



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

St Kevin's Catholic Parish



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From the PP's Desk...

I've had two delightful surprises tinged with great sadness over the past few weeks with Liza Jansz and Rebecca Sandwell giving in their resignations at St Kevin's—thank you Liza and Rebecca for your generous giving of yourselves for the life of the parish—thank you. It may seem odd to say 'delightful surprises' but I mean it's because in both cases, for very different reasons, they are following the call of the Holy Spirit—following the call to continue growing in living their faith in new ways. Tinged with sadness because both Rebecca and Liza have brought great skill and joy to their work and have most certainly given me personally great support and joy and many laughs along the way of nurturing this beautiful parish community. I'll miss them both.

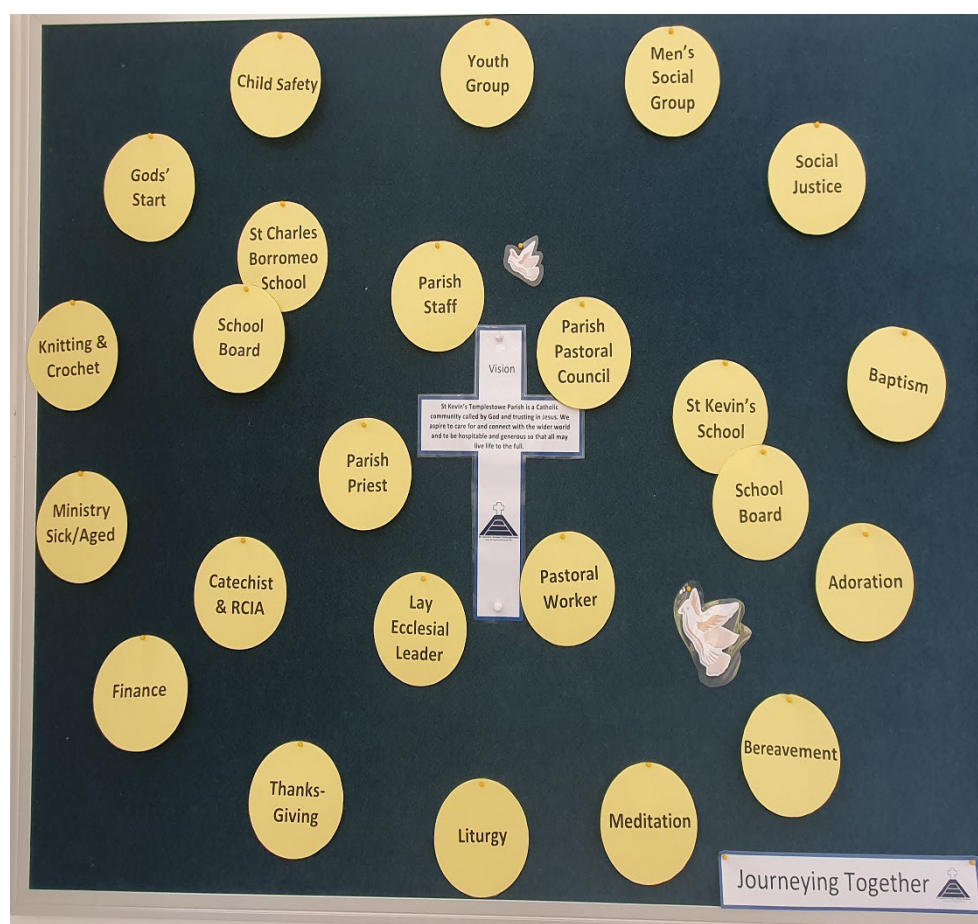
If you know someone who is good at bookkeeping / secretarial / administration work or someone who is pastoral, somehow good at enlivening people in faith then please suggest to them that they may be the person the parish needs – help us fill the gaps left as Liza and Rebecca move on.

We are called to grow in faith and grow the faith. Our Parish Pastoral Council, our staff, our Liturgy Group, Tiziana as Lay Ecclesial Leader, me as Parish Priest: we are all seeking to find ways to grow. Please, help us as a community of faith to grow in how we can allow the Holy Spirit to nourish our own faith and learn how better to share that faith, inviting others to come to know Jesus Christ.

What gifts do you have that you might offer. For our gatherings in worship we need more people to volunteer to help us proclaim the word, to run the computer, to take up collections, to be commentator, to open up, to decorate the church liturgically, to tidy up, to wash altar linen, to assist in distribution of communion. For our parish life more broadly our bereavement team would like new members, our parish pastoral council and parish finance group need members. Maybe your needs aren't met yet – maybe you can let me know and let's see what can be done to meet your need – but you might need to help make it happen.

God bless, Fr Charles

PS: I love you! Thank you for caring for me and especially for being disciples of the one true all powerful loving God who sent his Son to live and die and rise to save us so we can praise him and love one another.



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!

