



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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Baptism Weekend

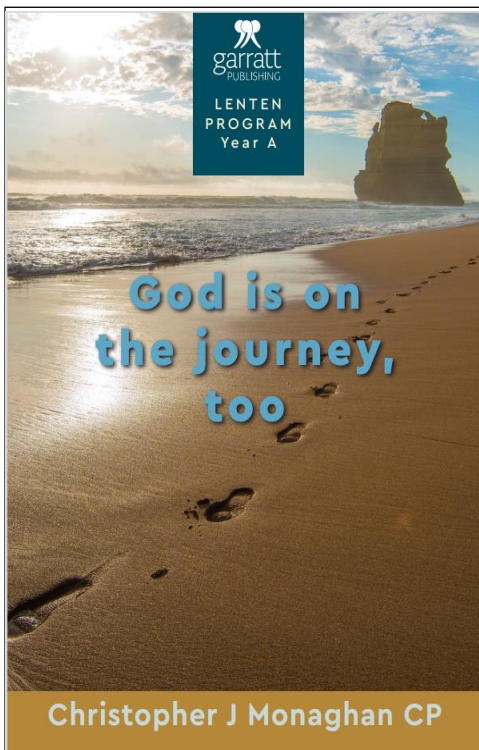
11/12th February, 2023

Our Presider today is: Fr Charles Balnaves

Fr Charles' thoughts, which ran to funerals and almost eulogies this week...

Over the past week or so, two people I knew (Marg and Jill) and two people I knew very well (Betty and Betty) have died. May they rest in peace!
Passed away, slipped away, they are at rest, they left this life, they were called home, they were called back to God: these euphemisms all have an element of truth in them but they avoid the discontinuity that death brings: our existence in this world that we know must end in order that we be born into eternal life.
I find it important for me say "Mum died" "Tanya died" "Dad died" "Betty died" because it opens up the magnitude of God's love for us. God's love is so complete that he wants us to join him completely and totally.
The euphemisms all leave some choice in our hands about what happens when in truth we must trust totally in God.
When I am able to do this, or at least approximate, this trust, then there is hope and the people I know and love remain present for me and with me.
They are not just memories, important as memories are. They remain a part of my life because they remain a part of the Body of Christ, the Communion of Saints.
With Marg and Jill: perhaps their presence for me will be slight in future, but listening to the stories of how they brought God's love alive in our parishes and our schools – they will be very much present in a wonderful new way for their families and for the many many people who worked closely with them.
With Betty Natoli and Betty Pike, for me, they will be guides along with my parents, my wife, and many others. Betty Natoli because she showed me the importance of enthusiasm and showed me the meaning of being welcoming. Betty Pike, Aboriginal Elder, because she showed me what it means to have a relationship with the Holy Spirit, and how to connect faith and life.
I remember walking into the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry with Betty Pike and as she walked by the baptismal font she dipped her fingers, crossed herself and said "Good morning Jesus" – simple – deep – heartfelt words.
I remember a call from Betty Natoli when I had just been appointed here. "Hello" "Fr Charles" then tentatively (unusual for Betty) "Is it true? You're to be my parish priest?" To which I answered yes. **AH FR CHARLES HOW WONDERFUL**. In her over the top wonderful voice she made me welcome before I even arrived.
These will not just be memories: because of their faith (and Jill's and Marg's faith) they are part of the Heavenly Hosts and will be with me, with us, in a wonderful new way forever.

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

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

Anniversaries:

Reynaldo Tagala, Jim Hannon, Roger Anthony & Meng Kong Cheng, Frances Alexander, Masino Cappadona, John Watts, Joe Luca, Daphne Clark and Joyce Woodroffe.

Recently Deceased:

Jill Hodson and Betty Natoli

LITURGY ROSTER

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

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – 18/19th February 2023

1st Reading: Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 3: 16-23 Gospel: Matthew 5: 38-48

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Janet Parsons	Margaret Turner	Lynne O'Brien
8.30am	Rebecca Sandwell	Paul Polidano	Pat Rowland
10.00am	Vianney Shiel	Lucy Halliburton	Geraldine Williams

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



Lacey Mae Clarke

Daughter of Cameron and Charlene

Little sister of Charlie



Valentine's Day is not just for lovers.

