



# 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 in Ordinary Time  
Baptism Presentation Weekend

21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2023

**Our Presider today is:** Fr Terry Kean

### **Words and wonderings from the PP...**

Recently I clicked on a discussion with Bishop Robert Baron about whether Vatican II has been a success or a failure. He did a very "Jesus" thing: he took a third path. Essentially he said that the question presents a false division, a false separation as though things are completely black and white.

Rather than success/fail he started with a presumption that the Holy Spirit was working in that gathering of Church bishops who voted by an absolute majority in favour of the documents produced. If we believe that the Holy Spirit works with its church, with us, then the question is not success/fail but why have we not more fully accepted the teachings of Vatican II?

This question reminds us that we are always called to do more: if we are breathing then God still has a purpose that we can fulfil if we are willing to keep following Jesus the Christ. And it reminds us that whatever we are doing, if it is something God wants us to be doing it must be done from growing our unity in Jesus Christ.

We live in a world that seems to want to decide everything on some absolute yes/no, black/white, right/wrong, me or you basis. Bishop Baron's comment on Vatican II calls us to look inside ourselves and seek a different way, a way which finds a path through which everyone can grow and enter more deeply into God's love.

During that same video Bishop Baron quoted a result from some research done in the USA by the Pew Research Centre (a Christian research organisation). That result: 69% of Catholics don't believe in the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharistic bread and wine after consecration.

That statistic shocked me because when I see you coming to receive Holy Communion I don't see sceptics, I see believers; I don't see indifference, I see love. So I looked into the research a little and took the survey myself.

I can't look into the hearts of other people answering the survey to know their true beliefs but the survey seemed to me to be asking "can you fully explain what happens during the consecration of the bread and wine to become the body and blood of Jesus Christ?" At which point I would have to fall on the side of saying 'NO.' Not because I don't believe in the real presence: I do believe and I know that consciously deep within every time I raise by hands before you holding what was bread and wine and say "behold the Lamb of God" - truly I am seeing and presenting the fullness of Jesus the Christ.

My answer to the survey would be 'no' because it is impossible to completely explain God and God's work with us. I went back and read a learned article on 'transubstantiation' and it concluded that there is a valuable millennia long effort to deepen our understanding of what it means to say Jesus is truly present in Holy Communion but all that effort starts from the certain and deep belief that Jesus Christ, the Second person of the Trinity, truly meant what he said when he said "this is my body", "this is my blood."

As we seek to understand the world around us, and understand our faith, and understand what the Holy Spirit is calling us to grow into as a parish let us always remember that we start from faith. Which means there is always more to learn, there are always new ways to grow, there are always new ways to find through which we can share our faith, share God's love.

*Love and God Bless, Fr Charles*



**Australia Day**

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

**THURSDAY, 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2023**

Australia Day is celebrated each year on the anniversary of the first fleet from Britain landing in Sydney Cove. It is a public holiday, and the significance of the day differs amongst the nation's population.

Many Australians consider January 26 with national pride, flying the Australian flag from businesses, homes and cars. They attend festivals, fireworks, community and sporting events or gather for family barbecues at homes, parks or on the beach.

The main festivities for Australia Day always occurs on 26 January even if the public holiday is moved to an alternate date. Many people become citizens of Australia on Australia Day at Citizenship Ceremonies across the nation. It is also the day that the Australian Government awards the Order of Australia to selected Australians, which is 'an Australian society of honour for according recognition to Australian citizens and other persons for achievement or meritorious service'.

## 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
Wednesday	11.00am	Adoration
Thursday	8.30am	Adoration
	9.15am	Australia Day 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, 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:

Crofton (Croft) Uniake, Jenny Henderson, Roger Anthony Cheng, Gerard Selleck, Men Kong Cheng, Patricia Wood, Jacob Cheong, Andreas (Andy) Sugeng, Frank Farmica and Alan McMillan.

### Recently Deceased:

Rev Tao Pham

## LITURGY ROSTER

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 8; 23 – 9: 3 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 28/29<sup>th</sup> January 2023

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Zephaniah 2: 3; 3: 12-13 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 26-31 Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12**

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Margaret Turner	Kathy Pearce	Lawrence Ceconello
8.30am	Julie O'Donnell	Rebecca Sandwell	Pat Rowland
10.00am	Mishika Perera	Carmel Shiel	Tony Robinson

### **Baptisms Welcome!**

*This weekend we welcome:*

**Gino and Antonia Pereira**

who will be introducing

**Marcello Alfredo Pereira Giarrusso**

to our Parish Community in preparation for his Baptism next weekend.



**Expressions of Interest** are currently being accepted to join our **Parish Pastoral Council**. Meetings are generally held on a monthly basis at a time/day which suits everyone. If you are interested in joining this dynamic team, and therefore making a positive difference to our parish, please let Fr Charles know.



