



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

Second Sunday of Lent

4/5th March, 2023

Reconciliation Commitment Weekend

Our Presider today is: Fr Terry Kean

A word from the Lay Ecclesial Leader...

Last Thursday, in preparation for the Second Sunday of Lent, our Lenten Program Group reflected on the words of Thomas Merton from *The Seven Storey Mountain* -

*I was not sure where I was going, and
I could not see what I would do when
I got there. But you saw further and
Clearer than I, and you opened the seas
Before my ship, whose track led me
Across the waters to a place I had never
Dreamed of, and which you were even
Then preparing to be my rescue and my
Shelter and my home.*

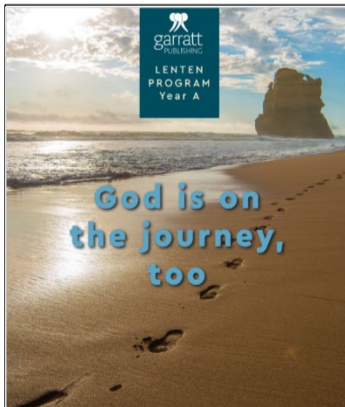
At times in my life, I have made choices that to many people seemed unusual, strange, and even counter-cultural – and often I thought so too! I made these choices because there was a nudging, a gut instinct and intuition to go a particular way even though the road ahead was less travelled and the path unclear.

It can be challenging to follow the promptings of the Spirit; it is literally a leap of faith.

At each turn, I had to consider who is Jesus for me and what role he plays in my life.

How does this fit in with Lent? As someone wise said, let's not think of Lent as a grim season of self-denial. Lent is a time of new beginnings. A chance to grow more deeply in love with the God who loves us into life.

Blessings, Tiziana



Stations of the Cross are conducted at 9.45am every Tuesday morning during Lent and 7.00pm every Friday at St Gregory the Great Church, 71 Williamsons Road, Doncaster.

Our weekly **Lenten Program** in St Kevin's Chapel continues every Thursday morning during Lent. This program is guided by our Lay Ecclesial Leader, Tiziana D'Costa, who uses the Lenten Program booklet written by Fr Christopher Monaghan, a Passionist Priest. The booklet will be provided for you all to use during the Program or for you to study at home if you are not able to attend every session.

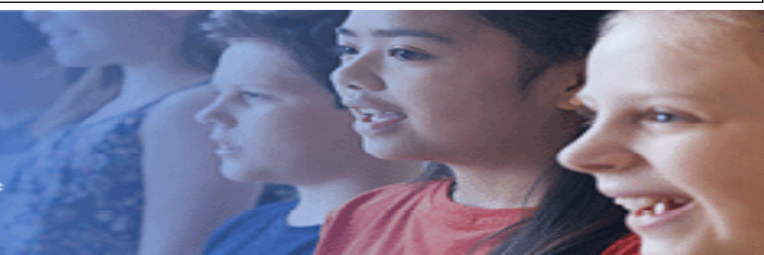


We're Baaaaack.....

Yes Fellas! **St Kevin's Men's Social Group** is ready to recommence for 2023 with the next one taking place this **Friday, 10th March @ 7.30pm in the Church Gathering Space**. Open to men of any age (older teenagers are welcome with their guardian) - parishioners and non parishioners alike. All welcome. Supper provided. BYO alcoholic drinks. \$7 donation suggested. No need to rsvp – just come!

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

The Archdiocese is committed to the safety, wellbeing and human dignity of children, young people and adults.



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

Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses (Reconciliation Commit 8.30am)
Tuesday	8.30am	Adoration
	9.15am	Mass
	1.00pm	Needlecraft Group
Wednesday	9.30am	Meditation – via zoom only
	Please contact the parish office so we can send you the link	
	11.00am	Adoration
Thursday	8.30am	Adoration
	9.15am	Mass
Saturday	5.30pm	Mass



We pray for Better Health:

Michael Doyle, Fr Brendan Dillon, Rick Gaillardetz, Bastine D’Cruz, Mary Calleja, Batoul Barak, Louise Dipetro, Mary Hodgekinson, Lianney Susanto, Kevin Parker, Melissa Wirata, Jane O’Brien, Dorothea (Dot) Sharkey, Trish Wilson, Danielle Hardy and Fr Gerry McKernan (covid).

Anniversaries:

Sheldon Fernando, Joseph Boniventure, Mary Gage, Leo Holt, Pauline McKenzie, Roger Bannister, William & Alice Cowsley, Tony Bendall, Les Carlyon and Eric Salter.

