



# 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 Lent

25/26<sup>th</sup> February, 2023

Reconciliation Commitment Weekend

**Our Presider today is:** Fr Charles Balnaves

### Thoughts from the mind of the PP...

**Call for members:** we need more people to step in and help us function fully and effectively: liturgy group, **computer operators, sacristans, lectors, ministers assisting at holy communion, ministers visiting the sick/homebound**, welcoming group, **youth group, children's liturgy**, Altar Servers, Men's Group, **RCIA group leadership, flowers**, church environment, church cleaning, Sacramental Program Catechists, Parish Pastoral Council etc. etc. Please look into your heart: what are you called to do to help us be the presence/light of Christ for others?

Yes, I know! Some of those groups don't exist at present – but ... there is a gleam in the parish eye that is seeking to grow and the new groups or re-newed groups are a part of seeking to be vibrant and vital.

Yes it takes a commitment but if you're reading this you are 90% of the way there because you already believe in Jesus Christ and you already want to make a difference.

### Dreaming:

I use that word in the sense of imagining and praying for the future but also with a little, maybe a lot, of the sense it has for Aboriginal peoples – a sense of the ever growing, on going present, past and potential future that encompasses the whole of our lives. In our case it is our lives as followers of Jesus the Christ.

If you remember Gerry Lewis, who held the Lay Ecclesial Leader role before Tiziana: he wrote up his thoughts about the parish and throughout the report was a thread of 'we want to grow' 'we want to be vibrant' 'we want more children/young people active' ... perhaps 'need' was strongly there.

If you would do me a favour: perhaps you could do write down and send to the office two things:

First: describe/write down how do you encounter Jesus Christ or the Holy Spirit (or both) in your life – one or two instances.

Second: we are in a community of two parishes with St Greg's – what dream would you have about how we might grow that community over the coming five to ten years? I'm not talking about merging parishes but a community that grows in richness and vibrancy. What would you like to see? And if possible – how might you help that come to fruition?

This is slightly different to what Gerry was asking about in his interviews: he concentrated on St Kevin's alone – I'm interested in how we grow at St Kevin's as part of the added dimensions of community that we are now a part of with St Greg's.

**God Bless, Fr Charles**



**Stations of the Cross** will be conducted at 9.45am every Tuesday morning during Lent after the 9.15am Mass and 7.00pm every Friday at St Gregory the Great Church, 71 Williamsons Road, Doncaster.

Our weekly **Lenten Program** in St Kevin's Chapel continues every Thursday morning, directly after the 9.15am Mass during Lent. This program is guided by our Lay Ecclesial Leader, Tiziana D'Costa, who uses the Lenten Program booklet written by Fr Christopher Monaghan, a Passionist Priest. The booklet will be provided for you all to use during the Program or for you to study at home if you are not able to attend every session.

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

Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses
Tuesday	8.30am	Adoration
	9.15am	Mass
	1.00pm	Needlecraft Group
Wednesday	9.30am	Meditation – via zoom only
	Please contact the parish office so we can send you the link	
Thursday	11.00am	Adoration
	8.30am	Adoration
Saturday	9.15am	Mass
	5.30pm	Mass



### We pray for Better Health:

Michael Doyle, Fr Brendan Dillon, John Nigro, Rick Gaillardetz, Bastine D’Cruz, Mary Calleja, Batoul Barak, Louise Dipetro, Mary Hodgekinson, Lianney Susanto, Kevin Parker, Melissa Wirata, Jane O’Brien, Dorothea (Dot) Sharkey, Trish Wilson and Danielle Hardy.

### Anniversaries:

Claude Natoli, Len Saunders, Marlene Shirley Crawl and Bede Header.

### Recently Deceased:

## LITURGY ROSTER

### First Sunday of Lent – 25/26<sup>th</sup> February 2023

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 2: 7-9, 3: 1-7 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 5: 12-19 Gospel: Matthew 4: 1-11**

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Daniel Marini	Tiziana D’Costa	Lawrence Ceconello
8.30am	Frank Ozzimo	Pauline Erickson	Adrian Teo
10.00am	Julie O’Donnell	Liz O’Connell	Joe Batiller

### Second Sunday of Lent – 4/5<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 12: 1-4 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Timothy 1: 8-10 Gospel: Matthew 17: 1-9**

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Pauline Erickson	Margaret Turner	Anne Maguire
8.30am	Paul Polidano	Julie O’Donnell	Penny Teo
10.00am	Carmel Purdey	Mishika Perera	Raffaella Dinelli

## Project Compassion 2023

Lent is a time when we support the work of Caritas Australia in a special way through Project Compassion. Caritas Australia helps to empower some of our most marginal sisters and brothers; it embraces some demanding situations because it says yes to our neighbours. The theme for Project Compassion is “For All Future Generations”. This year that theme asks us to think about the great yes that Mary said when the angel told her that she was to become the mother of Jesus. She freely accepted a unique place in the history of the human family.

