



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

Second Sunday of Advent
Baptism Weekend

3rd/4th December, 2022

Our Presider today is: Fr Charles Balnaves

From the Prayers of Fr Charles...

Jesus must have loved verbs—in a way he IS a verb: an action Word (spoken over the emptiness at creation). Which means that it should be no surprise that when reading through the Gospels for Advent this year, each week presented a theme inviting or calling us to action:

- Week 1. Watchfulness! Stay Awake!
- Week 2. Prepare the way of the Lord.
- Week 3. What did YOU go out to see?
- Week 4. You must name him Jesus.



There is a progression through the weeks isn't there—leading us, calling us, guiding us towards ... God's love. Christmas is one of those key moments in our year where we are called to renew our commitment to the journey of faith.

Each week we are asked to open our selves in a different way. During this past, first, week—a call for us to be willing to listen and see God's work for us. Next to be willing to help bring others to awareness of Jesus Christ. Then to be willing to look deeper, to delve further into what faith means to 'me'. Finally to be willing to look for Jesus and name his presence: to name HIM. Then we can be just a bit more ready to recognise what it means to celebrate Christmas.

Once we start thinking in this way we become, slowly, more capable of living our faith deliberately, intentionally, consciously. The habits of faith are essential if they free us to grow in love of God. The habits of faith are a burden if they constrain us into an unbendable routine.

I invite you to journey with me to Christmas with an open heart, mind, soul.

Warning!!! Boring item!!! - Well, NO!!: It is not boring: it is vitally interesting!

Child Safety!!! We still need some of our volunteers to front up and get themselves up to date with a Working with Children Check (WWCC) and Code of Conduct. Yeeesssss.... We are doing Ok—about 75% there (congratulations).

But—would you accept 75% compliance/accuracy/completeness from your bank or insurance company or supermarket or airline or landlord ...???

We need to get to 100% compliance, please.

If you do ANYTHING for the church on a regular basis you need a WWCC and to sign our Code of Conduct.

Not sure? Call 98505983 or email templestowe@cam.org.au or drop in Tuesdays-Fridays 9.00am-4.00pm.

During interviews recently we've been asking people what they think it means to be "ChildSafe" and pretty much universally people have said "it means ensuring there is no harm done to our children" and within that there was a thread of being intentional—thinking ahead about the risks and planning for them.

Last weekend I was at a restaurant with my family and my granddaughter went for a wander—no problem—I followed her and we had some lovely few moments chasing her around until she hared off back to mum and dad. I dropped behind, didn't call to slow her, and next I know she tripped down a step and planted her face in the floor, because she was so keen to get to mum. No harm done in that case but hmmm! What about other risks? How could I help avoid such things in future? That trivial incident captures something of the need we have to improve all the time to sensibly prevent possibilities of harm of all sorts. Your getting a WWCC does nothing in itself but within you it starts a process or continues a process of bringing care for children to conscious awareness (not worry). Through that awareness, over time, we learn to create a culture of safety with a culture of gentle review so that we can always improve.

God bless, Fr Charles

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

Saturday 5.30pm Mass
 Sunday 8.30am & 10.00am Masses (Baptism @ 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



We pray for Better Health:

Michael Doyle, Fr Brendan Dillon, Jill Hodson, Betty Natoli, Rick Gaillardetz, Bastine D'Cruz, Mary Calleja, Batoul Barak, Louise Dipetro, Mary Hodgekinson, Izabella Fantin, John Nigro, Lianney Susanto, Kevin Parker and Melissa Wirata.

Anniversaries:

Stephen Byrne, June Flood, Ben Skadiang, Sharon McCluskey, Joe Chadwick, Claire Ryan and Margaret Anderson.

Recently Deceased:

Ugo Di Corrado and Walter Hohenberger

LITURGY ROSTER

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

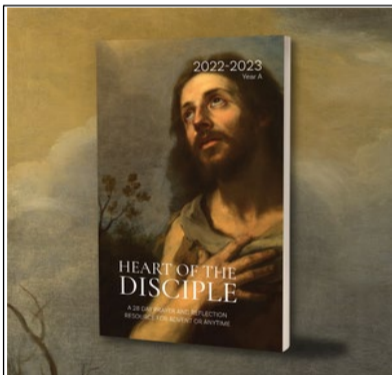
1st Reading: Isaiah 11: 1-10 2nd Reading: Romans 15: 4-9 Gospel: Matthew 3: 1-12

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

Third Sunday of Advent – 10/11th December 2022

1st Reading: Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10 2nd Reading: James 5: 7-10 Gospel: Matthew 11: 1-11

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Margaret Turner	Pauline Erickson	Anne Maguire
8.30am	Miriam Ayoub	Julie O'Donnell	Paul Polidano
10.00am	Lucy Halliburton	Carmel Shiel	Geraldine Williams Tony Whelan



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

When: Friday mornings @ 9.15am

Dates: 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.

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



Jericho Jon James Price
Son of Brock and Amy

The 2nd Collection again 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.

