



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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4/5th February, 2023

Word of God Sunday

Baptism Presentation Weekend

Our Presider today is: Fr Gerry McKernan

A word from the Lay Ecclesial Leader...

It is not every day that I walk away from an event with my preconceived ideas shaken.

It happened last Wednesday night. I attended a presentation called 'Putting Child Safety at the Centre' by Fr Hans Zollner SJ, theologian and psychologist, and Liana Buchanan, Victorian Commissioner for Children and Young People. The speakers were engaging and are clearly experts in their field.

So, what shook me? They discussed myths about child safeguarding. Namely,

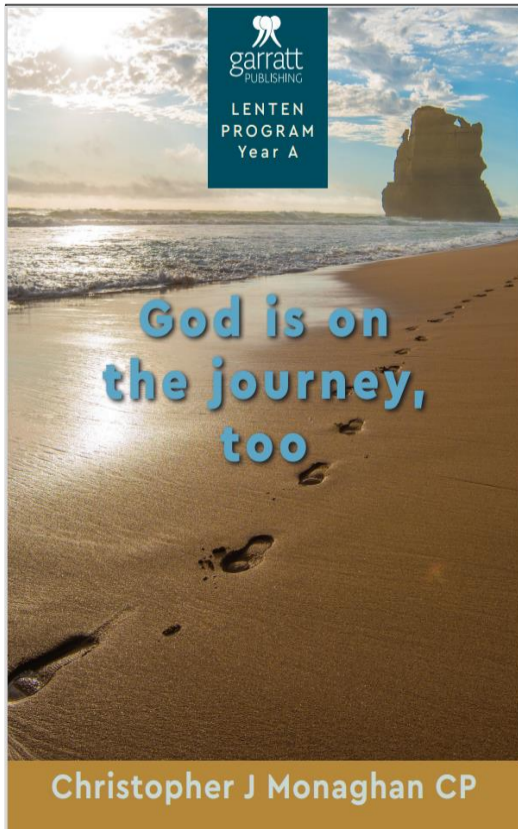
1. Child abuse was a problem in the past, it no longer happens.
2. 'Child abuse doesn't happen in our patch'.
3. 'We have procedures in place – they will take care of the problem'.

I am embarrassed to say that at some level I believed in these myths. Of course, rationally I know they cannot be true, but preconceptions have little to do with rationality, don't they?

Child safeguarding is a difficult topic to broach. Child abuse is abhorrent. It is understandable we may want to avoid the topic and to deny it can happen around us. But we owe it to children and vulnerable adults to protect them and to keep their safety foremost in our mind – all the time. We need to do this together, as a community, and to have an awareness of the issue that permeates all we do.

This will not happen overnight, cultural change never does, but goodwill will get us there faster. There is a lot we already do well, there's more we need to do. I am confident this is not an impossible task for our community, we are good at caring for one another.

Blessings, Tiziana



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

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.

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.

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 Presentation @ 10am)
Tuesday	8.30am	Adoration
	9.15am	Mass
	1.00pm	Needlecraft Group
Wednesday	9.30am	Meditation
	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, John Nigro, Rick Gaillardetz, Bastine D'Cruz, Mary Calleja, Batoul Barak, Louise Dipetro, Mary Hodgekinson, Izabella Fantin, Lianney Susanto, Kevin Parker, Melissa Wirata and Jane O'Brien.

Anniversaries:

Frances Patricia Alexander, Domenico & Maria Salvo, Lewis Calleja, Mary Colnon, Nellie Doolan, Tim Mullin, Estefan Rosales, Chris Mullens, Patricia Dyson and Brenda Mary Hatten.

Recently Deceased:

Margaret Bath

LITURGY ROSTER

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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 11/12th February 2023

1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 15: 15-20 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2: 6-10 Gospel: Matthew 5: 17-37

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Margaret Turner	Bredenia Raquel	Maryanne McNamara
8.30am	Pauline Erickson	Frank Ozzimo	Mary Waddick
10.00am	Frances Johnson	Carmel Shiel	Lyn Robinson

Baptism Welcome!

