



St Kevin's Catholic Parish



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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.

Year C	Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time Baptism Presentations Weekend	29 th /31 st October, 2022
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Our Presiders this weekend are: Fr Barry Caldwell (5.30pm Saturday evening)
Fr Terry Kean (8.30am and 10.00am Sunday morning)

From the PP's Desk...

Our Gospel on this past Friday happens near the beginning of Jesus' ministry—the moment (Lk 6:12-16) where Jesus chooses twelve men in whom Jesus invests extra time and effort to help them grow in faith and understanding so they can be leaders. Our bishops of today are ordained in direct line of succession from those twelve. Jesus names them "Apostles," meaning "sent forth," and they certainly took his charge seriously and went forth after Pentecost and spread the Good News far and wide.

It would be easy to allow that choice by Jesus to be an excuse for the rest of us to leave active spreading of the Good News as something reserved to a few leaders but St Paul tells us in Ephesians that "each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift". St Paul goes on to identify five gifts for spreading the Good News: being apostolic, prophetic, evangelizing, pastoring, teaching. When St Paul says "each of us" he means each of us who is a baptised Christian.

There is a simple 'test' you could take on-line at 5-Q Central (the APEST test) to see what your gifts are. It is not just bishops who are apostolic or some people in the old testament who were prophets. We all have some measure of these five gifts. My strongest gifts are evangelising then pastoring, followed by teaching, prophecy and apostolic. So you should not be surprised that I work so much to foster mission and being disciples who go and make disciples or that I seek to grow our ministries to nurture God's people.

You may know already what your gifts are, or the test may be useful for you. Understanding our gifts a little can help each of us to see how/where we might best grow our in spreading the Good News.

God bless, Fr Charles

A word from the Lay Ecclesial Leader

When I think back to my wedding day, I am filled with happy memories. It was a wonderful day. But I also have great memories of the months leading to my wedding spent in preparation, waiting and sharing the journey with family and friends.

Advent is upon us. This is typically such a busy time of the year that we may forget it is a time to prepare, wait and hope. As the saying goes, the journey is just as important as the destination.

We are running four Advent reflection groups. We will meet in the Chapel on Friday at 9.15am for each week of Advent, for about one hour. Come and join us. Please let the office if you will attend by phone 9850 5983 or email templestowe@cam.org.au. I look forward to seeing you there.

Blessings, Tiziana.



The next **St Kevin's Men's Social Group** takes place on **Friday, 11th November @ 7.30pm in the Church Gathering Space**. Open to men of any age (older teenagers are welcome with their guardian) - parishioners and non parishioners alike. All welcome. Supper provided. BYO alcoholic drinks. \$7 donation suggested. For catering purposes, please add your name to the sign-up sheet, or you can ring the parish office, or email Tiziana at tiziana.dcosta@cam.org.au

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

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



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:

Laurie Dwyer, Gwen Reddick, Christie Cameron, Antoinette Maher and Aldo Tesa.

Recently Deceased:

Marco Finadri

LITURGY ROSTER

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time – 29th/30th October 2022

1st Reading: Wisdom 11: 22-12: 2 2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1: 11-2: 2 Gospel: Luke 19: 1-10

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Pauline Erickson	Kathy Pearce	Lynne O'Brien
8.30am	Rebecca Sandwell	Tiziana D'Costa	Mary Waddick
10.00am	Lucia Halliburton	TBA	Geraldine Williams Raffaela Dinelli

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 5/6th November 2022

1st Reading: 2 Maccabees 7: 1-2, 9-14 2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2: 16-3: 5 Gospel: Luke 20: 27-38

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Margaret Turner	Peter Howes	Lawrence Cecconello
8.30am	Julie O'Donnell	Miriam Ayoub	Pat Rowland
10.00am	Vianney Shiel	Carmel Shiel	Lyn Robinson Tony Robinson

**BUILD
BRIGHTER
FUTURES
FOR FAMILIES
IN EMDIBIR**

On behalf of Fr Habte, the community and church members in Emdibir, Ethiopia, thank you so much for your generous support through last week's Catholic Mission Appeal.

Your gift is helping to ensure that many families have the opportunity to access skills training and employment. Your generosity is also supporting many other mission programs for children and communities around the world.

To learn more about the impact of your support, visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work, where you can also sign-up for our regular newsletter.



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



St Kevin's collaborating with St Gregory's and other Parishes

With growing mutual benefit St Kevin's and St Gregory's Parishes continue to invite each other to selected complementary events. We have enjoyed attending various events at St Gregory's this year and more recently in return some of their members very much enjoyed our recent St Kevin's Men's Group gathering which attracted a record attendance. On the weekend of 12/13 November at all St Gregory's Masses our Social Justice Action will invite parishioners there to participate in our next Social Justice Action event and activities. Watch out for those details to come. Further afield, last Weekend Social Justice Action met first hand with a number of the seventy or so Asylum Seekers and Refugees who had been invited to a very successful annual 'Family Picnic Day for Asylum Seekers and Refugees' arranged over the last ten years by St Mary of the Cross Parish in Mordialloc in conjunction with the Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project. They have also invited us to join their forthcoming planned letter-writing campaign with other parishes to highlight the poor plight of so many Asylum Seekers. Apart from the very enjoyable lunch and warm family activities on the day we indirectly learned more first hand about the actual situation of Australian Asylum Seekers, which disappointingly was not addressed in the budget this week as previously suggested.

John Costa SJA group



Goodbye and Good Luck to our dear Pastoral Worker, **Rebecca Sandwell**, who will be leaving us in a couple of 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. All are invited to leave a farewell message for her on the card on the table in the Gathering Space.



