



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

Fifth Sunday of Lent
Baptisms Weekend

25/26th March, 2023

Our Presider today is: Fr Charles Balnaves

PLEASE NOTE: Next weekend we celebrate PALM SUNDAY. All Masses will commence outside our Church in front of the rose garden. Please do not park in this area. All are welcome to join in (if you are able).

From the Desk of Fr Charles...

Holy Week! It starts in a week with Palm Sunday. Then, the Three Days (Triduum) in which we relive the Passion, Death and Resurrection. Christmas tells us God comes close, comes among us as one of us. Easter tells us God has given us new life and has healed our collective sin so it is natural for us to join him in his glory. Please, keep focussed on the growth in love of Christ you desired through your prayer, fasting and alms giving.

Gathering of Priests and Deacons of Melbourne: Last Thursday I joined 150 priests and deacons for a day at The Manningham. We talked about World Youth Day with about 585 young people going from Melbourne and about the Clergy Conference in June which will focus on Liturgy and how we can bring even more life to our celebration of Mass.

The Vocations Office has new leaders and is looking to help us find ways to encourage an understanding of vocation, with a focus of course on fostering priestly vocations.

Youth and Young People: Emma and Sylvana have begun working in the Archdiocese Proclaim Office to provide some new approaches to helping young people, individually and collectively, grow in capacity to discern the calls that God makes in their lives.

I was encouraged that there are new efforts happening at a diocese wide level that can support us as we seek to grow share our love of Christ.

God bless, Fr Charles

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 @ 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



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 (Baptisms @ 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 (beginning outside)
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses (all beginning outside)



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, Maeve & Joe Reardon and Anne Strickland.

Anniversaries:

Maria De Luca, Ralph De Souza, Joe Malone, Rita Skubal, John Clarke, Yvonne Wilson, Nancy & Joseph Amalfi, Victor Liew, Tanya Balnaves and Julie Batanta.

Recently Deceased:

Dorothy De Goldi

LITURGY ROSTER

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

Palm Sunday of Lent – 1st/2nd April 2023

1st Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-7 2nd Reading: Philippians 2: 6-11 Gospel: Matthew 27: 11-54

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Fiona Watson	Margaret Turner	TBA
8.30am	Pauline Erickson	Paul Polidano	TBA
10.00am	Tony Byrne	Ana Saro	TBA



Project Compassion 2023

You can help by making a donation through Project Compassion boxes and envelopes, or by visiting www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Living despite War ravages. Referendum Now on track

Thu lost his leg after stepping on a land mine in Vietnam. He was just 12 years old. “War is most terrible with great loss. After the war, there are still consequences such as unexploded bombs, causing many losses, casualties and death.” His province was one of the most heavily bombed areas during the Vietnam War and most polluted with unexploded bombs. Years later and in addition to being family breadwinner Thu has to care for his wife, Linh, after she suffered a stroke... An Australian Indigenous Voice Referendum is now on track following Government and Coalition agreement last Wednesday. Therefore don't forget to REGISTER via the Parish website for our very relevant Social Justice **Online forum 7:30pm-8:30pm on Wednesday 12 April** at <https://www.stkevinsparish.org.au/community/get-involved/social-justice-action/> There you can also find details or alternatively REGISTER for a live version of the online Forum, at the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry in Thornbury. That's at **12:30pm Thursday 20 April**. Enquiries 0409 967 207. **John Costa Social Justice Action**

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



Ilias Barros Karagiannis

Son of Tim and Crisitiana

and

Adaline Luisa San Martin

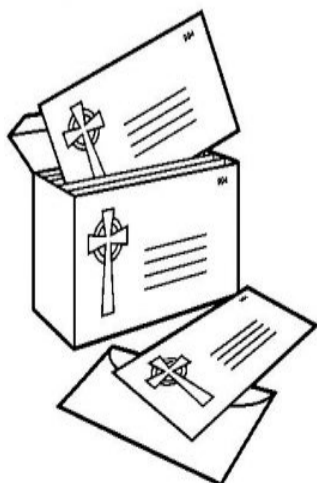
Daughter of Joseph and Amanda

Communal Penance Service

Thursday, 30th March
at 7.30pm
St Gregory the Great Church
Doncaster



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



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.

Children's Reconciliation



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

Leonardo Cappellotto	Milana Nunziato	Sebastian Locastro	Cormac Twining	William Callinan
Patrick Scully	Arthur Scully	Carla Jabra	Cleo Abel	Eve Buzari
Murilsh Kachcembere	Mathew Tan	Maxwell Tsafkopoulos	Luke Wrzesien	Antony Bisignano
Raphael Bisignano	Nikita Karamanidis	Oliver Sambuco	Emerson Cerqueira	
	Chantelle Giang	Mia Purcell		

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

Chrism Mass 2023

Ancient and symbolically rich, the Chrism Mass is one of the most significant liturgical events in the Church outside of Christmas and Easter.

We are all warmly invited to participate in this year's Chrism Mass, which will be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday 1 April at 10am.

Well Done...

to some of our St Charles Borromeo students who were pretty excited to have their picture taken with the Archbishop of Melbourne, Peter A Comensoli, at last Friday week's St Patrick's Mass for schools.