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

Saturday	1.00pm	Parish Confirmations
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	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	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses (Baptism Presentations @ 10am)



MASS ROSTERS	THIS WEEKEND 22 nd /23 rd October	NEXT WEEKEND 29/30 th October
5.30pm Commentator Lector Communion 1 Communion 2	Margaret Turner Bredenia Raquel Maryanne McNamara	Pauline Erickson Kathy Pearce Lynne O'Brien
8.30am Commentator Lector Communion 1 Communion 2	Frank Ozzimo Pauline Erickson Paul Polidano	Rebecca Sandwell Tiziana D'Costa Mary Waddick
10.00am Commentator Lector Communion 1 Communion 2	Carmel Purdey Frances Johnson Joe Batiller Tony Whelan	Lucy Halliburton Liz O'Connell Geraldine Williams Raffaella Dinelli

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, John Nigro and Lianney Susanto.

Anniversaries: Mary Bonnici (mother of Rose Curmi), Eahle Kim, 'Rafaele' and Eddie Lim.

Recently Deceased: Marta Mlikota

BUILD BRIGHTER FUTURES FOR FAMILIES IN EMDIBIR

This week Catholic Mission will share the continued vision of Fr Habte and how, through the Goat Rearing Centre, many other families living in poverty are able to access agricultural training and employment that they would otherwise be unable to.

As shared by Fr Habte, when established, the Centre will not only provide nutritious milk but job creation and agricultural training for farmers and community members.

Please give generously this weekend to help continue this program by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/families or by scanning the QR code below. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/families



Thanks to St Kevin's Parish.

Various Parishes tuned in to our recent Online Presentation by Sr Brigid Arthur "Asylum Seekers - and a New Australian Government", and have expressed appreciation for the opportunity to share in a St Kevin's Parish Social Justice event. We are working to share resources with other Parishes where appropriate - both ways. Mary Mother of the Church Parish Ivanhoe included a message of thanks to St Kevin's Parish in their recent Newsletter. They have also since published our full Summary of the Presentation on their website. St Mary of the Cross Parish Mordialloc-Aspendale have since invited representatives of our Social Justice Action Group to their Annual picnic for Refugees and Asylum Seekers this weekend. We are also exploring sharing some Social Justice activities with other Parishes, and possibly with our schools who already have their own rich Social Justice activities. The Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project has written to St Kevin's expressing warm appreciation to St Kevin's Parishioners for the \$500 donation raised from a recent 2nd Collection. If anyone in the Parish has a possible interest in volunteering with Asylum Seekers of Refugees you can seek further information, without obligation, from John Costa or other members of St Kevin's Social Justice Action. 0409 967 207 or leave a message at the Parish Office.

Building Bridges Through Story

– An Opportunity to delve deeper

The third follow-up to the Covid-shortened March 2022 *Building Bridges Through Story* will focus on First Nations Peoples' stories, the Uluru Statement from the Heart and the campaign for a Constitutionally-enshrined Voice to Parliament.

This event is to be held at Manningham Uniting Church and Community Centre, 109 Wood Street, Templestowe on Saturday, 19th November from 1.30pm-4.00pm.

This afternoon will be focussed on First Nation's people and Thomas Mayor, a member of the Referendum Working Group who is pretty much campaigning full time for a Constitutionally-enshrined Voice to Parliament, will be the speaker.

More information is available from the flyer on our parish noticeboard.



The Parish of St Kevin's is currently seeking a volunteer Sacramental Co-Ordinator to begin in 2023.

This person will be working closely with parish staff and families in the administration and preparation of the Sacramental Program (First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation).

Support and assistance will be provided – no experience necessary! Please speak with Fr Charles or Rebecca for further information.



***We pray for these young people in our Parish as they
received the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend.
Confirmation was conferred by Episcopal Vicar Tony Kerin.***

*Juliet Abdo
Angela Andronis
James Barban
Xander Jak Barban
Evelyn Bereau
William Butler
Demi Caio
Chloe Carboon
Holly Carter
Abigail Childs
Joshua Chong
Noah Ciro
Claudia Clarke*

*Corinne Crifo
Nadia De Angelis
Dhevin Joseph Pio Fernando
Jack Fisher
Ruby Frieri
Isabella Gaven
Lily Gigluto
Maeve Gray
Jonah Gucciardo
Max Halliburton
Sarina Hammet
Corey Harrison
Maeve Holt*

*Max Howell
Joud Istanboulie
Kai James
Roman Jarski
Zaria Jenkins
Carla Rose Kapakoulakis
Zachariah Karagiannis
Zac Lecordier
Mia Zara Lettieri
Isabelle Luxmore
Giselle Marchese
Mia Nardelli
Mia Papadopoulos*

*Jacob Rowe
Ava Grace Souter
Andrew Peter Stefanetti
Marcus Stephan
Xavier Stephan
Avery Mae Stocco
Gavin Oliver Tangtatco
William Therese
Ava Todorcevski
Ashley Tsoi
Noah West
Dane Wilson
Mila Zampichelli*

Congratulations Children!

