol addicted people, and care for homeless, lost and struggling people.

John Costa

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Phone: 9273 9999*

*St Charles Borromeo Primary School
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Responsorial Psalm

Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.
Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord hear our prayer.

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

First Reading

[Exodus 17: 8-13](#)

In the course of Moses' first encounter with God at the burning bush on Mt Horeb, his staff was turned into a snake and back again to demonstrate God's power to help Moses in his mission of liberating the Hebrew people. The staff played its part – as did Moses' outstretched arm – in inflicting the plagues on the Egyptians and parting the waters of the sea for the escaping Israelites.

Now the staff and Moses' outstretched arms contribute to the Israelites' defeat of the marauding Amalekites. Exactly what role they played is not made clear. A religious interpretation would see Moses in a posture of mediation that secured divine assistance for the Israelites. A more mundane view would see him on the hill-top in the stance of commander-in-chief inspiring his warriors to victory. It is noteworthy that Moses needs assistance from Aaron and Hur. A little later in the narrative, Moses' father-in-law Jethro warns him that he cannot do everything by himself.

Second Reading

[2 Timothy 3: 14-4: 2](#)

Paul's concern for his teaching to be both faithfully handed on and put into practice is a regular theme of his letters. In his major writings this is infused with all the energy of his own life-changing encounter with the crucified and risen Christ. In the later letters, written perhaps by another in his name, there is a sense of a more settled tradition. The author speaks of "the holy scriptures" (presumably what Christians call the Old Testament) as a source of "the wisdom that leads to salvation." Thus, "All scripture ... can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy."

Having made the point that anyone who is "dedicated to God" like Timothy must be steeped in the word of God, the author embarks on a very solemnly administered charge to him. Calling on God and Christ – "judge of the living and the dead" – he enjoins Timothy to "proclaim the message ... insist on it ... correct error ... call to obedience." This list of tasks may bring the figure of a stern, no-nonsense school-teacher to mind.