



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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Baptism Weekend

28/29th January, 2023

Our Presider today is: Fr Charles Balnaves

Words and wonderings from the PP...

Australia Day!

Over the past 66 years (I came to Australia at the age of four) my understanding of Australia Day has changed. I started out thinking of Australia Day only as a lovely extra day off to be able to relax and run around outside with my friends. Seriously! Even at the age of 25 it never entered my mind to think about what Australia Day means, why we celebrate it. Then I started noticing!

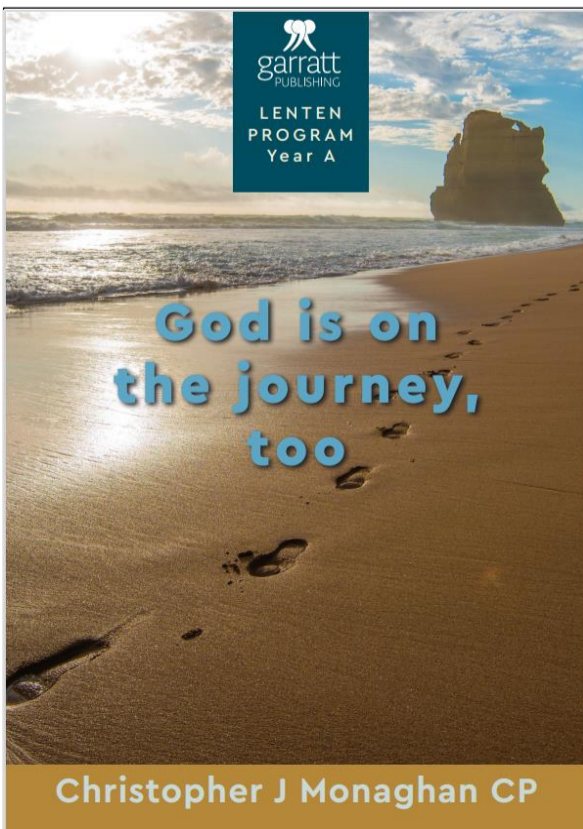
Because of a comment my mother made, we nearly didn't migrate to Australia at all because of how racist Australia was/is (we came in 1956 and this conversation would have happened in about 1975 I think). Mum was thinking of the White Australia Policy, the segregation and bad treatment of First Nations, the discrimination against migrants that was rife. But ... in the end we came – a decade after the rest of my father's family – because of the career opportunities that were available.

Now, almost fifty years later I see many perspectives to Australia Day:

- The ca. 80,000 year presence, spirituality, culture of our wonderful First Peoples?
- Remembering the ways our society has grown and flourished
- Celebrating the inventiveness of all our peoples
- Mourning the tragic harm done to our First Nations peoples by our ancestors, and the racism that still exists towards them.
- Looking forwards to the opportunities of the future offered by the possibilities of reconciliation, or treaty, of voice to parliament.
- Giving thanks for the great graces God has given us in resources of the earth and the creativity so abundant among us.
- Looking forwards to the Church in Australia becoming fully what Jesus Christ wants by accepting / welcoming the contribution of our First Nations peoples.
- Concern for the ways we will manage / adapt to the changes in climate that are affecting us more and more.

My celebration of Australia day contains great elements of sorrow mixed with joy, arrival and opportunity joined with invasion and destruction. It is complicated! But I love Australia: I know it as home. It is the place where I most readily find or see Jesus Christ bringing God's love into the world. God bless Australia.

Love and God Bless, Fr Charles



Ash Wednesday this year is Wednesday, 22nd February

Masses will be held at St Kevin's Parish on that day as follows:

- 10.30am and 7.30pm in St Kevin's Church
- 2.30pm at St Charles Borromeo School

We will be conducting a weekly Lenten Program in St Kevin's Chapel commencing on Thursday, 23rd February, directly after the 9.15am morning Mass, and will continue every week during Lent. This program will be guided by our Lay Ecclesial Leader, Tiziana D'Costa, who will be using the Lenten Program booklet written by Fr Christopher Monaghan, a Passionist Priest. The booklet will be provided for you all to use during the Lenten Program or for you to study at home if you are not able to attend every session.

Stations of the Cross will be conducted at 7.00pm every Friday during Lent at St Gregory the Great Church, 71 Williamsons Road, Doncaster.

All are invited and very welcome to attend any/all of the above.

