



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

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

18/19th February, 2023

Our Presider today is: Fr Noel Brady

A word from the Lay Ecclesial Leader...

As a parent, I have always wished for my children to have a happy life. I am sure all parents do this. But is this right? Is it wise to aspire to a happy life? Might it be better to hope for a good life? Is there a difference?

During the Christmas break I read a book, 'The Good Life', by well-known psychologist and social researcher, Hugh Mackay.

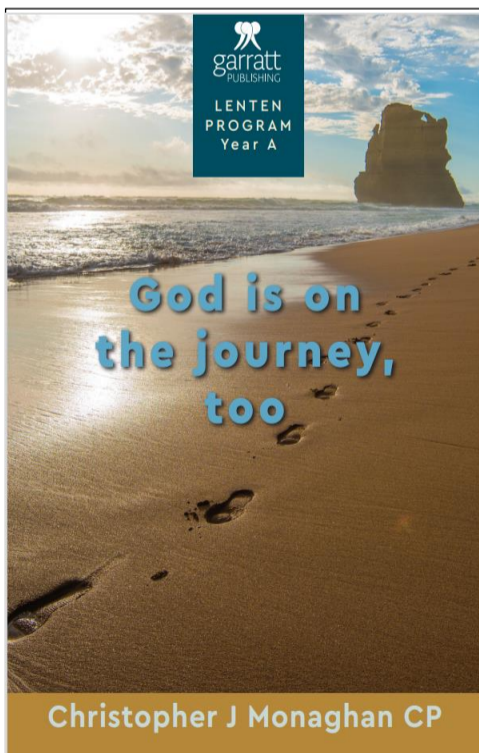
Mackay suggests that to hope for a happy life is an elusive endeavour. Happiness is often subjective and always fleeting. A wiser approach is to strive for a good life. A good life may not always be happy, but it is a life filled with purpose. We are more likely to derive contentment and satisfaction from a good, purposeful life, than from merely striving for happiness.

For me a life filled with purpose is a life aligned with God. And this has meant different things at different stages of my life. Also, my relationship with God has changed over time as I have grown older and have been shaped by life's challenges.

My takeaway is that faith (being aligned with God) is both an internal and external experience. It is about having a personal relationship with God and reaching out to the community. Jesus modelled this for us in the Gospels. There is a time for prayer and worship and a time for being of service to our parish and the broader community. It is God's will that our gifts and talents are shared to help one another.

What does a life aligned with God mean for you? How will you make your life a 'good life'?

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.

Project Compassion 2023

Lent is a time when we support the work of Caritas Australia in a special way through Project Compassion. Caritas Australia helps to empower some of our most marginal sisters and brothers; it embraces some demanding situations because it says yes to our neighbours. The theme for Project Compassion is "For All Future Generations". This year that theme asks us to think about the great yes that Mary said when the angel told her that she was to become the mother of Jesus. She freely accepted a unique place in the history of the human family.

Please ensure you collect your box before leaving today.



What's happening in our Parish this week?...

Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses
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



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:

Domenica Ianno, Yvette Mascarenhas, Anna Toppi, Margaret Jones, Murray Weideman, Flora Manarano and Salvatore Casaceli.

Recently Deceased:

LITURGY ROSTER

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	Kathy Pearce	Lynne O'Brien
8.30am	Rebecca Sandwell	Paul Polidano	Pat Rowland
10.00am	Vianney Shiel	Lucy Halliburton	Geraldine Williams

First Sunday of Lent – 25/26th February 2023

1st Reading: Genesis 2: 7-9, 3: 1-7 2nd Reading: Romans 5: 12-19 Gospel: Matthew 4: 1-11

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Daniel Marini	Kathy Pearce	Lawrence Ceconello
8.30am	Frank Ozzimo	Pauline Erickson	Adrian Teo
10.00am	Julie O'Donnell	Liz O'Connell	Joe Batiller

Words and Actions remain valid

The first 2023 Social Justice Action committee meeting last Wednesday began with a reflection on the February 2022 Catholic Social Justice statement: "The good news....is that Catholic Social Teaching (CST) is not an interesting add-on to our faith. It is foundational to the call of the Gospel and to all that we aspire to be."

The Committee endorsed initial SJA initiatives for this year welcoming St Gregory's parishioners who have expressed interest in sharing them. Among others they include **options** of a video-forum with the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry (ACM) **or** a direct visit. These will respectively include a brief virtual or real tour of the Ministry, presentation on its work - including the Opening The Doors Foundation, and discussion on Issues associated with The Voice. Another initiative is to arrange a meeting of those from St Kevin's & St Gregory's already interested in exploring the feasibility of engaging in a government support programme to assist refugees settle. Another is a presentation on St Vincent de Paul and opportunities to participate. Meanwhile we prepare for Project Compassion during Lent. **John Costa, St Kevin's Social Justice in Action**

LENT MCKINNEY LECTURE

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

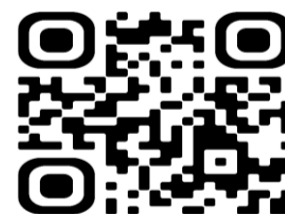
Featuring Brother Peter Bray FSC, Vice Chancellor of Bethlehem University

Thursday 23 February 7.30pm at the Cunningham Centre
(Opposite St. Bernadette's School) 53 Stanley St, Ivanhoe 3079

All Welcome. A Brochure with full details is available on the Parish website Social Justice Action page.

