



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

Feast of Christ the King

19/20th November, 2022

Baptism Weekend - St Kevin's Year 3/4 Family Mass

Our Presider today is: Fr Charles Balnaves

A few thoughts from the desk of the PP...

Archbishop Peter has issued a letter titled "Welcome Home" (a copy of which is on the noticeboard in the Gathering Space). We are once again obliged to attend Mass each Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation. At the start of the Covid-19 pandemic, he provided us all a dispensation from this Obligation (though we still desired to attend). This dispensation has been ended from the 1st Sunday of Advent. In lifting this dispensation Archbishop Peter comments "the ordinary individual exemptions will remain in place (eg for reasons of ill health, family care of the vulnerable, etc). So, as has always been the case, you must take proper consideration of your personal circumstances when deciding to participate in our gathering for Mass. Whilst gathering for Mass is a vital element of living our being as Catholics, our desire and obligation to attend Mass must not be at risk to our health or the health of others.

From this weekend, I am no longer going to live-stream Masses. Our full return to Mass, the rapid decline in numbers viewing live-streamed Masses, an extensive discussion among the Safeguarding Committee about the risks of having our children visible on line, and ongoing technical difficulties with live-streaming mean that the need for making Mass available no longer outweigh the risks associated. If this change causes you any issues, please contact the office (phone, email).

Another decision that arose from our Safeguarding Committee meeting is to prohibit photography during Masses due to the risks associated with children being visible on social media. If there are baptisms or people receiving sacraments then photographs can be taken after Mass instead of during. This emphasises the importance and solemnity of the Mass and at the same time helps us to develop and embed our culture of conscious care for and safe-guarding of our children and other vulnerable people.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS

Wow – this weekend we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King and next week Advent begins and we enter a new liturgical year: Year A, a year focussing through the Gospel of Matthew.

We have settled on the schedule of Masses for Christmas. See it elsewhere in this newsletter. On December 15th here at St Kevin's Church, there will be a Joint Parishes Rite of Reconciliation, with personal, individual, absolution available after the body of the service. We will start the service at 7.00pm (there is plenty of parking behind St Kevin's Church as well as along the road, and you can drop off those with mobility constraints at the front door before parking).

This week we went through the final week of "Ordinary Time" of the liturgical year, beginning with the Feast of Christ the King (the king who dies ignominiously through crucifixion). Let us allow this contradiction to rest with us: a King and such a lowly, terrible death – and that leads to our salvation, and a world that grows in goodness (slowly, imperfectly). Perhaps ... in our weakness and in our times of great difficulty, the opportunity for us to bear witness to God's great love is most evident.

God bless, Fr Charles

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AID AND DEVELOPMENT

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.



This weekend we celebrate a Year 3/4 Family Mass together with Matthew Tan's Baptism. Welcome everyone to join us in this joyous occasion.

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

Saturday	5.30pm	Year 3/4 Family Mass (Baptism - Matthew Tan)
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses
Tuesday	8.30am	Adoration
	9.15am	Mass
	1.00pm	Needlecraft Group
Wednesday	9.30am	Christian Meditation 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 Presentation @ 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:

Kim West, Karl Haussegger and Nina Luca

Recently Deceased:

LITURGY ROSTER

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

First Sunday of Advent - 26/27th November 2022

1st Reading: Isaiah 2: 1-5 2nd Reading: 1 Romans 13: 11-14 Gospel: Matthew 24: 37-44

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Pauline Erickson	Kathy Pearce	Lynne O'Brien
8.30am	Rebecca Sandwell	Paul Polidano	Frank Ozzimo
10.00am	Carmel Purdey	Julie O'Donnell	Tony Whelan Kaye Byrne

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

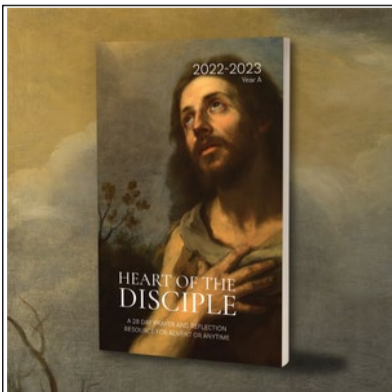
St. George's Anglican Church

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



HEART OF THE DISCIPLE ADVENT REFLECTION SERIES AT ST KEVIN'S PARISH

When: Friday mornings @ 9.15am

Dates: 25th November
2nd December
9th December
16th December

Where: St Kevin's Church

(or if you prefer to join us on zoom, simply let us know).

Come and join our Lay Ecclesial Leader, Tiziana D'Costa, as she leads us into a reflection and discussion series on learning what it means to have the 'heart of a disciple' – increasingly open to hearing and responding to God.

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 again 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 PARISH
Templestowe

CHRISTMAS 2022 BLANKET RAFFLE

DRAWN 18TH DECEMBER
DURING WEEKEND MASSES

(WE HAVE 3 BLANKETS TO RAFFLE)

TICKETS: \$2 EACH OR
3 TICKETS FOR \$5

ALL PROCEEDS FUND
KNITTING SUPPLIES



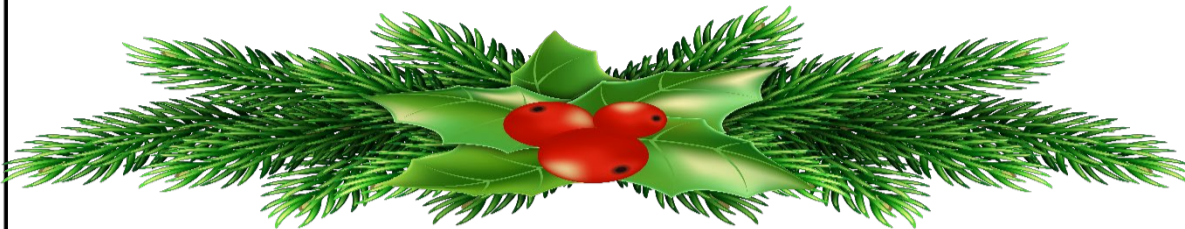
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to Lyn Murphy and her team of helpers for organising our beautiful Annual Bereavement Mass which was held last Thursday. It was truly a meaningful and comforting Mass – thank you also to Fr Charles. Well done Lyn and thank you for all that you do for us and for our parish.

