



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

Third Sunday of Lent

11/12th March, 2023

Our Presider today is: Fr Charles Balnaves

From the PP's Desk...

SAFEGUARDING FORUM at St Gregory the Great Parish Hall, Doncaster

Friday 31st March 7:30 pm—8:30 pm with Mayor Deirdre Diamante and Safeguarding Officer Brech Burgess

This is for YOU! Please make time. This forum is for All Parishioners.

I asked at Masses a few weeks ago if Safeguarding Children is OUR responsibility: you answered YES!! Overwhelmingly—Thank you!

To live our safeguarding responsibility we need to learn to be conscious about how to assess safety and we need to know what to do if we think something is not right—we pray it never happens but we know it does—somewhere-everyday. This forum is for you!

Mayor Deirdre will speak to how important Safeguarding is at a public level, in Manningham City. (It's not just a "Catholic Church thing", it is societal.)

And, Brech Burgess from the Melbourne Archdiocese will speak to the practicalities.

And YOU will get time to discuss and ask questions.

Please! Fill the hall at St Greg's and join this important moment for learning and discussion. Make it an element of your Prayer and Almsgiving for Lent.

Having a Calling from God:

In a meeting the other day I heard again, what I have heard quite often "Oh no! I don't have a calling to this, I've never in my life had a calling."

I think I know what is meant when people say this and I suspect that it reflects a perception that 'a calling' is something like St Paul on the Road to Damascus.

Yes, some callings are that: startlingly clear. I suppose my own call to the priesthood was like that. But it seems to me that is the exception. Most callings from God flow from the things that come our way, where there is a need, and we take it up and follow it for a year or a decade or a lifetime.

One example: those who prepare the Music/PowerPoints for our Masses each week: some have been doing it for years. Through illness and difficulty: they deliver. They could say "Not this week!" They don't—they deliver! Not for themselves—for you, for Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God's calling: to you! Too Simple? That is how God works. See and give thanks for your calls from God.

God bless, Fr Charles

Nightfever-Join with the youth of Melbourne to pray - Friday, March 24, 2023, 6pm – Midnight Sacred Heart Church, Rathdowne St & Pelham St, Carlton

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli has called for a weekend of prayer throughout the whole Archdiocese on Friday 24 to Sunday 26 March. Fiat – A Weekend of Prayer coincides with the Feast of the Annunciation. As we continue to walk the journey of Take the Way of the Gospel, Archbishop Comensoli has asked us to begin the year in prayer together as one local Church community meditating on Mary's total 'yes' – as individuals, as parish communities and as a local Church of Melbourne.

We are excited to announce that the Fiat weekend of prayer will begin at the heart of our city in Sacred Heart Church, Carlton. Join young people as they gather from across the Archdiocese for a night of prayer, praise, and intercession.

The light of Fiat will then travel outwards into our parishes and communities throughout the weekend.

Bring your youth group &/or young adult group for an hour or the whole evening as we pray together.

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
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, Fr Gerry McKernan (covid), Maeve & Joe Reardon and Dorothy De Goldi.

Anniversaries:

Loretta Kearney, Mary-Ann Southwell and Galdino Marini.

Recently Deceased:

LITURGY ROSTER

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	Vianney Shiel	Carmel Shiel	Kaye Byrne

Fourth Sunday of Lent – 18/19th March 2023

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 16: 6-7, 10-13 2nd Reading: Ephesians 5: 8-14 Gospel: Luke 9: 1-41

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Daniel Marini	Kathy Pearce	Lawrence Ceconello
8.30am	Miriam Ayoub	Pauline Erickson	Pat Rowland
10.00am	Tony Byrne	Frances Johnson	Tony Whelan

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.



