



# 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

Third Sunday of Advent  
Baptism Presentation Weekend

10/11<sup>th</sup> December, 2022

**Our Presider today is:** Fr Gerry McKernan



### A Word From The Lay Ecclesial Leader...

It is the third week of Advent: Joy. Let me share some thoughts from this week's Advent program.

Where do you find joy? If we look around us, there is arguably little to be joyous about: interest rates have increased, we are amid another Covid wave, the health system is overburdened, floods, the cost of living has increased significantly.

There is little joy to be found out there. And that's exactly the point. The joy of Advent cannot be found outside us. It starts by going inwards, it is a personal experience, a coming to know God, day by day, a little at a time.

Advent is the time for Jesus to be born in our lives and for allowing the joy of this encounter to fill our lives. What does this Joy feel like? Perhaps, it is the knowing that each of us is personally loved and personally known, and God is with each of us in every situation. This knowledge is a treasure that we bring to the world. When the joy of Advent is experienced, it can sustain us in uncertain and challenging times.

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to bear witness to God's love in our lives: the freedom and joy it brings. Like a candle gently burning, while the storm rages outside, let us be a beacon of light for our families, workplaces and communities in these unsettled times.

*Blessings, Tiziana*

### From the PP's Desk:

This past Tuesday I went into Melbourne to meet with Archbishop Peter—at my request. I wanted to, and did, give him a 'situation report' for us, St Greg's and St Kevin's. I wanted him to know how wonderful you are and how willing you are to learn to grow in faith and to spread the faith. I also wanted him to know that we don't have all the answers but we are seeking them. That is what the two forums we've held are for: to look at our ministries and seek to enrich them and perhaps grow them to focus through the lens of Jesus' Mission to go out to all with the Good News. Archbishop Peter was delighted to hear what I told him. As we drew to a close he said 'Charles, there is one thing I didn't hear ...' (oh dear I thought ... what ...) "I didn't hear about complaints / arguments about having this renewed focus" ... (whew, that's an easy one) ... "Well", I said, "that is because there aren't any. We may not know exactly how to move ahead but we want to and so people are willing to work forwards and allow space for the Holy Spirit to guide us as we work."

So, I must say to you THANK YOU. It is you who have enabled me to have that conversation with the Archbishop with such a positive message. **God Bless, Fr Charles**

## Advent Reconciliation



**An Advent Reconciliation Service**  
will be held at St Kevin's on Thursday Evening,  
15<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm.

Reconciliation will be offered in the first rite (general absolution) however, we will have extra priests available for the second rite of individual absolution if you prefer.

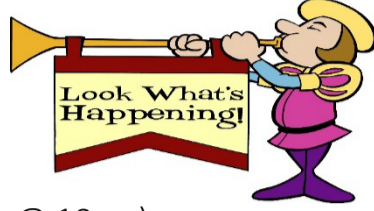
Please note: this will be the only Reconciliation Service held during Advent.

*Fr Charles*



## 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, 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:

Laurie Sheehan, Chris Adams, Merna Monaghan and Norman Ronald (Ron) Chambers.

### Recently Deceased:

## LITURGY ROSTER

### Third Sunday of Advent – 10/11<sup>th</sup> December 2022

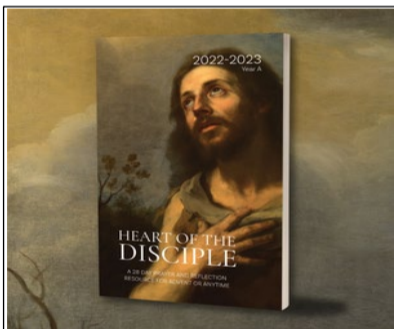
1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: James 5: 7-10 Gospel: Matthew 11: 1-11

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

### Fourth Sunday of Advent – 17/18<sup>th</sup> December 2022

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 7: 10-14 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 1: 1-7 Gospel: Matthew 1: 18-24

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Margaret Turner	Bredenia Raquel	Maryanne McNamara
8.30am	Pauline Erickson	Rebecca Sandwell	Mary Waddick
10.00am	Vianney Shiel	Mishika Perera	Joe Batiller Lyn Murphy



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

**When:** Friday morning @ 9.15am

**Date:** 16<sup>th</sup> 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 Third (Shepherd's) Pink Candle of Joy!**

The Third Sunday of Advent, like the pink colour of its candle, represents the joy that can result when support for others in need is provided, with care and love. Thanks to some Second Collections this year, these have helped Koori Children receive an education of their choice through the *Opening the Doors Foundation* (powerfully shown in a Social Justice website-page video!). Amongst other things they have also helped support homeless people, some suffering mental ill-health, or undergoing adoption, through *Catholic Care*. They've supported Asylum Seekers through the *Brigidine Asylum Seeker's Project* and have contributed to the prevention of child neglect and abuse through NAPCAN. They've further supported retired priests and LOYO Elementary school children in the Phillipines. They have supported abandoned children in Belarus, and supported local Seafarers, the Catholic deaf and flood victims through St Vinnies appeal. They are currently supporting Mackillop Family services. None of this is to say how good we are, but rather how much opportunity there is to bring joy and justice to those in need. At the same time, a warm 'thank you' from those helped!

- John Costa SJA

## Baptism Welcome!

This weekend we welcome:

Frederick and Monica Escobar

who will be introducing Olivia Joy Teh

to our Community in preparation for her Baptism next weekend.