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



In Loving Memory



Christmas/New Year's Mass Times 2022

15th December - Reconciliation Service 7.00pm

24th December - Christmas Eve 5.45pm Carols

6.00pm Mass

9.00pm Mass

25th December - Christmas Day 9.00am Mass

Please note: this is the only Mass on Christmas Day.

31st December - New Year's Eve 5.30pm Mass

1st January - New Year's Day 8.30am Mass

10.00am Mass



"Go Forth into where many people struggle, and offer service as an echo of the love shown by Jesus". On 13 November Pope Francis celebrated Mass with the poor and re-opened a mobile health clinic in St Peter's Square offering free medical screenings and care to those in need. Furthermore, as part of his special November focus Francis spoke passionately "For Children who Suffer" in a powerful 2 minute video to be linked to our Social Justice Action webpage. Last weekend St Kevin's SJA invited our sisters and brothers at St Gregory's Parish to share Social Justice activities of interest with us, and is already receiving response. A 2nd visit to the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry (ACM) including for St Gregory's people has been planned for Wednesday 30 November from 12:00pm-2:00pm, to explore both Indigenous Voice Issues and also Opening The Doors Foundation (enabling Koori Kids to have an education of their choice)

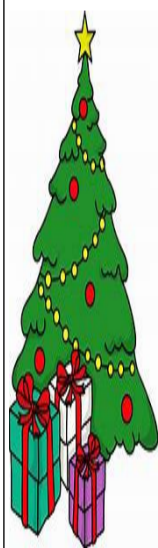
- John Costa SJA



St Kevin's Parish warmly welcomes through the Sacrament of Baptism...

Matthew Tan

Son of Danny and Adeline



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. Also, if you would like to attend, please add your name/s to the sign-up sheets on the table in the Gathering Space for catering purposes. Thank you.

COME AWAY DAY AT HOLY CROSS

The final Come Away Day for this year will be held on Wednesday 30 November at the Passionist Holy Cross Retreat Centre, 207 Serpells Road Templestowe. The theme of the day is "Welcoming the Light." The day's program provides opportunities for prayer, meditation, silence and group interaction in the beautiful grounds of Holy Cross. The day concludes at 2pm with a service of Anointing and Eucharist. All are welcome. BYO lunch. The cost of the day is \$25.00 or a donation. Registration is at 9.30am. For further details contact Frank Burke burke.frank942@yahoo.com.au or 0407998781.

Please note Christmas Day is a Sunday this year. The Liturgy Committee is putting a lot of work into helping us prepare. They have made the 4 weekends of Advent into a unique package and urge each one of us to fully participate.



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

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

First Reading

[2 Samuel 5: 1-3](#)

The two stories of David's royal anointing – first as king of the southern kingdom of Judah, then as king of the northern kingdom of Israel – are deceptively short and innocent. One has to read much more than these few verses to discover that David did not arrive at these positions of power by accident. Ambition, intrigue, rivalry, betrayals and assassinations all played their part in the story. They testify to the suspicion with which the prophets viewed the institution of monarchy and to their critique of its failures.

Nonetheless David became revered as shepherd-king and as the founder of an eternal dynasty. It was a measure of David's pre-eminence that the northern tribes and elders made their way south to Hebron to petition him to be their king.

In Jesus' day, the long-awaited messiah was to be a "son of David." Right from the start Matthew announces Jesus Christ as "the son of David, the son of Abraham". Other New Testament writers use the title too. Christians will tune in to the promise that David would be "shepherd of my people Israel," even though the gospel for today's feast is not one that refers to Jesus as the good shepherd.

Second Reading

[Colossians 1: 12-20](#)

Late in the letter to the Colossians, the author (whether Paul himself or a later writer invoking his name) speaks of being chained up in prison. This reference to painful confinement in what we could presume was a dark and depressing cell makes the cosmic vision of today's reading all the more remarkable. Prefacing the poem that acclaims the all-embracing all-pervasive power of Christ, the author celebrates the light and freedom won for us by the Son of God.

The poem itself, perhaps a pre-existing liturgical hymn, falls into two parts. The first extols Christ as the governing principle of the whole of creation, the second as the redeemer in whom all things are reconciled. The first draws on both the Jewish tradition of wisdom as God's agent in creation and on strands of Greek philosophical thought. The second offers wisdom of a very different kind, the wisdom that Paul described as "God's foolishness," that of the crucified Christ, an obstacle for Jews and madness for pagans but one who was "the power and wisdom of God".

If there was a risk that the initial vision of Christ and creation might be dismissed as idealised, this is countered by the realism of the concluding reference to his "death on the cross" (more literally, "the blood of his cross"), paving the way for the gospel text that follows.

This is a sublime confession of faith.



Virtual
Advent Series
2022

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