



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

Fourth Sunday of Lent

18/19th March, 2023

Baptism Presentations Weekend

Our Presider today is: Fr Terry Kean

A word from our Lay Ecclesial Leader...

Yesterday, I was reminded by a newspaper article that things are not always all bad.

The journalist pointed out that - despite the current pressures of the cost of living on many households (mostly due to interest rate rises), we are also experiencing a very low unemployment rate. There are lots of jobs out there, he says, because often when inflation is high, unemployment is low.

I'm not an economist. I cannot vouch for the accuracy of his statement; but that's not what's important here.

The takeaway is that even in the darkness there is always a glimmer of light.

In our parish, there is nostalgia and some sadness that there are fewer families and children coming to Mass. We wonder: 'Where are they now? Don't they care? Have they lost sight of what's important?'

Recently, I was fortunate enough to address the School Advisory Boards of both St Kevin's and St Charles Borromeo schools. I received a warm welcome and we had an open and fruitful discussion about the role of the parish in the lives of the school communities. It is very clear to me that the board members (and the school parents they represent) are people who care about the values of our faith and share a willingness and enthusiasm for the life and growth of our parish community.

In other words, just when we think things are all bad, they are not. In fact, there's a lot that is good and promising in our community. I walked away from these meetings filled with hope and optimism for the future of our parish and a renewed bond with our school communities.

There's light at the end of the tunnel. What a happy coincidence that light and insight are the running themes on this fourth Sunday of Lent.

Blessings, Tiziana

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 (Baptism Presentations @ 10am)
Tuesday	8.30am	Adoration
	9.15am	Mass
	1.00pm	Needlecraft Group
Wednesday	9.30am	Meditation – via zoom only – all welcome. 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
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses (Baptisms @ 10.00am)



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, Dorothy De Goldi and Anne Strickland.

Anniversaries:

Rose Liew, Corina Bertolini, Val Giannarelli, Giuseppina Ziino, Augusta Gianninni, Eileen Lescai, Lindsey Hulm, Betty McClusky, Margaret Lee and members of the Fernandes & Hughes families.

Recently Deceased:

Jean Lawrey-York, Peter William Hughes & James Gregory & Rajee

LITURGY ROSTER

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent – 25/26th March 2023

1st Reading: Ezekiel 37: 12-14 2nd Reading: Romans 8: 8-11 Gospel: John 11: 1-45

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Daniel Marini	Margaret Turner	Anne Maguire
8.30am	Paul Polidano	Frank Ozzimo	Mary Waddick
10.00am	Carmel Purdey	Miriam Ayoub	Lyn Murphy



Project Compassion 2023

You can help to support people like Thu forge a path out of poverty by making a donation through Project Compassion boxes or envelopes, or by visiting www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Social Justice

There are more than 130,000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics in Australia. The largest number of First People Catholics is the more than 15,000 in the Archdiocese of Brisbane. The highest proportion of Indigenous Catholics is in the Diocese of Broome where almost sixty per cent of the Catholic population is made up of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Indigenous Voice:

As well as ensuring input from Indigenous people, the National Voice must be able to demonstrate that the message is received and given respectful consideration in decision making bodies like Australia's Parliament.

Ultimately the Indigenous Voice should be able to show how it has helped Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with very practical measures in their lives, including the preservation of their unique cultural heritage, their economic wellbeing and their physical safety.

St Kevin's Parish Social Justice Action & St Gregory's Parish Online Forum – via Zoom: Wednesday 12 April 2023, 7:30pm – 8:30pm.

i) Aboriginal Catholic Ministry,

ii) Opening The Doors Foundation (OtDF – helping Koori kids get an education of their choice), and

iii) Indigenous Voice

Presenters (From ACM, OtDF, ST Kevin's Parish, St Gregory's Parish. Details to be confirmed).

Further Details & Registration: [St Kevin's & St Gregory's Social Justice Forum. Tickets | TryBooking Australia](#) (those who register from other parishes or elsewhere are also welcome)

Zoom link will be emailed to registrants just before the event.

Enquiries: john Costa, templestowe@cam.org.au

St Kevin's Parish Social Justice Action & St Gregory's Parish excursion to the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry:

12:30pm – 2:00pm, BYO lunch, Thursday 20 April 2023, 434 St Georges Rd, Thornbury, (Private or shared transport to be arranged).

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[Opening The Doors Foundation \(an overview\) \(vimeo.com\)](#)

John Costa, Social Justice Action

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



Baptisms Welcome!

This weekend we welcome:

Tim and Cristiana Karagiannis

who will be introducing

Celebration
of the
Sacrament of Baptism

Ilias Barros

and



Joseph and Amanda San Martin

who will be introducing

Adaline Luisa

to our Parish Community in preparation for their Baptisms next weekend.

The Swag Catholic Magazine is now available. Please make sure you pick up your copy before you leave today!