St Charles Borromeo School is also now collecting for this Foundation.

Social Justice Action

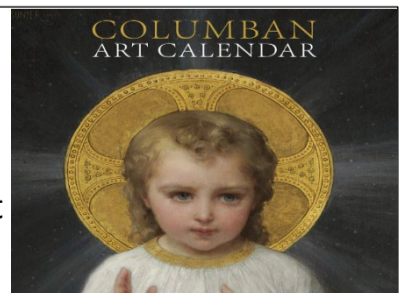
Preparing the Way

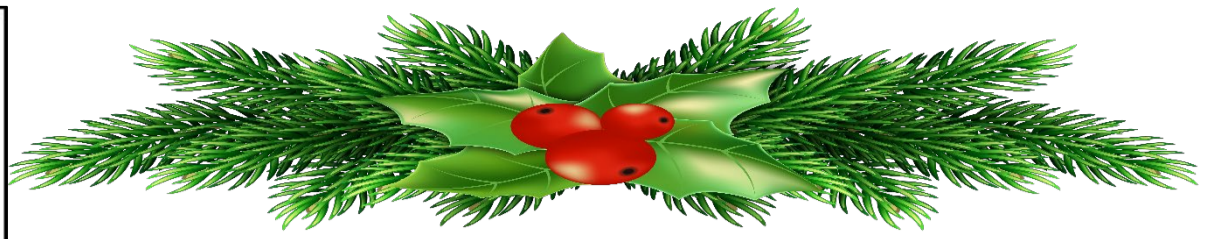
The 2nd Sunday of Advent relates to 'Preparing the Way' of the Lord. In a sense this also relates to following Christ's Mission by helping make the world a better and fairer place for everyone. Our 2nd Collection this weekend for Mackillop Family services is one such way, and St Charles Borromeo school families are currently doing likewise right now through the same Foundation, but their focus is on educating disadvantaged Fijian children. They are also now supporting Mantayupan Elementary School in the Philippines. Next year all Australians will be called to collectively decide on an Indigenous Voice, and now is a good time to start preparing by learning about and considering the issues involved. Adding to this information a sound recording and transcript of the recent presentation on this by Fr Frank Brennan SJ is now available on the Parish Social Justice Action webpage. This webpage ahead will continue providing information on various Catholic Social Justice issues, and opportunities to help 'prepare the way'.

- John Costa SJA

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.





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



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**

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




Help Urgently Needed Please!

We are desperately seeking Commentators, Readers and Communion Ministers for the 8.30am Mass. Please help! The more volunteers we have, the less you will be rostered on. Please call Pauline on 0407 824 638 or the Parish Office.

Fr Gerry needs a replacement CD player so if anyone has a small reasonable quality one (like a bookshelf unit) that they no longer want maybe they would consider passing it on.

Also Julian Gannon, who did most of the physical AV installation in the church uses an old Dell Latitude D820 for his work to run special old programs. If anyone has EXACTLY one of these sitting in a cupboard, they might consider passing it on but it does have to be exactly this model. For both things please ring Vianney on 0414 466 596.




The last **St Kevin's Men's Social Group** for 2022 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

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.



**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

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

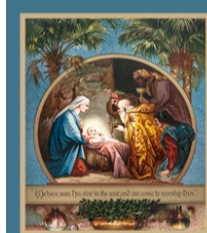
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading	Second Reading
<p>Isaiah 11: 1-10</p> <p>The prophet Isaiah looms large throughout the season of Advent (as well as being the prophet most cited in the lectionary as a whole). Today's reading is one of a series of oracles depicting a wonderful new era for God's people after the trauma of the exile. They will be blessed with a ruler from the house of David (Jesse's son) who will be endowed with the spirit of the Lord. He will be wise, just, faithful and strong, a paragon of integrity. This list of the ideal king's attributes introduces an idyllic vision of a new paradise. Creatures that are natural foes will co-exist in peace, for the world will be steeped in the knowledge of God. The reading is rounded out with a further reference to the "root of Jesse". You will note several other points taken up by New Testament writers and the Christian tradition, the most obvious being the list of the gifts of the Spirit. The garments of integrity and truth are found again in Ephesians 6:14.</p>	<p>1 Romans 15: 4-9</p> <p>As the season of Advent progresses, the tide of promise launched by the prophets carries us more and more powerfully towards messianic fulfilment. This perspective is reinforced by today's reading from Paul's letter to the Romans. It comes from the concluding chapters, long after Paul's agonised struggle to reconcile God's covenant with Israel with their failure to come to faith in Christ. Here he simply draws the peaceful conclusion that Jesus not only fulfilled the ancestral promises made to "circumcised Jews" but made it possible for "pagans to give glory to God". Like the author of the letter to the Hebrews, Paul invokes the steadfast faith of Jewish believers to encourage his Christian readers to be resolute, tolerant of one another, and united. The example of their forebears in faith, allied with that of Christ, should inspire praise of God's mercy.</p>



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 - 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.