Recently Deceased:

Gillian Elizabeth Scully

LITURGY ROSTER

Second Sunday of Lent – 4/5th March 2023

1st Reading: Genesis 12: 1-4 2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1: 8-10 Gospel: Matthew 17: 1-9

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Pauline Erickson	Margaret Turner	Anne Maguire
8.30am	Paul Polidano	Julie O’Donnell	Penny Teo
10.00am	Carmel Purdey	Mishika Perera	Raffaella Dinelli

Third Sunday of Lent – 11/12th March 2023

1st Reading: Exodus 17: 3-7 2nd Reading: Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8 Gospel: John 4: 5-16, 19-26, 39-42

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Janet Parsons	Bredenia Raquel	Maryanne McNamara
8.30am	Frank Ozzimo	Rebecca Sandwell	Frances Bettiol
10.00am	Tony Byrne	Carmel Shiel	Kaye Byrne

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 Ahead for our Compassion

Several Social Justice issues challenge our Lenten spirit, and here's a brief preview of some initiatives to come shortly apart from Lenten 2nd Collections. Working in collaboration with St Gregory's to the extent we can at this stage we'll soon announce details of an *online evening Visit via Zoom* to the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry. There we'll learn about the Ministry, the Opening The Doors Foundation (to give Koori kids an education of their choice), and share discussion on an 'Indigenous Voice'. For those preferring day activities we're also arranging a similar daytime visit in person to the ACM in Thornbury. As well we're arranging a meeting of St Gregory's and St Kevin's people who have already expressed an interest in potentially supporting refugees together. We're further arranging a *prominent* guest presentation on the diverse works done by St Vincent de Paul Society. We'll also shortly advertise the Annual Palm Sunday 'Justice For Refugees' Walk (with Ivanhoe Parishioners) on Sunday 2 April at 2pm. July will later become time for an *Annual Review* of St Kevin's SJA, where we'll ask you what you think? - and should we continue? - **John Costa, St Kevin's Social Justice in Action**

Help Wanted!



We are now in the Season of Lent and Easter is fast approaching. As we enter into this extremely busy time of the Liturgical Year, we are asking for some assistance please with our Easter Ceremonies.

If you are not planning time away this Easter Season, please consider being involved in your parish this year, even if it is in a small way – every little bit helps!

Please call Fr Charles on 9850 5983 for more information or indeed to express your desire to offer any support. Thank you.

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.



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.

St Gregory's & St Kevin's Invitation

PARISH PIZZA & WINE CELEBRATION

All parishioners and friends are warmly invited to St Gregory's Parish Pizza & Wine gathering on **Saturday 18th March** after the 6pm Mass in the Church Narthex

Register via Sign-up Sheets
Please add your name to sign up sheets if you intend to join the celebration.
We look forward to seeing you.



Last weekend, we celebrated **Reconciliation Commitment Masses** for our Candidates who are preparing to receive this important Sacrament later this month. This weekend we welcome more children at our 8.30am Mass who were unable to attend last weekend.

May we continue to pray for them all as they continue to travel along their faith journey.

EASTER TIMETABLE 2023

- 30th March: Communal Penance Service at 7.30pm – St Gregory the Great, Doncaster
- 1st/2nd April: Palm Sunday – Masses as per usual
- 6th April: Holy Thursday – Mass at 6.00pm
- 7th April: Good Friday – Stations of the Cross @ at 10.00am – St Gregory the Great
– Passion of our Lord @ 3.00pm – St Greg's and St Kevin's
- 8th April: Easter Vigil Masses @ 6.30pm – St Greg's 8.30pm – St Kevin's
- 9th April: Easter Sunday Masses @ 8.30 and 10.00am



Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation welcomes 2023 with interesting seminars, events and reflection weekends. Our upcoming events in March are outlined below:

A Contemplative Space (monthly via Zoom with two in-person sessions), 2nd Friday of month starting March-November from 10 am – 12pm (AEDT) with Leslie Hanger.

An invitation to take time out and nurture your soul in a contemplative space. These monthly gatherings offer opportunities for meditation, personal reflection and time for sharing. The sessions will be held online except for May and November when the group will meet in-person at Heart of Life. This is a great opportunity to develop connections with others and support each other's contemplative journey. Join us for individual sessions or book for the entire 9 sessions commencing with 10 Mar 2023. Cost: \$25 per session or \$200 for the series. Book and pay by 6/3/23 via www.heartoflife.melbourne.

Understanding Your Personality Type: Gifts Differing (in-person event), Saturday 18 March from 10 am – 3.30 pm with Peter Malone msc.

Our graced selves, praying, communicating...

This is a Myers Briggs reflection day. Attendees can complete the Personality Type Indicator form on the day. Cost: \$60 (BYO lunch). Book and pay by 15/3/23 via www.heartoflife.melbourne.



For information on our Parish Schools
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St Charles Borromeo Primary School
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Responsorial Psalm

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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.

**PASSIONIST
FAMILY GROUP
MOVEMENT**



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

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.