

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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

12/13th November, 2022

World Day of the Poor

Baptism Presentation Weekend

Our Presider today is: Fr Terry Kean

From the Lay Ecclesial Leader's Desk...

It was a busy week in the office. Fr Charles away on retreat, Rebecca's last week and IT problems! In the whirlwind I learnt three things.

One. Obstacles often present unexpected opportunities. Locked out of my work email account, and unable to get much done at my desk, I had unplanned time for conversation after Communion Service at Newmans on the Park. I met a vivacious resident, filled with gratitude for a life well lived. This wise one shared some of her memories with me. She reminded me that all you need for a good life is to love God with all our heart and to be kind to others. I walked away with a smile on my face.

Two. During the leadership course this week, I learnt we all have unique gifts and talents. There is no scale of 'better' or 'worse' gifts and talents. They are all necessary. When we work together mindful of one another's strengths, wonderful things happen. God loves diversity. We should embrace it.

Three. This one I already knew, but it was a good reminder anyway. The joy of sharing a meal with others.

As a thanksgiving Jude cooked a lovely Vietnamese lunch for the St Kevin's and St Gregory's feedback group who have journeyed with him during his parish stay. The food was delicious. Coming together over our meal we enjoyed sharing stories, laughter, and getting to know one another better.

I am grateful for this week's lessons, and I am looking forward to what next week will bring - but I am keeping my fingers crossed for no more IT problems!

Blessings, Tiziana

Dear St Kevin's Community

From Day one, and throughout the 6 years that I have been St Kevin's Pastoral Worker, you have all made me feel welcomed, wanted, appreciated, and loved. For those who know me well, you'll know all my family are in Perth, WA and so the wonderful folk of St Kevin's have become my family. I regularly receive (wanted) advice and counselling from all my extra 'Mothers, Fathers and Grandparents' – I've loved having an extended family to chat with each day – Thank you.

I have been privileged to have been welcomed into your lives, homes and family; getting to know you all, be there for you, help where I can, laugh and cry with you all — I've been so very blessed to have had this experience. You have all taught me so much about 'being Catholic', and I've learnt so much from all of you. The experience of and being a part of community life is something to be treasured; and you all do it so well — please keep it up!

Finally, let me say... I'm not falling off the face of the Earth, just no longer working as your Pastoral Worker". I WILL STILL BE AROUND – you can't get rid of me that easily, I'm still a fellow Parishioner, and proud to say St Kevin's will continue to be 'My parish'.

Farewell for now, Rebecca xxx

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On Thursday, 24th November, Ma'am Emely, Marwen and Eusabio (from the Philippines) together with Anni Miers and Glenys Gayfer will be visiting our parish to talk about Loyo Elementary and KAID.

You will recall that Loyo Elementary is the sister school of our St Kevin's Primary School, to whom we send support.

The representatives will be in our Church Gathering Space from 1.00pm and all are invited to take advantage of this opportunity to meet them.



Next Saturday evening we will be celebrating a Year 3/4 Family Mass together with Matthew Tan's Baptism. All are very welcome to join us in this joyous occasion.

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

Saturday 5.30pm Mass

Sunday 8.30am & 10.00am Masses (Baptism Presentation @ 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 (Baptism @ 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, Lianney Susanto and Kevin Parker.

Anniversaries:

Angel Ibrahim and Giuseppina Bolzonello

Recently Deceased:

Donald Senior (a very admired Passionist that our Holy Cross fold will grieve) and Peter Maher (editor of 'The Swag' magazine).

LITURGY ROSTER

Look What's Happening!

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 12/13th November 2022 1st Reading: Malachi 3: 19-20 2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3: 7-12 Gospel: Luke 21: 5-19

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Janet Parsons	Daniel Marini	Anne Maguire
8.30am	Paul Polidano	Rebecca Sandwell	Pat Rowland
10.00am	Mishika Perera	Tony Ryrne	Raffaela Dinelli Lyn Murphy

Feast of Christ the King – 19/20th November 2022

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 5: 1-3 2nd Reading: Colossians 1: 12-20 Gospel: Luke 23: 35-43

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Margaret Mangan	Bredenia Raquel	Maryanne McNamara
8.30am	Frank Ozzimo	Tiziana D'Costa	Mary Waddick
10.00am	Frances Johnson	Lucy Halliburton	Carmel Shiel Carmel Purdey

Other Parishes collaborating with St Kevin's Parish.

Neighbouring Ivanhoe Parish (Mary Mother of the Church) invites us to:

2022 Advent McKinney Lecture 'An Indigenous Voice' Truth, Treaty and Reconciliation

A public lecture featuring Fr Frank Brennan SJ AO, sponsored by Banyule Churches Together (including Ivanhoe Parish)

Tuesday 22 November at 7.30pm
St. George's Anglican Church

46 Warncliffe Road, Ivanhoe East 3079

All Welcome. Entry donation-\$5 followed by tea/coffee (brochure on St Kevin's Social Justice Action web-page). Further information can also be found on the noticeboard in the Gathering Space.

John Costa





"Where the poor are concerned, it is not talk that matters; what matters is rolling up our sleeves and putting our faith into practice through a direct involvement."

Pope Francis' message for World Day of the Poor 2022. He has also said "It is my hope that the celebration of the World Day of the Poor, will grow in our local Churches and inspire a movement of evangelisation that meets the poor personally wherever they may be. The poor, always and everywhere, evangelise us, because they enable us to discover in new ways the true face of the Father... It is necessary that we let ourselves be evangelised by them."