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

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

The 2nd Collection this weekend is for Vinnies Victoria FLOOD

APPEAL. Parish communities are invited to contribute to St Vincent de Paul's Flood Appeal for those who have been recently badly effected by these devastating floods, particularly in the north of the State. Our thoughts and prayers extend to all who are impacted by the floods as well as to the volunteers and emergency workers working around the clock assisting them in their needs at this challenging time. **SJA.**

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

Memorial Book:

If you wish to have a relative or friend inscribed in this precious book, please fill out a form from the table in the Gathering Space and hand it into the parish office. Thank you.



In Loving Memory



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.

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.

Baptisms Welcome!

This weekend we welcome:

Amy and Brock Price

who will be introducing Jericho

Isabel and Nicholas Mascitti

who will be introducing Sofia Silvia

and

Daniel and Gabriella Rischitelli

who will be introducing Catia Iana

to our Community in preparation for their Baptisms next weekend.

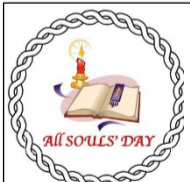
Celebration
of the
Sacrament of Baptism



1st November – All Saints' Day

Our chance to celebrate the call to holiness each of us received at Baptism.

Mass will be at 9.15am in the Church.



2nd November – All Souls Day – Mass will be celebrated at St Gregory the Great Church, 71 Williamsons Road, Doncaster, at 9.00am and then again at 5.30pm at Doncaster.



Save the Date! Sunday, 11th December from 6.00pm

For a joint Christmas Celebration together with St Gregory the Great Parish. We are looking for a few volunteers to help organise the event. If you are interested, please let Tiziana or Tony Robinson know. Thank you.



Next Friday, 4th November, we celebrate the Feast Day of

St Charles Borromeo

Mass will be celebrated at our St Charles Primary School at 9.00am.

All are invited and welcome to attend.

Job Opportunity - Pastoral Worker

We have an exciting opportunity for a Pastoral Worker to contribute to the Pastoral needs of St Kevin's Parish and to assist in leading and delivering the mission, outreach and pastoral care of the parish community. The role is permanent part time, four days a week. There is scope to tailor this role to the incumbent's experience: either for someone who has some of the skills required and would like to learn on the job and do some further study; or for someone with experience who would like to undertake the role on a more senior and extensive level. For more information please visit our website <https://www.stkevinsparish.org.au/>

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

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord hear our prayer.

**REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF
THE THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

<i>First Reading</i>	<i>Second Reading</i>
<p><u>Wisdom 11: 22-12: 2</u></p> <p>As remarked on the 19th Sunday, the book of Wisdom is possibly by a Jewish scholar in Alexandria well versed in Hebrew poetry and Greek philosophy, writing in high literary style. This third reading from the book for the Sundays of Ordinary Time comes from the final section that makes up nearly half the work. It recalls several of the plagues that afflicted Egypt before the exodus. God’s justice was demonstrated in the mercy shown Israel and the punishment meted out to Egypt.</p> <p>Today’s text is a reflective aside on God’s mercy. Like the work as a whole, it is poetic and philosophical. The fundamental premise for this passage is that God created all things, loves everything that has been created, and sustains it in existence. This sums up the first creation story in Genesis when God saw all that had been made as “very good.”</p> <p>Having established this overarching framework, the author proceeds to highlight the workings of God’s mercy. God creates space for human beings to repent. Like a wise teacher, God corrects and admonishes sinners so they may see their mistakes and leave sin behind.</p> <p>The reading is exceptional in that it is entirely addressed to God. It breathes a spirit of wonder at the harmonious combination of God’s cosmic power and patient mercy. It is devout, prayerful, thoughtful and confessional.</p>	<p><u>2 Thessalonians 1: 11-2: 2</u></p> <p>After the series of readings from 1 and 2 Timothy, letters generally regarded as being post-Pauline, we have three extracts from what has been considered an early letter, his second to the Thessalonians. Scholars differ as to when it was written, and in particular as to how it relates to the first. Parts of it are almost identical to the first letter, but are briefer and with one major difference.</p> <p>As is made clear in today’s passage, Paul is calling for calm about “the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ,” by which he meant Christ’s return in glory to bring everything to fulfilment. In 1 Thessalonians he had warned them to be ready for this “Day of the Lord.” Here he is concerned to discount the belief that it had already arrived. In verses that follow today’s reading, he spells out the struggle that must happen first, drawing on apocalyptic imagery that is now obscure. Prior to these warnings, he offers a prayer for the Thessalonians, full of warmth and faith. It serves to round out the greeting and thanksgiving with which the letter begins. This pattern of greeting, thanksgiving and prayer is found at the start of other letters of Paul.</p> <p>Each of the two parts of the reading is a single elaborate sentence.</p>

If a dog was your teacher, you would learn stuff like: * Nap and stretch before rising * Run, romp and play daily

- * When loved ones come home, always run to greet them
- * Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride
- * Never pretend to be something you’re not
- * Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy
- * Be loyal
- * When it’s in your best interest-practice obedience
- * Avoid biting when a simple growl will do
- * Delight in the simple joy of a long walk
- * Let others know when they’ve invaded your territory
- * Thrive on attention and let people touch you
- * If what you want lies buried, dig till you find it
- * On warm days, stop to lie on your back in the grass
- * No matter how often you’re scolded, don’t buy into the guilt thing and pout ... run right back and make friends
- * On hot days, drink lots of water and lay under a shady tree
- * When you’re happy, dance around and wag your entire body
- * Eat with gusto and enthusiasm. stop when you have had enough
- * When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently.