It is for celebrating it with the people whom you love, expressing heartfelt love to the people who are in our lives.

Happy Valentine's Day to the best parish family!

May you all celebrate it in a very special way.

Hidden Care

So often it's not until people we love and care for pass away that we fully reflect on the care they have selflessly offered to others for so much of their lives. It's also easy not to recognise the hidden care day in, day out, around the clock, that is caringly offered by many, including by our Hospital Chaplains to patients and families in their special time of need, regardless of spiritual or religious beliefs or background. That's what our Second Collection supports this weekend. In collaboration with others across the Parish Social Justice Action has also prepared in advance for the year ahead a full Schedule for second collections to guide Parish 2nd Collections along the journey, also to inform parishioners on the outcomes of these collections. For those who can directly help there are also ample opportunities to personally support various Parish Social Justice initiatives. The 2nd Collection schedule is very close to finalisation and will then be shared with all. **John Costa, St Kevin's Social Justice in Action**

LENT MCKINNEY LECTURE

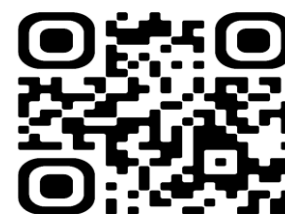
'Standing in Solidarity with the suffering and injustice of the Palestinian People'

Featuring Brother Peter Bray FSC, Vice Chancellor of Bethlehem University

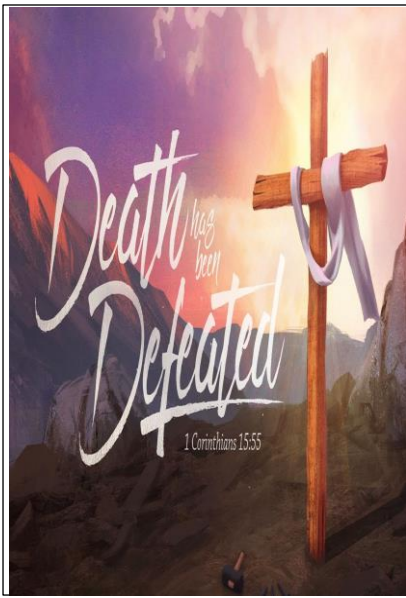
Thursday 23 February 7.30pm at the Cunningham Centre
(opposite St. Bernadette's School) 53 Stanley St, Ivanhoe 3079
All Welcome. Further information bill.edebohls@cam.org.au

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 for your generous donations.



Our little parish of St Kevin's has endured some sad losses of late...

We have already said goodbye to Bernard Charnley, whose funeral was at Holy Cross a couple of weeks ago and Margaret Bath.

We are also saddened to convey the news that Jill Hodson returned to God last weekend. Jill worked for many years as our St Kevin's School Secretary and voluntarily as our Liturgy Roster Co-Ordinator. Her husband, Greg, continues to ensure our parish grounds are always kept neat and tidy. We celebrated Jill's Funeral last Friday.

Betty Natoli also returned to God. We are sure everyone knows Betty Natoli and the extraordinary person that she was. A true treasure and kind and generous person. We will miss her greatly. A Vigil Mass will be held on Monday night at 7.00pm. Her Funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday at 11.30am, all here at St Kevin's Church.

May they all rest in peace.



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Chaplaincy Appeal 2023

This weekend is the Pastoral Care Appeal. Donations from our parish community will help the Chaplaincy programs to support the most vulnerable people in our community. Your support and generosity will ensure that Catholic Chaplains can continue to be the messengers of God's mercy, love and compassion. Parishioners are encouraged to offer prayers and financial support to help provide continued spiritual and emotional comfort to individuals and families in Victoria facing illness, pain, loneliness grief and death.



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.

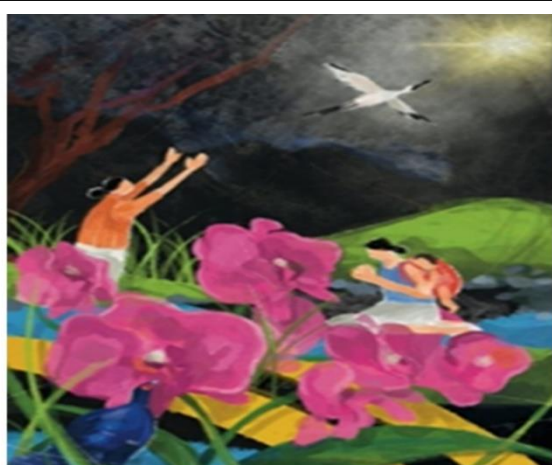
Please contact the Parish Office or Ana Saro if you have any further questions.