This weekend we welcome:

Cameron and Charlene Clarke

who will be introducing

Lacey Mae Clarke

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

Celebration
of the
Sacrament of Baptism



News from St Kevin's Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

The PPC met for the first time this year last Thursday 2 February. Items for discussion included:

1. Fr Charles and the school principals of St Charles, St Gregory's and St Kevin's will meet regularly throughout the year to build staff spirituality and rapport.
2. A schedule of special collections has been planned for 2023. (The final format will be available on the website shortly).
3. A joint PPC meeting with St Gregory's PPC will take place on Tuesday, 7 February.

If you have any ideas or questions about what the PPC does, please **contact the parish office and speak to Ana Saro, Pastoral Worker, or Tiziana D'Costa, Lay Ecclesial Leader.**



The Land of Christ, Then and Now

With Christmas focus on Bethlehem, two of our earlier 2nd Collections supported Bethlehem University established by Pope Paul VI to bring Palestinians of different Faith Traditions together in higher study. Related to that the 'Lent 2023 Mckinney Lecture' in nearby Ivanhoe Parish on 23 February "Standing in Solidarity with the suffering and injustice of the Palestinian people" will be presented by the Vice Chancellor of Bethlehem University. Fr Frank Brennan's previous Advent Mckinney Lecture in Ivanhoe "An Indigenous Voice" was well attended by St Kevin's parishioners and School, with text copied on our SJA webpage. The Lent 2023 Mckinney lecture date is at 7:30pm on Thursday 23 February in Ivanhoe. Further details including a brochure and registration will be linked to the Parish website shortly. As for last weekend, the 2nd Collection this weekend, again on the theme the Beatitudes, will support St Vincent de Paul.

John Costa, St Kevin's Social Justice in Action

Word of God Sunday

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – 5th February in 2023. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to "the celebration, study and dissemination" of the Word of God. Visit www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodSunday to access resources to help commemorate the day.

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 appeals such as the one this weekend – simply indicate when placing your payment options. Thank you all for your generous donations.



Hello 😊

My name is Ana Saro and I have just started in the position of Pastoral Worker - to try and fill the footsteps of the fabulous Rebecca.

I will be attending Mass each week - varying the times that I attend so that I may meet everyone - please come up and say hello!

As part of my parish outreach I would like to be able to be there to support the congregation during the hard times as well as the celebrations. With this in mind I am going to start up a birthday/anniversary acknowledgment - in the newsletter. Please let me know if you have any special days coming up so that we may celebrate with you!

Ana Saro



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Chaplaincy Appeal 2023

Next weekend is the Pastoral Care Appeal in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Each year a special collection is conducted in all parishes, so that the vital work of the Catholic Chaplains can continue. The Chaplains support thousands of Victorians every year in hospitals, prisons and youth justice centres. Your gift can help people find comfort and hope as they go through some of their darkest times of their life. Please give generously. You can donate using the envelopes available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.



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 or call 7064 3948.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION



Preparing Children for Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM AT ST KEVIN'S PARISH

Do you have a child/ren who does not attend our parish schools whom you would like to have receive a Sacrament this year?

If so, the time to act is now!

Enrolments are currently being accepted for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation.

Children need to be in at least Grade 3 level 2023 for Reconciliation, Grade 4 for First Eucharist and Grade 6 for Confirmation.

Please hop onto our website and download the registration/payment forms, complete them and send them back to us at the parish office as soon as you can as our first Sacrament of Reconciliation will be administered next month: [Sacraments - St Kevin's Templestowe Parish \(stkevinsparish.org.au\)](http://stkevinsparish.org.au)

On our website you will also see a series of diary dates which are most important that our Candidates and parents must attend.

Please contact the Parish Office or Ana Saro if you have any further questions. Thank you.

World Day of Prayer Services 2023

Taiwan

Friday, March 3rd

Trinity Lutheran Church

51 Victoria Street
Doncaster
10.00am

Speaker: Craig Petty – "Compassion"

St Clement of Rome Catholic Church

7-21 Egan Drive
Bulleen
7.30pm

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



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

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
the man who follows me will have the light of life.
Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Isaiah 58: 7-10

The book of the prophet Isaiah is conventionally divided into three parts, although much of the material cannot be surely assigned to specific individuals, dates and circumstances. Prophecies from different eras were eventually compiled and edited into a single book.