Celebration  
of the  
Sacrament of Baptism



**The Second Collection this weekend continues for the various programs provided by MacKillop Family Services. These include Home Care Services, Educational Services, Youth Services, Family Services and information on personal heritage.**

**Social Justice Action**

### **2023 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.

COLUMBAN  
ART CALENDAR





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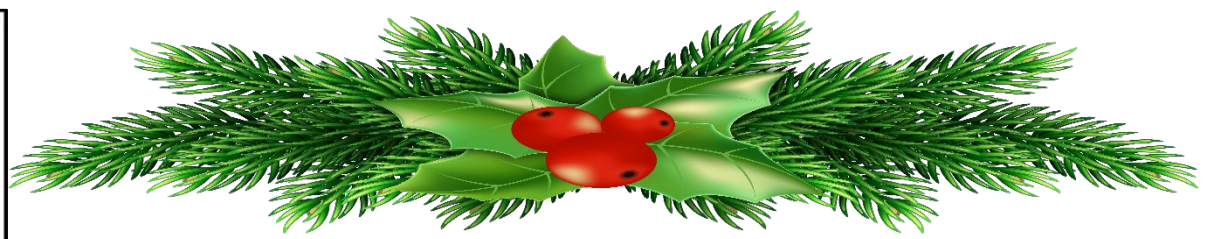
**CHRISTMAS  
2022  
BLANKET  
RAFFLE**

**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**

## Christmas/New Year Mass Times 2022

- 15<sup>th</sup> December - Reconciliation Service 7.00pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Eve 5.45pm Carols  
6.00pm Mass  
9.00pm Mass
- 25<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Day 9.00am Mass  
Please note: this is the only Mass on Christmas Day.
- 31<sup>st</sup> December - New Year's Eve 5.30pm Mass
- 1<sup>st</sup> January - New Year's Day 8.30am Mass  
10.00am Mass

*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.




**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.

### A Safety Message

Victoria is currently experiencing a surge in Covid cases. As we wait for the wave to peak and subside, please take care of yourself and one another. Get tested if symptomatic, stay home if you are infectious, wear a mask if you cannot be in a well-ventilated space

See [coronavirus.vic.gov.au](https://coronavirus.vic.gov.au).

*Thank you, Tiziana*

### Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

The Parish of Ivanhoe has a couple of vacancies for its Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 11<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

If you are interested please visit our Parish Website [www.melbcatholic.org/ivanhoe](http://www.melbcatholic.org/ivanhoe) and click on the News Page or phone Fr Bill Edebohs 0427 879 733.

**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.

### Free to a Good Home!

The next (final?) edition of "The Swag" magazine is available from the table in the Gathering Space.

### Meditation Christmas Break-Up

Our last Meditation Session for 2022 will take place on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> December at 9.30am. Gerry Lewis, who has been leading these sessions online, will be in Melbourne at that time and has kindly agreed to lead the final session for 2022, followed by morning tea. All are welcome to join us.

You've got a lot to give beyond Christmas gifts.



**In January you can prepare for mission at home or abroad.**

Palms Australia has trained Australians to live and work within cultures and communities overseas since 1961. Now four days of that training will be available for parishioners interested to assist harness the diverse gifts of our community and make it stronger.

Palms' [Neighbours Without Borders](#) program (January 7 – 11) will "focus on building communities that are welcoming to all, with particular attention to those on the margins of society and the church" as urged by the recent Plenary Council. Completing a further four days (January 12 – 15) will prepare you to meet one of the [many requests Palms has from communities in Africa, Asia and the Pacific who need educators; health professionals; administrators and others](#) to assist build on the strengths of their people who otherwise have little opportunity for training.

Enquire about Palms Orientation for mission via [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au) or call 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567.

For information on our Parish Schools  
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**St Kevin's Primary School**  
Phone: 9273 9999

**St Charles Borromeo Primary School**  
Phone: 9842 7634

## Responsorial Psalm

Lord, come and save us.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.  
Alleluia!

## Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord come and save us.

### REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### First Reading

##### [Isaiah 35: 1-6,10](#)

After the darkness of the night, the dawn of day lights up the world.  
That's the image suggested by today's reading from the prophet Isaiah.  
His joyous evocation of a transformed world is intended to dispel the shame and despair of the Israelites deported to Babylon.  
The dark years of exile are over.  
A new era has begun.  
The wilderness becomes a garden.  
Divine glory is revealed.  
Sin is forgiven.  
Physical and spiritual handicaps are healed.  
Exile ends in home-coming.  
This is a festive litany, a sustained outburst of joy.  
It appeals to all our hopes for a new heaven and a new earth, for new hearts and a new humanity.  
It will make most sense to those who understand its background, but even those who aren't familiar with the story of the exile can't fail to be stirred by this poem's spirit.  
One may wish to connect the biblical reading to contemporary experiences of exile, loss, separation and despair.

#### Second Reading

##### [James 5: 7-10](#)

This short passage from the letter of James maintains the focus on the parousia, the Lord's coming to bring salvation to completion. It is to be awaited with patience. Like Jesus in the synoptic gospels, James appeals to the everyday experience of communities on the land. He offers a simple image with a simple message. Just as farmers must wait for rain with patience, so must believers wait for the Lord's coming.  
James goes on to warn the members of the community against making complaints about one another. This admonition too is set against the backdrop of the Lord's coming: "the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates". In the final sentence of the reading, James invokes the example of the prophets who suffered with patience.  
A striking feature of the letter of James is the scarcity of references to Jesus Christ. Apart from the greeting in the opening verse, Christ is only mentioned in one other place. This leaves the identity of "the Lord" unclear. Does James intend to mean Christ or God? That aside, the reading is in James' typically plain-spoken style.  
Overall it is a message of encouragement.



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:** Tuesday – December 13 **TIME:** 7.00 – 8.00pm **WHERE:** Via Zoom meeting **COST:** Free

**MORE INFORMATION:** [VIRTUAL ADVENT SERIES 2022 | Garratt Publishing](#)

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

