



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 in Ordinary Time
Baptism Weekend

14/15th January, 2023

Our Presider today is: Fr Charles Balnaves

From the PP's Desk...

We celebrated a memorial Mass for George Cardinal Pell on Saturday 14th: May he rest in peace.

One of the things I do for relaxation is to prepare branches of wood for the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry to paint up and use as "message sticks". These "Aboriginal Message Sticks" are used during Mass and other liturgies in 600 or more Catholic churches and schools and other bodies across Victoria. The Message Stick is held aloft during the proclamation of the Gospel or other Scripture readings to remind us to listen to Scripture, the whole of who we are as a person and community.

The final steps of preparation involve sanding the sticks smooth so they can be painted with various Aboriginal-Catholic/Christian symbols. I use an electric sander so there is a lot of dust flying in the air. As I sanded the latest batch of twenty sticks I was wearing an N95 mask to stop my sinuses getting filled with dust. But ... I was not careful about fitting the mask—there were small gaps around the edges by my ears. After half an hour, my sinuses were filled with dust despite having the mask on.

My first thought was that I need to be more careful when I use a mask for health purposes: make sure it is fitted properly and is fit for purpose in a world of on-going widespread presence of Covid-19. From a personal perspective, perhaps careless masking while shopping is why I missed Christmas with my second Covid-19 bout.

Then it occurred to me that this failure of the mask is a metaphor for all sorts of 'practices' that we have.

When I do my Morning Prayer (or any prayer)—do I fit myself properly into a space with God?

When I proclaim the Gospel or other readings—do I fit myself properly into the passage by preparing and reading aloud beforehand?

When I prepare for celebrating Mass do I fit myself properly into a disposition to live the truth of this awesome mystery of God's presence with us in Word and in Sacrament?

That ill-fitted mask while sanding kept out most of the dust—better than nothing. But how much better if it had been fitted properly. I am not suggesting we fall into some excess of scrupulosity and worry worry worry about little things. Rather, I am suggesting that it is easy to lose sight of the big picture: preventing Covid-19 spread / growing in love of Father, Son and Holy Spirit / etc. Christ before me / Christ behind me

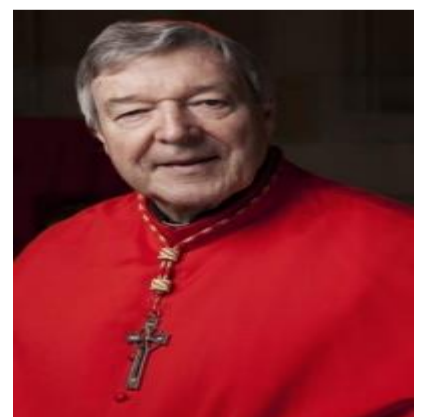
God Bless, Fr Charles

Cardinal George Pell – A message from the Archbishop of Melbourne, Peter A Comensoli

Dear Friends,

By now you would have heard the sad news of the death of Cardinal George Pell from heart complications following hip surgery in Rome.

Cardinal Pell was a very significant and influential Church leader, both in Australia and internationally, deeply committed to Christian discipleship. The seventh Archbishop of Melbourne, he led the local Church of Melbourne from 1996 to 2001 with strong leadership in the Catholic faith and with good governance, before being transferred to Sydney and then to Rome.



At this time, let our prayers go out to the God of Jesus Christ, whom Cardinal Pell wholeheartedly believed in and followed, that he may be welcomed into eternal life.

Our prayers of comfort and condolence are also with his family, and we unite with all the people of God in Melbourne in praying for the repose of his soul. May eternal light shine upon him, and may he now rest in peace and rise to glory in the Lord.

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
Wednesday	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, Betty Natoli, John Nigro, Rick Gaillardetz, Bastine D'Cruz, Mary Calleja, Batoul Barak, Louise Dipetro, Mary Hodgekinson, Izabella Fantin, Lianney Susanto, Kevin Parker and Melissa Wirata.

Anniversaries:

Giuseppe Giannini, Michael De Luca, Vito Adamo, Mario Bolzonello, Bryan O'Toole, Giovanni Pennisi, Marie Reichert, Graham Arthur, Colin McDonald, Jure Mlikota, Peter Norton, Gregory Shiel, Maria Egan, Giuseppe (Joe) Luca, Jadwiga Krolikowski and Margaret Materazzo

Recently Deceased: Cardinal George Pell

LITURGY ROSTER

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 14/15th January 2023

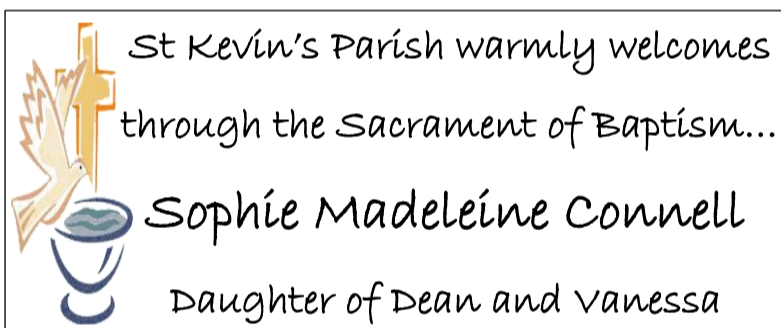
1st Reading: Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6 2nd Reading: Corinthians 1: 1-3 Gospel: John 1: 29-34