Today's reading – a plain-spoken admonition to practise social justice – comes from what's called Third Isaiah. It may well have been prompted by the rebuilding of the temple and a revival of religious rites. The people are forcefully reminded that the rituals of worship are worthless if they are not validated by the practice of justice.

The dictates of this prophecy – feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked – may first bring to mind Jesus' final parable, that of the sheep and the goats, but the image of light connects it with today's passage from the Sermon on the Mount.

The barrage of imperatives is counter-balanced by the promise of light, healing, glory and divine assistance. In a sense, the people are being offered a prescription for the good health of the community rather than a threatening condemnation.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2: 1-5

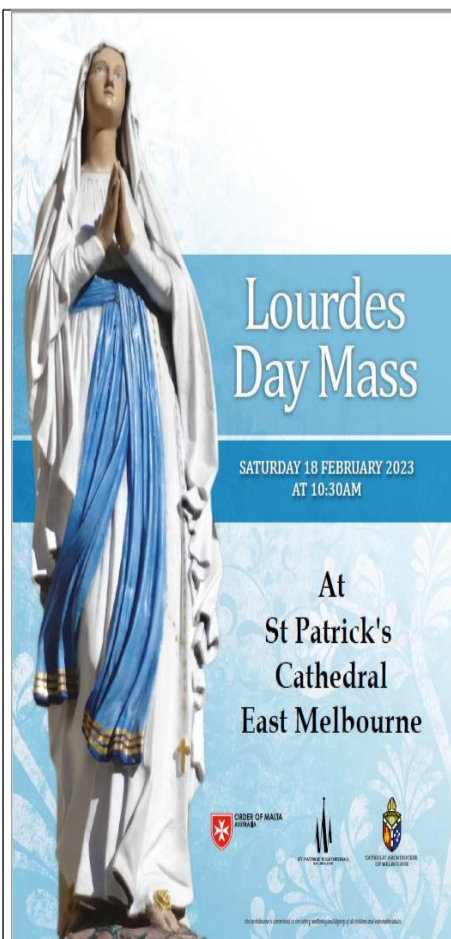
In the cosmopolitan port city of Corinth where faiths and philosophies competed for devotees, impressive rhetoric would have been prized for its persuasive power. The fact that Paul succeeded in winning believers for Christ without the gift of oratory proves the point he is making here. It's not sophisticated eloquence that has led them to faith, but the power of the Spirit.

Paul's success in Corinth is doubly remarkable. Not only does he cast himself as a poor speaker, but the subject of his preaching – a figure of shame and ignominy, the crucified Christ – was the antithesis of the status the Corinthians aspired to. In a sense Paul's self-deprecation emulates that of the Christ who emptied himself of glory and submitted to death on the cross.

This passage, deeply personal as it is, keeps the focus on the mystery to which Paul testifies. The power of God has been made known in human weakness, glory has been shown in the shame of the cross.

The reading is a two-fold confession.

It's a confession of faith made through a confession of human limitation.



LOURDES DAY MASS

For some years now the Order of Malta has organised an annual Lourdes Day Mass to provide an opportunity to pray for the sick and infirm particularly those who would not otherwise have the possibility of visiting Lourdes.

During Covid this annual event was put on hold, however we are pleased to inform you that it's to take place again on Saturday, 18th February at 10.30am at St Patrick's Cathedral, with Archbishop Peter A Comensoli as the principal celebrant.

Previously the Mass has been held on the first Saturday of December, however, in the future, we intend to schedule it as close as possible to the nearest Saturday to the feast-day of Our Lady of Lourdes which is also the World Day of Prayer for the Sick.

All are encouraged and welcome to attend this Mass, especially those of us who are sick, infirmed or elderly and the people who care for them. Everyone attending will receive a gift pack containing Lourdes water, rosary beads and prayer material.

Further information is available from the flyer on the noticeboard in the Gathering Space.