Compassion in Action

"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts" Ps 94:1-2
 As we already reach the third Sunday of Lent, Teresa, a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney shares the story of her struggle with homelessness while raising her four children. Through the Baabayn Young Mums and Bubs Group, she was able to reconnect with her culture and create a better future for her children. Compassion of course is not just a Lent thing, but this period helps highlight opportunities throughout the year to better understand and support others in need. In response to interest expressed both within St Kevin's & St Gregory's Parishes we can now confirm an **online Zoom presentation** on i) the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry (ACM), ii) Opening the Doors Foundation (OtDF) supporting Koori Kids with an education of their choice) and iii) Indigenous Voice discussion. This online event will be from **7:30pm - 8:30pm on Wednesday 12 April**. In similar response we also now confirm for those wanting to directly visit the ACM in Thornbury an excursion there from **12:30pm on Thursday 20th April**. Online bookings for either or both events will be available with further details later, but for those interested do **mark this in this your diaries** now. - **John Costa, Social Justice Action**



The Parish Pastoral Council met on Thursday 2 March. Items of note:

- Coming soon to the parish community, an update from Fr Charles' Support Group about their thinking on parish planning.
- The parish is using a new Safeguarding logo. See the newsletter and on the website. It is important we have a consistent and clear message that reflects our commitment to safeguarding children and vulnerable people.
- The new Enterprise Bargaining Agreement for teachers will affect the way we allocate time for parish activities; class teachers will not generally be available to work in the evening *and on weekends*. *How can the parish support?*



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.

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



Last weekend, we celebrated a Reconciliation Commitment Mass for our Candidates who are preparing to receive this important Sacrament later this month.

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



Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation welcomes 2023 with interesting seminars, events and reflection weekends.

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

YOUTH NIGHT

Join us 7pm till 9pm
@ The Parish room at St Gregory the Great

Welcome Year 6 - 9

Every 3rd Friday of each month

Inviting Youths in grade 6 to year 9 to join us for our Cornerstone Youth group meeting on the 17th March from 7pm to 9pm.

Cornerstone group will meet on the first Friday of each month. Our youth group is not only a good place to stay connected with friends, but to grow your faith towards God. Come journey with us!"

Communal Penance Service

Thursday, 30th March at 7.30pm

St Gregory the Great Church



The Swag Catholic Magazine is now available from the table in the Gathering Space.

Please make sure you pick up your copy before you leave today!



Help Wanted! The Holy Week is fast approaching and 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 Charles on 9850 5983 for more information or indeed to express your desire to offer any support. Thanks everyone.

For information on our Parish Schools
please contact:

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

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading

Exodus 17: 3-7

Today's story may be ancient, but there's a perennial human theme to it. Having claimed their freedom from Egyptian oppression, but now faced with the hardship of thirst on the desert, the Israelites pine for the "good old days". "Why did you bring us out of Egypt?" they ask Moses. Earlier complaints about hunger and thirst had won them manna and drinkable water, but these successes were not enough to rid them of nostalgia for the predictability of their enslaved life.

Once more their complaints bear fruit. With the rod that he had used to divide the Red Sea, Moses strikes the rock and water flows. The question the people have been asking – "Is the Lord with us or not?" – is plainly answered. The incident was striking enough to find its way into the psalms, as we will see, and from there into the letter to the Hebrews.

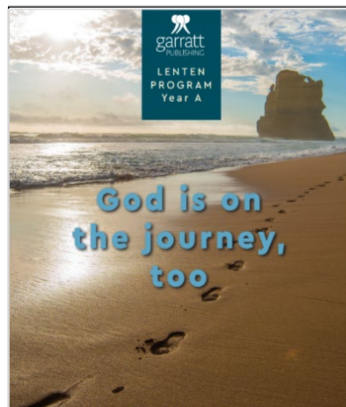
The story is well told. The problem is raised, a remedy sought, and an answer given. There's plenty of emotive energy carrying the action forward. The people's complaint elicits Moses' plea, and Moses' plea prompts the Lord's authoritative response. Divine exasperation is implied in the reference to putting God to the test.

Second Reading

Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8

This passage from Paul could be restated in a sequence like this. At the appointed time in the divine plan, and in proof of God's love for us, Christ died for helpless sinners. Sinners who come to faith in Christ are brought into right relationship with God. The Holy Spirit fills their hearts with divine love and assures them of the hope of eternal glory.

Paul, as we well know, doesn't express himself quite so simply. He has so many thoughts jostling in his head that they often tumble out untidily. Driving his argument here and throughout the letter to the Romans is his conviction that we are saved by faith. Sinners cannot save themselves; salvation is God's work. It's pure grace because God's love embraces us in all our unloveliness, in our sin.



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.



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.