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Margaret Turner	Bredenia Raquel	Maryanne McNamara
8.30am	Rebecca Sandwell	Pauline Erickson	Adrian Teo
10.00am	Vianney Shiel	Julie O'Donnell	Lyn Murphy

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 21st/22nd January 2023

1st Reading: Isaiah 8; 23 – 9: 3 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 10-13, 17 Gospel: Matthew 4: 12-23

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Janet Parsons	Daniel Marini	Lynne O'Brien
8.30am	Frank Ozzimo	Paul Polidano	Penny Teo
10.00am	Lucy Halliburton	Miriam Ayoub	Lyn Robinson



Happy New Year Everyone and welcome back to our first parish newsletter for the year.

We wish you all a year filled good health, prosperity, peace, joy, love and happy days.

Your Parish Team

Have you ever glimpsed pure goodness in another person? Sometimes we see it as we gaze on a baby — goodness, innocence and seemingly limitless potential. On rarer occasions, we get caught up in a similar perception of a young person or an adult. Some people seem to exude peace and integrity. They are a blessing to be around. That must be what John the Baptist perceived in Jesus: a person whose very being illustrated holiness.

Let us enjoy today's Gospel Reading from John.

Fitzroy Crossing Floods Appeal

Today's second collection will go towards the Fitzroy Crossing Floods Appeal, which bore the brunt of what has been described as the worst flood in the state's history. The flood has created an inland sea spanning 50 kilometres, forcing hundreds of residents to flee, leaving roads impassable and isolating remote Aboriginal communities. With parts of Fitzroy Crossing completely inundated with water, authorities estimate as many as 100 homes have been damaged and more than 280 people across the Kimberley region have been relocated or evacuated.

St Kevin's Social Justice in Action



Journeying Together with Sr Nathalie Becquart XMCJ – a Series of Important and Interesting Talks

Sr Nathalie Becquart XMCJ is the Undersecretary of the General Secretariat of the Synod and one of the most influential women in the Church today. As part of Sr Nathalie's tour of Australia, we are delighted to have this opportunity to hold this conversation on 'journeying together' as Church both universally and locally.

As our local Church in Melbourne walks the path of *Take the Way of the Gospel*, the universal Church is on her journey of synodality (Synod 2021-2024: For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission). These journeys are connected and they invite us to walk together, and listen to the Holy Spirit and each other.

We hope that this event will be beneficial for parish leadership, *Take the Way of the Gospel* coordinators and Archdiocesan staff, particularly those leading or who have an interest in *Take the Way of the Gospel*.

Sister Nathalie Becquart XMCJ is a French nun of the Congregation of Xavières. In May 2019 she was appointed by Pope Francis as Consultor to the Synod of Bishops and in 2021 she was appointed by Pope Francis as Undersecretary of the Synod of Bishops. She is the first woman to ever hold this position in the Vatican and the first woman to have voting rights in the Synod of Bishops.

Sr Nathalie has played a significant role in both the Synod on Young People in 2018 and the Synod on the Pan-Amazon Region in 2019.

Sr Nathalie is coming to Australia for a few days only on her whirlwind tour, and places will be limited for her free events in Melbourne and Sydney. Please register to avoid disappointment, as places at each event are limited!

Journeying Together with Sr Nathalie Becquart XMCJ

Date: Tuesday 31 January 2023 10am-12midday

Where: Catholic Leadership Centre, 576 Victoria Pde, East Melbourne

Free event

Registration is essential via

<https://www.trybooking.com/CFARB>

Registration closes Friday **27 January 2023**

Enquiries: proclaim@cam.org.au or 9926 5761

TUESDAY 31 JAN | 2.30PM - 4PM

PUBLIC FORUM

**WALKING TOGETHER:
WHAT LIES AHEAD ON THE
JOURNEY TO A SYNODAL CHURCH**

**NEWMAN COLLEGE
887 Swanston St, Parkville**

TUESDAY 31 JAN | 5PM - 6.30PM

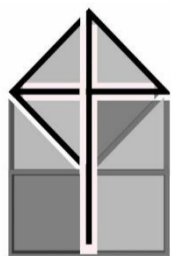
HELDER CAMARA PUBLIC LECTURE

**TOWARDS A SPIRITUALITY
OF SYNODALITY**

**NEWMAN COLLEGE
887 Swanston St, Parkville**

More information is available from the flyers on the noticeboard in the Gathering Space or you can register online at:

https://parracatholic.org/srnathalie_mel/



The next **Charismatic Mass and Adoration** will be held at St Gregory the Great Church, 71 Williamsons Road, Doncaster on Friday, 3rd February @ 7.00pm and will continue on the first Friday of every month throughout 2023.