Please ensure you collect your box before leaving today.



### Lenten Journey and Lasting Compassion

The Caritas slide this weekend leading into the 2nd Collection, and the short video following, remind us that Project Compassion provides a particular opportunity during this Lenten time to engage privately in very effective Social Justice activity through Project Compassion initiatives. Local and international reports throughout the year further highlight the infinite Scope and opportunities for showing compassion, beyond just this time or place. But while the possibilities are endless our resources are limited. However many people doing limited things together multiply benefits for those in need when we are called through faith to support, and encourage others. Parish Social Justice Action reactivates long standing compassionate activities of St Kevin's Parish to help many people in varied ways. If you wish to explore the many compassion possibilities with others through our faith and actions, then you're reading in the right place. Feel free to offer suggestions, find out more, or directly participate with others from St Kevin's and St Gregory's in these challenges.

**John Costa, St Kevin's Social Justice in Action**

### Help Wanted!



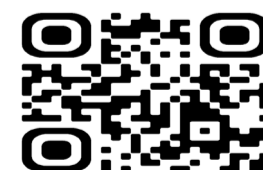
We are now in the Season of Lent and Easter is fast approaching. As we enter into this extremely busy time of the Liturgical Year, we are asking for some assistance please with our Easter Ceremonies.

If you are not planning time away this Easter Season, please consider being involved in your parish this year, even if it is in a small way – every little bit helps!

Please call Fr Charles on 9850 5983 for more information or indeed to express your desire to offer any support. Thank you.

We now have a new way to undertake parish collections – please use this QR Code to make quick and easy contributions to our parish by following these simple steps:

1. Wave your mobile camera over it
2. Click on “Web Address”
3. Indicate your payment options



All contributions will go directly and securely into St Kevin's Church Account. You can also use this code to make donations to appeals such as the one this weekend – simply indicate when placing your payment options. Thank you all.



### **Calling all Altar Servers!!**

Want to stand with Fr Charles and help celebrate Mass? Do you want to play a vital role in all school Mass celebrations and once a month on a Sunday?

Enrol in the Altar Servers Course! The training will take place across three 30 minute lessons during the school day.

All children who have received their First Eucharist are eligible to become Altar Servers.

If interested please get mum and/or dad to email Ana at the Parish house on [templestowe@cam.org.au](mailto:templestowe@cam.org.au) or call 7064 3948.

St Gregory's  
& St Kevin's  
Invitation

# PARISH PIZZA & WINE CELEBRATION

All parishioners and friends are warmly invited to St Gregory's Parish Pizza & Wine gathering on **Saturday 18th March** after the 6pm Mass in the Church Narthex

**Register via Sign-up Sheets**  
Please add your name to sign up sheets if you intend to join the celebration.  
We look forward to seeing you.



### World Day of Prayer Services 2023, Taiwan, Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

Trinity Lutheran Church – 10.00pm

St Clement of Rome Catholic Church – 7.30pm

51 Victoria Street, Doncaster

7-21 Egan Drive, Bulleen

Speaker: Craig Petty – “Compassion”

Speaker: Rev Swee Ann Hoh

Minister of the Word

Manningham Uniting Church

Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of each service.

Please contact Faye Harvey for further information 0412 209 332

### EASTER TIMETABLE 2023

30<sup>th</sup> March: Communal Penance Service at 7.30pm – St Gregory the Great, Doncaster

1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> April: Palm Sunday – Masses as per usual

6<sup>th</sup> April: Holy Thursday – Mass at 6.00pm

7<sup>th</sup> April: Good Friday – Stations of the Cross @ at 10.00am – St Gregory the Great

– Passion of our Lord @ 3.00pm – St Greg's and St Kevin's

8<sup>th</sup> April: Easter Vigil Masses @ 6.30pm – St Greg's 8.30pm – St Kevin's

9<sup>th</sup> April: Easter Sunday Masses @ 8.30 and 10.00am



### **Farewell Betty Natoli**

A wonderful and inspirational woman who tirelessly gave of herself to her friends, family and St Kevin's Parish.

Betty embodied for us a wonderful image of the hospitality of God.

May she rest in peace.

