



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 A

First Sunday of Advent

26/27th November, 2022

Baptism Presentation Weekend

Our Presider today is: Fr Gerry McKernan



FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

A word from the Lay Ecclesial Leader...

It has always been our family tradition to set up a nativity scene at home during Advent.

In Italian, the nativity scene is called 'presepio'. There is an art to making a presepio - it is a detailed reproduction of Bethlehem and the manger. It takes time, planning and creativity.

There are a lot of things we no longer do as a family as the children grow, but so far, the presepio has endured. We are often ships in the night, but we make time for this on the first weekend of Advent. We plan, we design, we unpack the figurines, (we occasionally argue!) and we set to work. Every year, the presepio is slightly different from the year before. We bring to it something of ourselves, what we have learnt along the way. We see it as an act of service and devotion, preparation and welcome.

Finding a time when the five of us are free is challenging. It would be much easier not to do it. Advent is such a busy time of the year. We are busy, tired and really isn't everyone just waiting to get to the FINISH line - Christmas Day?

It is not easy to push back against the frenzy of this time of year to make space for reflection and prayer. It is counter-cultural to live simply and slowly in our complex modern world.

In a podcast I heard recently, I was reminded that it must have been very busy around the time of Jesus' birth too. It was Census time, and everyone was out and about to be counted. In fact, it was so crowded that there was no room at the inn. That there was no room at the inn, did not stop God. God came anyway.

In the busyness and complexity of modern life, it seems there's no room at the inn - but God is being born in every moment, God finds a way. I'm not sure how, when or where. Perhaps, it is best not to have preconceived ideas of how God comes in. Let's be open to moments of encounter with the divine in ourselves and others by embracing simplicity of heart and humility when we can.

For my family, it's the presepio. For you?

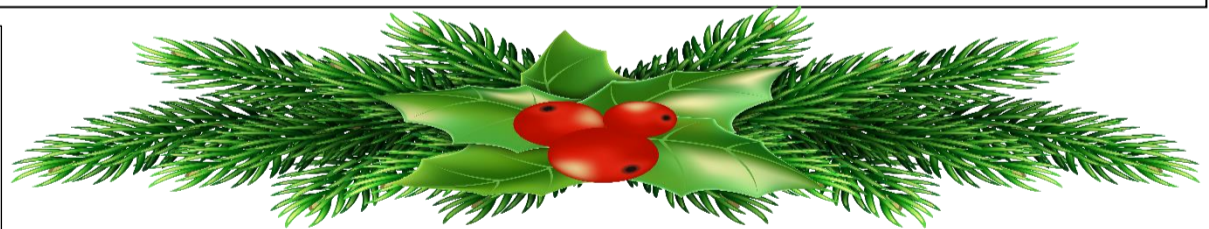
Blessings, Tiziana

Kadasig

AID AND DEVELOPMENT

Last Thursday, Ma'am Emely, Marwen and Eusabio (from the Philippines) together with Anni Miers and Glenys Gayfer visited our St Kevin's school to talk about Loyo Elementary and KAID.

Unfortunately, they were not able to then stay for our planned parish gathering as they were called away for an interview with SBS. Apologies for any disappointment caused. However, a picnic together with them has been scheduled for this Sunday at 12.30pm at Westerfolds Park. Please enter via Fitzsimmons Lane, turn right and proceed to the top. There will be Kadasig signage to assist you along the way. Please BYO lunch. Questions? Please contact Anni on 0402 203 291 or Glenys on 0411 196 395.



Christmas/New Year 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.

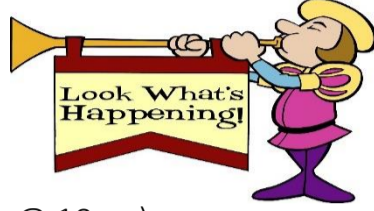
31st December - New Year's Eve 5.30pm Mass

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

10.00am Mass

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 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:

Benita Mabo, Matthew Wilkins and Augusta Menis

Recently Deceased:

LITURGY ROSTER

First Sunday of Advent - 26/27th November 2022

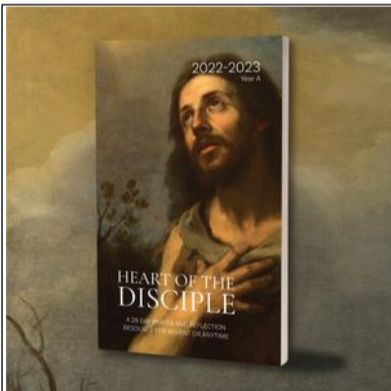
1st Reading: Isaiah 2: 1-5 2nd Reading: 1 Romans 13: 11-14 Gospel: Matthew 24: 37-44

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

Second Sunday of Advent - 3rd/4th December 2022

1st Reading: Isaiah 11: 1-10 2nd Reading: Romans 15: 4-9 Gospel: Matthew 3: 1-12

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Janet Parsons	Bredenia Raquel	Lawrence Ceconello
8.30am	Pauline Erickson	Paul Polidano	Pat Rowland
10.00am	Tony Byrne	Liz O'Connell	Lyn Robinson Tony Robinson



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

When: Friday mornings @ 9.15am

Dates: 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.