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.

PARISH PLANNING/FUTURE THINKING

Representatives of the Parishes of St Kevin's and St Gregory the Great have been meeting regularly since last September to assist and support Fr Charles as our two parishes seek to understand what it means to have a single parish priest, especially as we pursue answers to situations such as: coming out of Covid-19, rejuvenating our ministries and faith life, being the light of Christ in these suburbs, seeking to be disciples who go and make disciples.

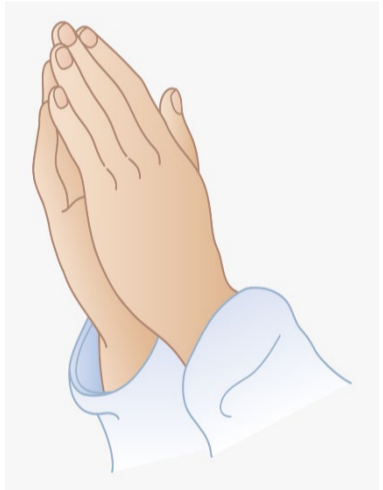
The purpose of this group is not to put forward a final plan of action that is foisted upon the parishes. Rather it is to put significant time into discernment of ways in which we might journey forwards so that we can have a real basis for conversation.

You will find copies of this document on the table in the Gathering Space (green sheets). It has been written by Fr Charles outlining the outcomes of these meetings so far.

If you would like to respond/have some comments, please don't hesitate to contact us via email: templestowe@cam.org.au

We pray for...

- Alireza Sarsharmoghadam (Ali)
- Nafish Zanjanchi Nikiu (Nafi)
- Romina Sarsharmoghadam
- Amirhassein Sarsharmoghadam (Amir)
- Leyi Zhang (Roy)
- Heng Chi (Clare)
- Adam Chi
- Candice Xiaoxiao Zhang



Who will all be baptised at our Easter Vigil this year.

THE 24TH MELBOURNE PASSION PLAY

Will be performed at Holy Cross Centre, 207 Serpells Road, Templestowe. Free entry. Free parking. BYO chairs, rugs, umbrellas, other personal items. Duration of the play is about 2 hours.

PALM SUNDAY, 2ND APRIL @ 1.30am

GOOD FRIDAY, 7TH APRIL @ 10.00am

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



Spirituality in the Pub

THE St ANDREW'S HOTEL

124 NICHOLSON ST FITZROY

Wednesday, 12th April @ 7.30pm

**THE VOICE – UNDERPINNING RECONCILIATION
OR A DIVISIVE POLITICAL FOOTBALL?**

The Federal Government intends to launch a referendum later this year as to whether Australians agree to add to our Constitution an explicit provision for Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders to have a voice to Parliament on matters that affect them.

More information is available from the flyer on the noticeboard.



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

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.

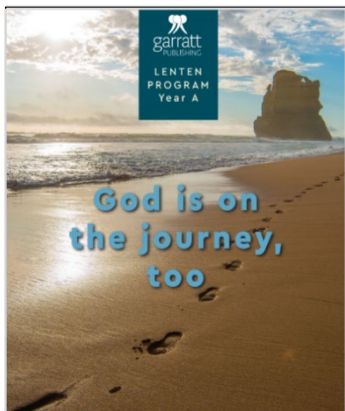
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Be with us Lord.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading	Second Reading
<p>Ezekiel 37: 12-14</p> <p>It's widely understood these days that the Paschal Vigil lies at the heart of the liturgical year, but its counterpart – the Vigil of Pentecost – is more like a best-kept secret. The lectionary offers a number of readings that can be used for an extended liturgy of the word on the eve of Pentecost. One of those readings is the full account of Ezekiel's vision that we only hear the conclusion of today.</p> <p>Readers who check out the story in full will be rewarded. In his vision Ezekiel sees a valley full of dead bones. Gradually, step by step, the bones are covered with sinew, flesh and skin and then brought to life by the breath of God. It's a powerful oracle of encouragement for the demoralised exiles of Israel who feel they are as good as dead. It promises them new life, return to their homeland, and fresh adoption as God's people.</p> <p>Today's reading comprises the final three verses of the vision. Without the dramatic build-up, their impact is diminished but they still convey a strong message of hope. Even in this short text there is a degree of repetition.</p>	<p>Romans 8: 8-11</p> <p>Though this passage from Romans begins on a negative note (the unspiritual can "never be pleasing to God"), the message overall is decidedly positive. The Spirit of God, Paul writes, has "made his home in you".</p> <p>Through the Spirit believers are justified and belong to Christ.</p> <p>In the final days, the Spirit living in them will give life to their "mortal bodies".</p> <p>This affirmative view of Spirit and life is set against the "unspiritual" which means sin and death. Paul is not setting up a dichotomy between flesh and spirit, as if bodily life itself was an evil. He's contrasting life under the sway of sin with life governed by the Spirit.</p> <p>As is so often the case, Paul's thought doesn't run in a simple linear direction. It heads off on detours and sometimes reverses direction.</p>



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.