The Archbishop of Melbourne, Peter Comensoli, would like to inform us of a new initiative commencing this year -

A Melbourne Catholic Professionals Network

The purpose being to bring people together with extensive expertise and energy, in an atmosphere of fellowship, providing not only an opportunity for growing personal connections but enabling the building of a strong community of professional leaders motivated by their Christian faith.

An inaugural luncheon to launch the Network will be held on Tuesday 22 November at the Park Hyatt from 12 noon, where the Archbishop will be in attendance to open the proceedings. Following which, Mr Allan Myers AC KC one of Australia's leading barristers will be the Guest Speaker. All business and community leaders are invited to be involved from the beginning in the building of this network. It will be an opportunity for you to meet like-minded individuals in order to strengthen and grow friendships and connections. For more information, please visit Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. Individual and table bookings are available and if you have any questions, please contact Victoria Robinson via events@cam.org.au or 0412 795 975, who will be very happy to assist you in any way.

The 2nd Collection this weekend supports the Catholic Ministry for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

A major challenge is to ensure that all people are included in the life of the Church. The Ministry promotes and helps ensure full participation of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Catholics in Church life.

Social Justice Action



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.

Memorial Book:

If you wish to have a relative or friend inscribed in this precious book, please fill out the form from the table in the Gathering Space and then leave the completed form on the table. A member of our team will collect them from the table and ensure it is inserted into our Memorial Book. Thank you.



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November is traditionally the month when we remember our deceased loved ones. If you would like Father to include them in our prayers, please completed the appropriate envelopes which are on the table in the Gathering Space and hand them directly to him. Thank you.

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 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.



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.

Baptism Welcome!

This weekend we welcome:

Adeline and Danny Tan

who will be introducing **Matthew**

to our Community in preparation for his Baptism next weekend.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism



Our Neighbours and friends in Christ

This weekend **St Kevin's Social Justice Action** will be speaking briefly at each of St Gregory's four weekend Masses. We'll be expressing appreciation for their hospitality to our parishioners from time to time in sharing events, and in return inviting any of their parishioners who might be interested to join in our various Social Justice initiatives from time to time. First off the rank among other opportunities will be a 2nd visit to the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry shortly with some emphasis once again on supporting aboriginal children receive an education of their choice through the Opening The Doors Foundation. In another event at 1pm on 24th November we will gather informally and briefly in the Gathering Space to meet with visiting representatives of LOYO Elementary School in the Philippines which our Parish supports. All are very welcome to meet and say a warm 'Hi' to our overseas visitors. - John Costa, SJA

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

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading Second Reading

Malachi 3: 19-20

In Hebrew Bibles, the book of Malachi is placed among the "Twelve," the title given to the "minor prophets." The fact that Judaism regards Malachi as the last prophet is more evident in those Christian Bibles that conclude the Old Testament with his writing.

In a sense the prophet is anonymous since the word "Malachi" simply means messenger.

He foresees Elijah being sent as a messenger to "prepare the way" for God.

Jesus applies this to John the Baptist.

The book of Malachi is short, just three chapters. It's considered to have been written around 450 BC when the Israelites had returned home from exile. As the prophet sees it, all is not well.

He launches into trenchant criticism of the priests of the Temple and the people for their failure to uphold the covenant.

Today's very brief reading is taken from Malachi's oracle about the coming of the day of the Lord. It will be a day of fiery purification for sinners, but one of healing for those who fear God's name.

The rays of the sun will be a balm for them, as we are reminded every time we sing "Hark, the herald angels sing."

2 Thessalonians 3: 7-12

Apart from his own letters, the only testimony we have about Paul's missionary life comes from the Acts of the Apostles, but it does seem to corroborate his claim to be constantly, even astonishingly, busy about the work of the gospel. There are no grounds for accusing him of idleness. So it's no surprise that he isn't impressed with the Thessalonians who have abandoned work and become a nuisance to the whole community. This is exactly the kind of thing he had scrupulously avoided himself.

In the Thessalonians' defence it seems they are victims of misinformation. They have been led erroneously to expect Christ's imminent return, so work and normal life had lost its purpose.

Paul has to advise them "to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat."

As he does a number of times in his letters, he presents his own example for imitation, as was common practice among moral teachers of the day. In comparison with the warmth and breadth of last week's reading, this passage from the concluding section of the letter appears prosaic, but the underlying issue – Christian expectation of the risen Lord's return in glory – is of profound importance. It is the horizon against which believers live out their gospel lives.



During this season of virtual Advent, once again we are presenting a series of talks by four Australian biblical scholars from **Yarra Theological Union**, a **College of the University of Divinity**. Each week this group of accomplished guides will work together to shed light on each of the readings for the coming week. This is a perfect opportunity to grow in your understanding as disciples should not to be missed.

EVENT DETAILS - WHEN: Tuesdays - November 22, 29, December 6, 13 TIME: 7.00pm - 8.00pm AEDT

WHERE: Via Zoom meeting COST: Free

MORE INFORMATION: VIRTUAL ADVENT SERIES 2022 | Garratt Publishing

Online registration is essential. Zoom meeting details will be forwarded on Monday 21 November 2022.

The presentation will be recorded. Once available, we will send an email with details on how to access the video.

Speaking to us from their own area of expertise will be:

* Prof Mary Coloe PBVM

* Dr Mary Reaburn NDS

* Dr Chris Monaghan CP

* Dr Janina Hiebel