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	9.30am	Meditation
	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, 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:

Doug Wise, Peter Bonser, Norma & Michael Giannini and Karla Giannini.

Recently Deceased:

LITURGY ROSTER

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 28/29th January 2023

1st Reading: Zephaniah 2: 3; 3: 12-13 2nd 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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 4/5th February 2023

1st Reading: Isaiah 58: 7-10 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2: 1-5 Gospel: Matthew 5: 13-16

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Daniel Marini	Pauline Erickson	Anne Maguire
8.30am	Miriam Ayoub	Paul Polidano	Frances Bettiol
10.00am	Julie O'Donnell	Tony Byrne	Kaye Byrne

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

Marcello Alfredo Pereira Giarrusso



Son of Gino and Antonia
Little brother of Diego Pa



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



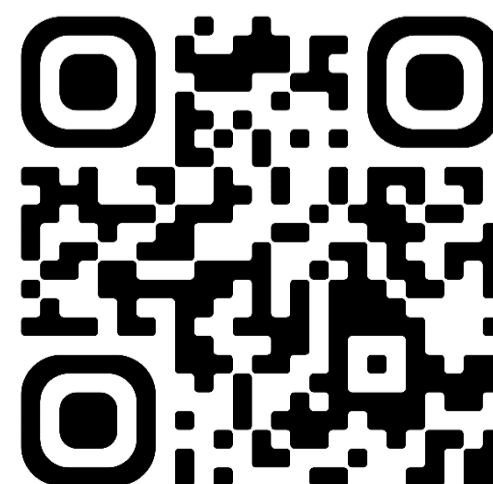
We now have a new way to undertake parish collections – please use this QR Code to make quick and easy contributions to our parish by following these simple steps:

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 Parade, East Melbourne

Free event

Registration is essential via

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

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

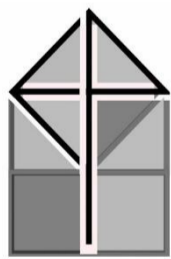
HELDER CAMARA PUBLIC LECTURE

**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 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

Welcome to 2023 and Celebration of the Lunar New Year

To recognise the Calendar and Lunar New Year and the start of school, St Gregory the Great Parish will be providing a BBQ and various home-made Lunar New Year foods.

A time for fun, of joy, of celebration, of coming together.

All at St Kevin's Parish are invited and welcomed to join in the celebrations.



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

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;
Your reward will be great in heaven.

Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Isaiah 58: 7-10

Nothing much seems to be known about the prophet Zephaniah himself.

It's generally agreed that his work as a prophet took place sometime after Josiah became king of Judah at the age of eight around the year 640 BC.

In his adult years Josiah undertook major reforms, so it's likely that Zephaniah's condemnations of corruption preceded them.

Despite the work of both prophet and king, the disaster of the exile occurred in 587.

As well as his fearsome pronouncements about the "Day of the Lord" (giving rise to the medieval hymn, the *Dies irae*), Zephaniah is renowned for his focus on "the humble of the earth".

These were the poor who put their trust in God's saving power, not in earthly wealth or might.

As humble people of integrity, trust and truthfulness, these "anawim" (the Hebrew word) will survive while the rest are swept away.

The reading joins a verse from chapter two, spoken by the prophet, to a passage from chapter three, spoken by the Lord.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2: 1-5

Not satisfied with scolding the Corinthians for their rival factions, Paul proceeds to puncture their sense of importance. Did they pride themselves on the superiority of their wisdom, influence and status? How wrong they were! What they thought or made of themselves was of no account, it's God's work that mattered. And God chose the foolish, the weak and the common, precisely to reduce would-be "somebodies" like the Corinthians to "nobodies".

All this is exemplified by no-one less than the crucified Christ. In the preceding verses (sadly, never heard on a Sunday), Paul has testified that he preaches "a crucified Christ, to the Jews an obstacle ... to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called ... the power and wisdom of God". This is the lesson Paul learned for himself, as stated in the letter to the Philippians: "I count everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ".

In brief, the Corinthians can claim no wisdom, virtue, holiness or freedom as their own. Instead, they have the wisdom, virtue, holiness and freedom that is Christ, and that is something to boast about. The first two-thirds of the reading is laced with sarcasm, but the last third is a powerful affirmation of the treasure they have gained in Christ.

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 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>