A word from the Lay Ecclesial Leader

Please save the date: 6 pm, Sunday 11 December for a Christmas Celebration! This is a joint initiative with St Gregory's parish. We are looking for a few volunteers to help organise the event. If you are interested, please let me or Tony Robinson know. Thank you. ***Blessings, Tiziana.***



Lost! A parishioner may have lost his gold wedding ring either at 10am Mass or going to and fro from the car last weekend. It is engraved with "Trish/Patricia 11/1/1964".

If you happen to find it, please bring it to the parish office. Thank you.



Goodbye and Good Luck to our dear Pastoral Worker, **Rebecca Sandwell**, who will be leaving us in a few short weeks to pursue a career in veterinary sciences. We will miss you Rebecca! You will be leaving us with very big shoes to fill indeed. A Farewell Morning Tea will be held on Sunday, 6th November after the 8.30am Mass. All welcome.

The next **Liturgy Team Meeting** will be held on Tuesday, 25th October at 7.30pm in the Parish House. We look forward to seeing you all there. The main agenda items will be planning for Advent and plenary Council.

Help Please

St Vincent de Paul Society Inner City Soup Van Hub are seeking more volunteers to pack and deliver hampers to some of the most marginalised and at risk members of our community. Interested? Please let Fr Charles know.

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

St Kevin's Parish Youth Group - Volunteers Wanted!

By popular demand, we are bringing back Youth Group for children in years 5 to 7! We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to lead and to assist with the planning and running of our youth group program. Ongoing support and training provided. Time commitment about 10 hours per month. The Youth Group is held once a month on a Saturday evening. Please register your interest at the Parish Office: by ringing Rebecca or Tiziana on 9850 5983 or email:

Templestowe@cam.org.au

The 2nd Collection for World Mission Sunday this weekend is for Catholic Mission.

Various Schools and Parishes this weekend are raising funds to support families in Ethiopia facing malnutrition and food insecurity. Our projects on the ground will help sustain and enrich the lives of vulnerable children who are in need of our support. For many years St Kevin's Parish has been a much appreciated tireless contributor to people in Australia and around the world who are in need, as our Christ given Mission calls each of us to do.

John Costa for SJA Group

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

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

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 THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

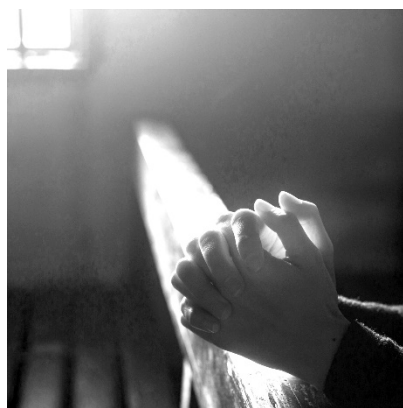
Ecclesiasticus 35: 12-14, 16-19

Many of Israel's prophets insisted on social justice as a pre-requisite for authentic worship. The author of the wisdom book of Ecclesiasticus (otherwise known by its author's name, Sirach) puts the emphasis on obedience to the Torah (the Law) and the giving of alms. These are themselves an acceptable sacrifice.

The author goes on, as we hear in today's reading, to extol the justice of God. God doesn't give preference to the rich and powerful but hears the cry of the poor, the orphan and widow, those who are the embodiment of the needy and powerless.

Having established God's credentials, as it were, the author attends to the human side of the equation. The people who gain a hearing from God are those who are whole-hearted in God's service and who are humble and persistent in their prayer.

The wisdom books of the Old Testament are the fruit of faith, prayer and reflection on human experience.



Second Reading

2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18

In keeping with the presentation of 2 Timothy as a late letter of Paul's and his final testament, today's reading focusses on his fateful circumstances. He's on trial and facing likely execution. It's the anticipation of death that comes up first. This realistic assessment prompts neither fear nor regret, but the confident summing up of a faithful life. After the initial liturgical reference to a cup of wine being poured out in libation, Paul invokes athletic imagery – competing well, finishing the race, getting the victor's laurel wreath – to epitomise his life's endeavours. There's no trace of doubt here.

The next few verses that are full of personal news and names have been omitted. This parallels the Lectionary's reluctance to include the personal greetings with which Paul's letters begin. In this case, however, the omission allows the two parts of the reading to cohere.

After the mortal perspective of the earlier section, the remainder of the text narrows the focus down to Paul's present circumstances. In spite of being abandoned by his supporters, he has not only come through his trial but also had the chance to proclaim the good news. Finally, the horizon broadens again to the threshold of the divine realm. It's a fitting end to this series of readings from 2 Timothy.

Whether by Paul or a later author, this passage is consistent with Paul's readiness to offer himself as a model of faith and Christian living for either communities or preachers to emulate.

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.

St Kevin's Annual Bereavement Mass

17th November @ 7.30pm

As a compassionate people, we are encouraged to come together on this important night in support of all who are grieving the death of a loved one. At this Mass, we shall also bless the plaques on our memorial wall. All are welcome, in particular those who have lost loved ones in the last 12 months.

For further information, please contact Lyn Murphy on 9857 4437 or 0419 897582.