We now have a new way to undertake parish collections – please use this QR Code to make quick and easy contributions to the 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.



CatholicCare
VICTORIA

Strengthening families & communities

Chaplaincy Appeal 2023

THANK YOU! This weekend, we continue the annual Pastoral Care Appeal in our parish. The presence of Catholic chaplains is a crucial witness to our faith, a crucial dimension of our service of love, and a vital testimony to the value of life in all its stages. Thank you to those who have supported this appeal. If you still wish to donate or if you would like to have more information about the Chaplaincy Services, please visit www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call 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 \(stkevinsparish.org.au\)](https://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

Congratulations

to Clare and Tony Toppi who will be the proud parents of a baby girl in May/June.



Southern Stars Social Club Over 28's Party Night for Single Catholics in 28 to 60 Age Group

Saturday 25th February 2023 starting at 8.00pm.

Location: School Hall at St Scholastica's Parish, corner of Burwood Highway and Stirling Street.

Cost: \$13.00 includes lucky door prizes and supper.

Enquiries: Peter 9885 2167

LENT 2023 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY BRUCE DOWNES

Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed!

For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here:

<https://BruceDownes.org/Lent23>

Go to BruceDownes.org for more information.



Farewell Betty Natoli

A wonderful and inspirational woman who tirelessly gave of herself to her friends, family and St Kevin's Parish.

Betty embodied for us a wonderful image of the hospitality of God.

May she rest in peace.

BARTOLINA
(BETTY)
NATOLI

nata il 21.9.1933
a Vulcano (Messina)

Betty andando a raggiungere l'amato marito Giovanni (dec), il caro figlio Claudio (dec) e il piccolo nipote John (dec), lascia nel più profondo dolore i figli Frank, Anna con il marito Luigi, Vince con la compagna Joanne, i cari nipoti Luisa con il marito Robert, Vanessa con il marito Anthony, John, James, Emily con il compagno Josh, Nadia e Davide, i pronipoti Allegra, Massimo Alesia e Valentina. Lascia inoltre tutti i cari fratelli, la sorella, i cognati, i cari parenti e gli amici vicini e lontani.

"Alla nostra cara Madre, Nonna e Bisnonna. Ti amiamo tanto, ci mancherai e non ti dimenticheremo mai. Riposa in pace ora che sei riunita con tuo marito, tuo figlio e tuo nipote. Per sempre nei nostri cuori."

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 kind and merciful.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Whoever keeps the word of Christ,
grows perfect in the love of God.

Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Leviticus 19: 1-2. 17-18

In spite of being one of the foundational books of the Old Testament, placed after Genesis and Exodus in the Pentateuch, Leviticus is only used twice and briefly in the three-year cycle. Much of its contents – detailed prescriptions for the rites of worship, priestly duties, ritual purity and moral behaviour – may have little contemporary appeal for Christian believers, yet are vital for our understanding of the Jewish tradition and our shared heritage.

The key to the whole work is found in the decree with which today's reading begins, "Be holy, for I, the Lord, am holy". Leviticus is a handbook of holiness. While the people of Israel experienced God's holiness as awesome, mysterious and transcendent – and therefore quite beyond them – they could still adhere to ethical and ritual practices that reflected divine attributes such as justice and care for the poor.

Today's passage has been chosen because it contains the command of neighbourly love that Jesus takes up and expands in the gospel. In fact the reading consists of a series of divine commands. As such it is quite solemn in tone. God is laying down the law, not just for ancient Israel but for the world. The decrees are not arbitrary impositions but principles of human flourishing.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 3: 16-23

Today's reading from Paul falls into two distinct parts, each of which invites the Corinthians to grasp something quite extraordinary. In the first, which starts abruptly without the preceding verses which readers would do well to check out, Paul tells the community that they are God's temple. As a cosmopolitan port city, Corinth was home to a plethora of temples dedicated to different gods. But it's not in these shrines that the Spirit of God dwells – it's in the body of believers. The force of this assertion is somewhat blunted by Paul's subsequent remark about destruction, but he again asserts, "you are that temple".

In the second and longer section, Paul returns to the issue with which the letter began, the community's factions.

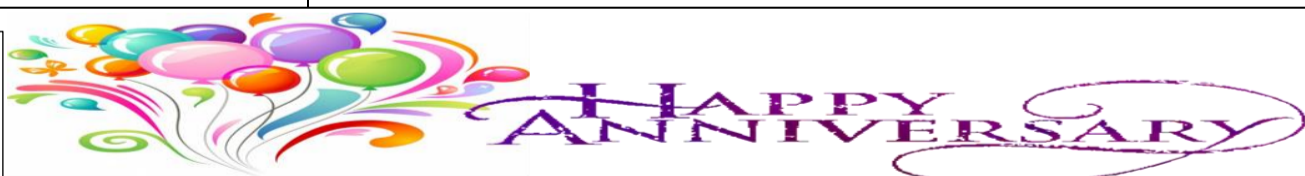
In response to the folly of this petty rivalry, Paul opens an expansive vista that puts everything in cosmic perspective.

Beginning with the factions' heroes – Paul, Apollos and Cephas – he progressively widens the lens to encompass life and death, the present and the future, Christ himself, and ultimately God.

This is the wisdom Paul wants the Corinthians to see and embrace.

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.