Communal Penance Service
Thursday, 30th March at 7.30pm
St Gregory the Great Church



Children's Reconciliation

Our following parish children will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation this week:

Abigail Hall

Isabella Patane

Kate Harman

Mackenzie Anderson

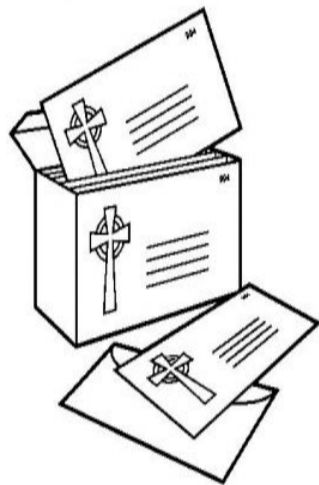
Lacey Clarke

Let us maintain our prayers for them as they continue to travel along the path of their faith journey.



Happy Anniversary

to our Pope Francis who this week celebrated the 10th Anniversary of his elevation to papacy. Ten of his most famous quotes have been collected (one for each year) and are available to view on the Archdiocesan website: [10 quotes for 10 years of Pope Francis | Melbourne Catholic](#)



Thanksgiving Envelopes

The next batch of parish thanksgiving envelopes have been prepared and are awaiting your collection from the table in the Gathering Space. In order to save the parish from postage costs, please make sure you collect yours before leaving Church today.

Thank you everyone for your generosity in supporting our parish.

A huge *thank you* also to Peter Norman for all his help and dedication towards this ministry.

Palm Sunday Walk

Justice for Refugees



- > Permanent Visas for ALL Refugees
- > Fair Process, Work Rights and Income Support for all People Seeking Asylum
- > End Offshore Processing

Sunday 2 April 2023, 1.30pm
State Library

cnr Swanston and La Trobe Streets, Melbourne

#justice4refugees #PermanentVisas

Organised by the Refugee Advocacy Network.
Enquiries: info@refugeeadvocacynetwork.org.au



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

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation

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

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.

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

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Gracious God, hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading

1 Samuel 16: 1, 607, 10-13

Three different stories about how David came on the scene follow in quick succession. In the first he is anointed by Samuel (today's reading), in the second he is engaged as a gifted musician to ease Saul's melancholy, and in the third he slays Goliath. The story of his anointing by Samuel carries the greatest weight because the prophet is acting on God's orders and confirms the choice of David with a formal ritual.

The story has been slightly and successfully abbreviated for lectionary use. The tension increases as the action unfolds. Seven of Jesse's sons are presented and rejected one by one. All seems lost until it's revealed there is an eighth out minding the sheep. He's the youngest and therefore the least likely candidate.

But he's described favourably, identified as the chosen one, and duly anointed.

Notably, unlike the judges who had been Israel's occasional and spirited leaders prior to Saul, David receives the spirit of the Lord as a permanent gift.

Like David himself, this story has great appeal.

It's full of human interest as well as being a significant episode in the saga of Israel's graced history.

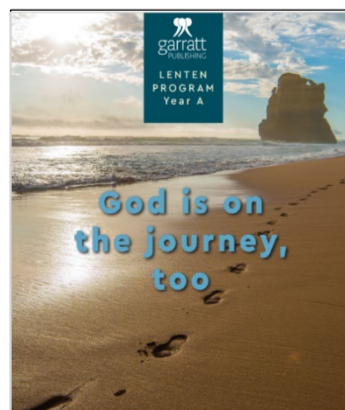
Second Reading

Ephesians 5: 8-14

For the vast majority of the Australian population, living as they do in an urban environment, the elemental impact of light and darkness is dulled, yet the metaphor still has power to capture our imaginations. Today's passage from Paul's letter to the Ephesians provides an appealing exploration of the idea. The strong contrast Paul draws between light and darkness may bring John's gospel and the writings of the Jewish sect, the Essenes, to mind.

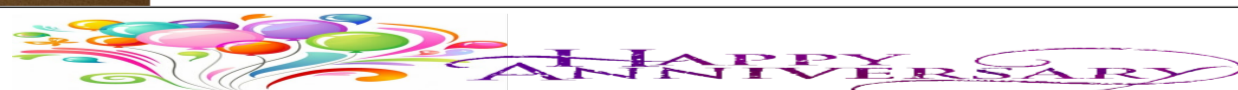
At one level Paul sets the "futile works of darkness" over against the works of light, namely "complete goodness and right living and truth". But he begins with a more radical statement. He tells his readers they "were darkness once" and are now "light in the Lord". Their very identity was darkness and now it is light. They have been transformed in their very being.

The passage finishes with what appears to be a fragment from a Christian hymn. It adds another dimension to the reflection, that of being brought from the sleep of death to the light of life. The prevailing spirit of the reading is one of encouragement. Paul is offering the Ephesians wise and positive advice.



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.



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.