**To commemorate Betty's one month anniversary of death, a special Mass will be celebrated for her here at St Kevin's Church on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> March at 5.30pm by Fr Jose Matthews. All welcome.**

**Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation** welcomes 2023 with interesting seminars, events and reflection weekends. Our upcoming events in March are outlined below:

***A Contemplative Space (monthly via Zoom with two in-person sessions), 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of month starting March-November from 10 am – 12pm (AEDT) with Leslie Hanger.***

*An invitation to take time out and nurture your soul in a contemplative space. These monthly gatherings offer opportunities for meditation, personal reflection and time for sharing. The sessions will be held online except for May and November when the group will meet in-person at Heart of Life. This is a great opportunity to develop connections with others and support each other's contemplative journey. Join us for individual sessions or book for the entire 9 sessions commencing with 10 Mar 2023. Cost: \$25 per session or \$200 for the series. Book and pay by 6/3/23 via [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne).*

***Understanding Your Personality Type: Gifts Differing (in-person event), Saturday 18 March from 10 am – 3.30 pm with Peter Malone msc.***

*Our graced selves, praying, communicating...*

*This is a Myers Briggs reflection day. Attendees can complete the Personality Type Indicator form on the day. Cost: \$60 (BYO lunch). Book and pay by 15/3/23 via [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne).*

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

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

### Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone,

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

### Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer.

## REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### First Reading

#### Genesis 2: 7-9, 3: 1-7

The very first reading of the Sundays of Lent presents us with age-old and ever-present questions. How did the world come to be? What is humankind's relationship with God? What is man's relationship with woman? How do we make moral choices? What is it to be self-conscious?

The book of Genesis offers no conclusive answer to these sorts of questions. Instead it tells stories for us to inhabit and explore. Today's reading yokes together two parts of one of these stories. Unlike the majestic account we hear at the Paschal Vigil, this older story of creation begins with man being fashioned from the dust of the earth. The garden of paradise is created, then in verses we don't hear, animals and finally woman.

We rejoin the story with the episode of the fall. It's somewhat like a folk tale. It introduces but does not explain the figure of the serpent. This crafty creature slides along the boundaries of the animal, the human and the divine, and especially between truth and falsehood. The story weaves together animated dialogue, dramatic action, and a consequential outcome but offers no conclusive answers to our questions. What was the tree of the knowledge of good and evil? Why was eating its fruit forbidden? Where did the serpent come from? Why did eating from the tree expose their nakedness?

### Second Reading

#### Romans 5: 12-19

After the first reading's engaging narrative of the fall, we now grapple with a sustained and complex theological argument from Paul.

The essence of his thought is simple enough.

It's the contrast between Adam (a name meaning "man") and Christ.

Adam sinned, as did everyone after him, bringing death and condemnation to all.

Christ obeyed, bringing grace, acquittal, life and righteousness to all.

It's an "a fortiori" case: how much greater and more beneficial for everyone are the consequences of Christ's action in comparison with Adam's.

A new humanity and a new creation have come into being.

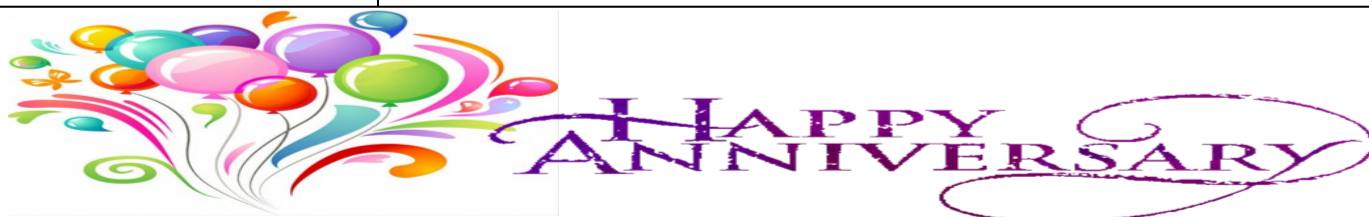
While this can be stated plainly enough, Paul's busy mind keeps generating fresh ideas or new ways of making his point.

It makes him prone to digression and repetition.

This fertility of thought has produced a text that is overloaded.

By omitting some of the asides that flow from Paul's opening sentence, the shorter version of the reading is easier to follow, though it still contains some long and elaborate sentences.

## PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP MOVEMENT



### This year, we celebrate two big anniversaries for Family Groups.

The first is the 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary since Family Groups first began in Sydney.

We shall celebrate this event on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June at the 5.30pm Mass followed by cheese and nibbles in the Gathering Space.

The second is the 30<sup>th</sup> year anniversary since Family Groups first began at our St Kevin's Parish.

We shall celebrate this event on Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> July at the 10.00am Mass.

All are invited and welcomed to attend these events, in particular any past members and parishioners.