Covid-19: thank you for remaining sensible with managing / reducing our spread of Covid-19 by wearing masks, hand sanitising, physically distancing, staying away from Mass when you have symptoms. Keep it up!

Confessions:-

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is currently available in two ways:

1. Come early for any Mass or stay after and check with the Priest OR
2. Call the office and make an appointment with Fr Charles.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ASSISTING REFUGEE STUDENTS

MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for 4 school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. A Training Day for new volunteers with emphasis on Child Safeguarding will take place prior to commencement in 2023.

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For information on our Parish Schools
please contact:

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St Charles Borromeo Primary School
Phone: 9842 7634

Responsorial Psalm

Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.
He enabled those who accepted him
to become the children of God. Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

[Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6](#)

Mysterious figures abound in the Old Testament, even if they have a name, like Melchizedek. Today's mystery person is nameless but is referred to as the "servant". Four passages in the prophet Isaiah, known as the servant songs, are attributed to this character. The servant, divinely chosen to bear witness to God's saving purpose, even by suffering, has been variously identified as one of Israel's kings, as Isaiah himself, or as the whole people. Christian tradition sees Jesus as the ultimate suffering servant.

This oracle of Isaiah appears to be addressed to the Israelites exiled in Babylon. In the first place it encourages them to hope for return and restoration. But it goes much further. The servant is given a universal mission, to be "the light of the nations" and to proclaim salvation "to the ends of the earth". The language of this reading has parallels in the psalms and in the call of Jeremiah. It also brings to mind Simeon's canticle and Jesus' claims to be "the light of the world" in John's gospel. It's cited in the Acts of the Apostles as the mandate for Paul and Barnabas' mission to the pagans.

Careful examination of the passage will show that it has a number of components. These are clearer in the Jerusalem Bible lectionary in comparison with the NRSV which leaves most of the text as a single, complex and awkward sentence.

The reading begins with God's address to the servant. The servant then makes a short statement in response before introducing God's second and final declaration of the servant's mission.

Second Reading

[1 Corinthians 1: 1-3](#)

Over the next several Sundays we hear a series of readings from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. As is the case today, Paul begins all his letters with a self-introduction, followed by a greeting of grace. Curiously, the lectionary includes these introductions from some of Paul's letters but not from others. It's strange, also, that today's reading omits his prayer of thanks for God's gifts to the Corinthians.

While called the first, this letter is agreed to be the second Paul wrote to the spirited community at Corinth.

He knew them well, having spent some eighteen months proclaiming the gospel there.

Like Corinth itself, a cosmopolitan port city at the cross-roads between east and west, the Christian community was diverse.

Rich and poor, Jewish and pagan, liberal and conservative, educated and uneducated – all kinds of polarities were represented.

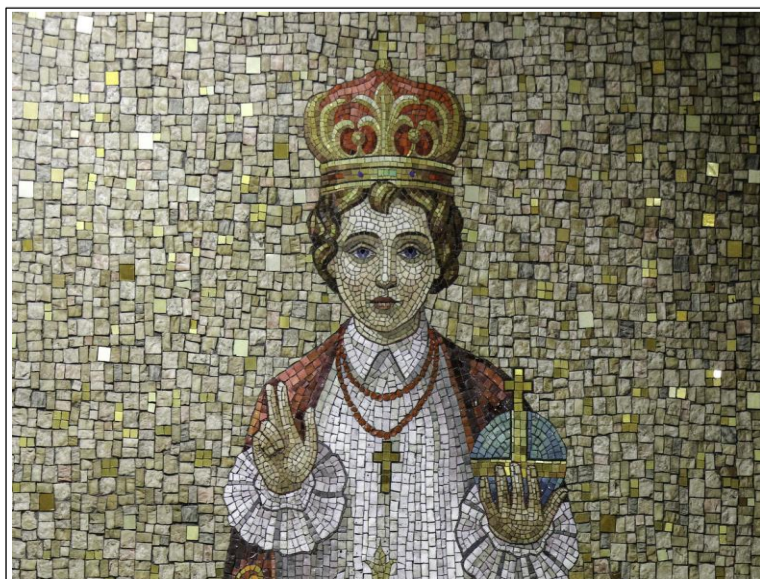
Though blessed with many gifts of the Spirit, the community was prone to division, pride, argument and faction-fighting.

None of this is evident in the opening verses we hear today.

It is gracious, affirmative and peaceful.

Perhaps there is one hint of the sharp criticisms to come when Paul reminds them that they are not autonomous.

They "take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ".



Join the **Good Shepherd Church** and the **Disciples of the Infant Jesus of Prague** in the 20th celebration of the **feast of the holy and miraculous Infant Jesus of Prague**.

There will be Mass, Rosary and special prayers consisting of novenas and chaplets. After Mass, a procession will carry the statue of the Infant Jesus of Prague around the church grounds.

The afternoon will conclude with exposition and solemn benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

For all queries, call Gary or Dalrene on (9335 4742) or (0404 009326).

When: Sunday, January 15, 2023

Time: 1:40pm – 2:40pm

Venue: Good Shepherd Church, 88 South Circular Road, Gladstone Park