## 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*



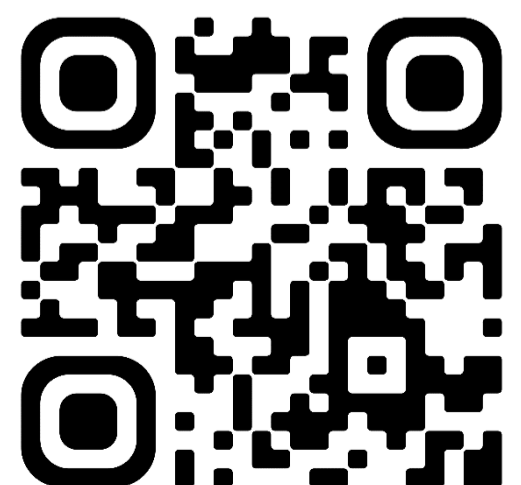
We now have a new way to undertake parish collections – please use this QR Code to make quick and easy contributions to our parish by following these simple steps:

1. Wave your mobile camera over it
2. Click on "Show Options"
3. Click on "Open in Browser"
4. 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 the above appeal – simply indicate when placing your payment options.

Thank you all for your generous donations.



## 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](mailto: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**

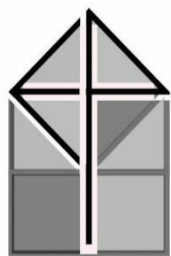
**HELDER CAMARA PUBLIC LECTURE**

**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/](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, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 three ways:

1. Come early for any Mass or stay after and check with the Priest
2. Call the office and make an appointment with Fr Charles
3. Fr Charles is available Saturday mornings from 9.30-11.00am at St Gregory the Great Church, Doncaster



### 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.

Email: [somml@bigpond.com](mailto:somml@bigpond.com) (preferred for contact)

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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

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom  
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

## Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord hear our prayer.

### REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### First Reading

#### Isaiah 8: 23-9: 3

The historical origins of this oracle of the prophet Isaiah are unclear, but here it is linked to the expansion of the Assyrian empire around the year 730 BC when Israel's northern provinces, Zebulun and Naphtali, were overrun. This disaster, the prophet announces, has been reversed. Light has dispelled the darkness and deep shadow of foreign dominion. The yoke, rod and bar of the oppressor have been broken. Gladness and joy abound as when there is a harvest or booty to share.

There's no mistaking the jubilant spirit of this text, even if it may not have as much dramatic impact as when it's proclaimed (with additional verses) at the Midnight Mass of Christmas. It's cited to good effect in today's gospel. Assuming that the assembly is unfamiliar with the historical references in the opening verse, readers will need to proclaim it with a strong sense of its importance.

It serves as a kind of drum roll to get everyone's attention before the wonderful good news is heralded: "The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light".

#### Second Reading

#### 1 Corinthians 1: 10-13, 17

No sooner has Paul completed his greeting and prayer of thanksgiving than he starts addressing the problems that have prompted his letter. He wastes no time chiding the Corinthians for the divisions and disagreements that have split the community. They have formed factions aligned with their favoured teacher, whether Paul, Apollos or Peter, or even (as Paul sarcastically suggests) Christ himself.

This leads Paul to restate and reaffirm the nature of his apostolic calling. First and foremost, his mission is to proclaim the gospel. His role is to plough and sow the field with the word, as it were, paving the way for others to administer baptism. And the gospel he preaches is not a worldly wisdom but the mystery of the cross. He will have much more to say on this subject later in the letter.

The mood of this passage changes. It begins with a plea for unity but becomes challenging, even confrontational. We can feel Paul's exasperation coming to the surface. He throws their slogans back at them and fires off a series of questions before finally reminding them of his mission.

## Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity  
To accept the things I cannot change;  
Courage to change the things I can;  
And wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time;  
Enjoying one moment at a time;  
Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;  
Taking, as He did, this sinful world

As it is, not as I would have it;  
Trusting that He will make all things right  
If I surrender to His Will;  
So that I may be reasonably happy in this life

And supremely happy with Him  
Forever and ever in the next.  
Amen.



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**A message from Aid to the  
Church in Need Australia**

ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church.

*Aid to the Church in Need* is asking for support to aid sisters in Kenya in building a new mother house and formation centre for their local community. Hunger, illiteracy, and lack of medical provision, combined with desperately poor roads and a lack of clean drinking water make life incredibly difficult for many people in Kenya. The diocesan congregation of the "Visitation Daughters of the Immaculate Heart" were established in order to help this needy population - but to continue their work they need your help! The sisters' work includes caring for expectant mothers, acting as midwives, providing counselling, caring for the sick and looking after the elderly and orphans who are frequently abandoned by society.

Your support will help these sisters to continue their mission by providing them with a permanent convent.

To make an offering and learn more visit <https://aidtochurch.org>