Hope, Faith, Joy and Peace

These Advent themes are also reflective of many Social Justice issues. Last Thursday's exceptionally well attended Advent McKinney presentations by Fr Frank Brennan with last-minute second speaker, Wiradjuri man and Anglican Priest Rev Glenn Loughrey, provided rich historical context and timely current perspectives on key issues concerning "An Indigenous Voice". Effectively this now calls on all of us to continue Indigenous Voice conversations in our families, friendship groups, communities and schools as we collectively advance towards national deliberation. The last minute video recording of the event we would have made available disappointingly failed! However Fr Frank Brennan's printed historical context will shortly be made available on our SJA St Kevin's webpage. Also reflecting Advent our 2nd Collection this weekend is for MacKillop Family Services - **John Costa SJA**

Baptism Welcome!

This weekend we welcome:

Brock and Amy Price

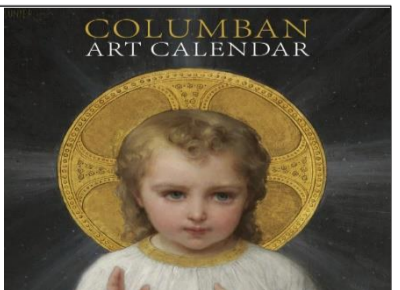
who will be introducing Jericho Jon James to our Community in preparation for his Baptism next weekend.

Celebration
of the
Sacrament of Baptism



Columban Art Calendars

are now available from the table in the Gathering Space. \$10 each – great Christmas presents! Please place payment in the box provided. Thank you.



The 2nd Collection this weekend is for MacKillop Family Services which includes Home Care (Foster, Kinship and Residential Services), Educational Services, Youth Services, Family Services and Heritage Information

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



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

Online Information Session

Join us and learn about your study options at Catholic Theological College

With a range of online study options now available it is possible to participate in most units of study at CTC without leaving home.

Monday 5 December at 7.30pm (AEDT)
Register via our website: ctc.edu.au/open-days
For more information contact:
jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au



MEN'S SOCIAL GROUP

The next **St Kevin's Men's Social Group** takes place on **Friday, 9th December @ 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 further information you can ring the parish office, or email Tiziana at tiziana.dcosta@cam.org.au

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.



Prayer For The Election

Heavenly Father,
You are the source of goodness, justice and truth.
We thank you for the many freedoms we enjoy in Australia, including free and fair elections.
We entrust to you the State of Victoria and all who live within it.
We pray for the gift of wisdom ahead of the upcoming election.
Guide us in our deliberations, so we may seek to elect representatives who will work tirelessly to pursue the common good in all things.
We pray for all those standing for election and their families.
May all those elected work diligently to build a more just society.
May our local community of Victoria be a place where peace and justice flourish, religious freedom is respected, and all people, -especially the most vulnerable are valued, respected and cared for.
And may we each renew our commitment to do the same ourselves - following the example of Your Son, Jesus Christ, in all things.
Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us. Amen.

ST GREGORY THE GREAT PARISH
TOGETHER WITH
ST KEVIN'S PARISH
invite you to a...
CHRISTMAS PARTY

The party will be held at St Gregory the Great 71 Williamsons Road Doncaster
Please join us for a fun filled night with our communities on **Sunday, 11 December after the 5pm Mass at the Parish Hall**

Raffle tickets will be sold 2 weekends before the event and will be drawn on the night. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Food and drinks will be provided (please do not bring any food to share).
Parents and carers are requested to please supervise
Please be mindful of food intolerances or allergies, as food and drinks may contain allergens.

Santa will make an appearance for the kids with a bag of treats!



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!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading

[Isaiah 2: 1-5](#)

The very first reading of the season is a glorious vision of universal peace. The prophet Isaiah depicts the hill-top city of Jerusalem as the earthly counterpart of the heavenly mount from which God reigns.

All the peoples of the earth will flock there; everyone will learn and follow the ways of the Lord; war will end and peace will prevail.

With this oracle we have the opportunity to establish a strong spirit of Advent hope at the outset of the season.

It is a powerful declaration, full of confidence and conviction.

It has a high poetic character that needs to be respected and not rushed through or reduced to matter-of-fact recitation.

Each element of the oracle should be allowed its role in depicting the scene.

The vision proper is divided into two parts by the direct speech of the people.

Second Reading

[1 Romans 13: 11-14](#)

After Isaiah's inspirational vision of universal peace, complemented by the responsorial psalm, the second reading delivers what may be felt as a short, sharp shock. The brief excerpt from the final chapters of Paul's lengthy treatise on salvation, his letter to the Romans, offer a blunt warning. Time is short, the works of darkness must be abandoned, and the way of light chosen.

The key image at play is the elemental contrast between night and day. Paul expands on this by naming behaviours, whether of the flesh or of the mind, that shy away from exposure to the light. He doesn't offer a counter-list of the "works of day". It's worth noting that most translations, unlike the Jerusalem Bible, place the phrase "put on the armour of light" in the centre of the passage and "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" at the end.

This latter phrase suggests the white garment in which the newly baptised is robed.



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 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.

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

Kids getting a little restless during Mass?

Then please encourage them to take a colouring book/worksheet and pencils from the basket in the Gathering Space. These are provided to help keep our little ones minds (and fingers) occupied. Please remember to return everything at the end of Mass for other children to use. Worksheets can be taken home with you. Thank you.

Christmas Carols

Come and join our St Kevin's Primary School community as we sing Christmas Carols and review our year. Monday, 5th December at 7.00pm in the Church. All welcome.