Sr Nathalie Becquart's visit to Australia

Sr Nathalie, who is the most senior woman in the Vatican, recently visited Australia. If you missed Sr Nathalie's public lecture "Towards a Spirituality of Synodality", you can rewatch the presentations below:

- Melbourne: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UiWJI91XyDE>
- Sydney: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TJMGBPeaJuo>

There is also a video of Sr Nathalie's roundtable discussion with veteran journalist Geraldine Doogue, which can be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nsCD7XLf2WY>



World Day of Prayer Services 2023, Taiwan, Friday, March 3rd

Trinity Lutheran Church – 10.00pm

51 Victoria Street, Doncaster

Speaker: Craig Petty – "Compassion"

St Clement of Rome Catholic Church – 7.30pm

7-21 Egan Drive, Bulleen

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
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St Kevin's Primary School
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St Charles Borromeo Primary School
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Responsorial Psalm

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Ecclesiasticus 15: 15-20

The wisdom books of the Old Testament come a poor fourth in the lectionary stakes. First prize by a long shot goes to the prophets, especially Isaiah, second to the Pentateuch (the first five books), and third to the so-called historical books. In spite of its fifty-one chapters, the book of Ecclesiasticus, or The Wisdom of Ben Sira (Sirach for short), only appears a few times. Written maybe about 150 years before the birth of Jesus, it is the fruit of sustained reflection on the biblical tradition, leavened with Greek philosophical thought.

Today's short reading begins with a very positive view of free choice. It makes the unqualified declaration that human beings have the capacity to keep the commandments and behave faithfully. The corollary of this assertion is that humankind have their fate in their own hands. They can opt for life (imaged by water) or death (imaged by fire). The ultimate arbiter of their destiny, however, is the God who sees, knows and notes every human action. The reading concludes by absolving God of any blame for the sins of humanity.

These few succinct verses are not the last word on the subject of free choice and responsibility. Innumerable works have since been written and conflicting theological positions taken.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2: 6-10

Ironically, after having chastised the Corinthians for their claims to superiority, Paul now credits them with a maturity that equips them to grasp the unique wisdom he teaches.

At first glance this seems to make them "gnostics" or privileged possessors of secret spiritual knowledge.

The way that Paul describes this wisdom prompts such a perception.

He says it's different from the wisdom of "the masters of our age".

It's "hidden," taught "in our mysteries," "predestined," "beyond the (human) mind," "revealed to us through the Spirit".

All this would be misleading if we did not remember from last Sunday's reading, that the wisdom that Paul is expounding is embodied in the crucified Christ.

Nothing could be more earthy than that.

But at the same time it is a wisdom that discloses an unimaginably glorious destiny.



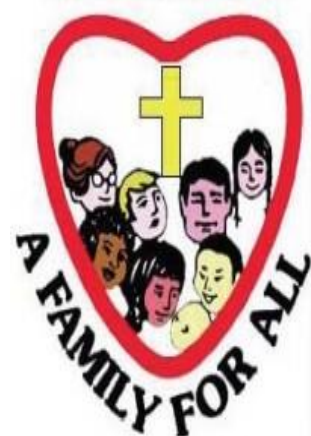
COME AWAY DAYS IN 2023 AT HOLY CROSS TEMPLESTOWE

The Come Away Days program resumes at the Passionist Holy Cross Centre, 207 Serpells Road Templestowe on Tuesday 21 February. The theme of the day is "Living from your heart." The day's program provides opportunities for prayer, reflection and group interaction in the peaceful grounds and facilities of Holy Cross. All are welcome. BYO lunch. Registration is from 9.30am. The day concludes at 2pm with a celebration of the Eucharist. The cost of the day is \$25.00 or a donation according to your means. For further details contact Frank Burke, burke.frank942@yahoo.com.au or 0407998781.



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

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP MOVEMENT



The first is the 50th year anniversary since Family Groups first began in Sydney.

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

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

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

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