



# 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 Easter

15/16<sup>th</sup> April, 2023

**Our Presider today is:** Fr Terry Kean

### **From the desk of the PP...**

Alleluia, Alleluia!! It is Easter! Only 43 days to go till Pentecost and the end of the Easter Season.

I am off on holidays for a month starting Monday and returning for work on 18<sup>th</sup> May. Hoping and praying to return energised and refreshed and renewed.

I shall miss you, I shall be thinking of you, but I shan't be worrying about you. You will be well cared for by all the lay leaders and staff and the priests who will provide supply for the weekends.

Our Holy Week was well attended and most moving – I have had nothing but positive feedback and the 'vibe' of the liturgies spoke to the presence of Christ among us and the Holy Spirit guiding us.

We now embark on the journey to Pentecost and beyond. We have re-ignited our faith and our knowledge of the hope that lies in Jesus Christ. Now we are called to go beyond that – to accept the Holy Spirit.

Our efforts are bearing fruit in re-enlivening or regenerating ways in which we reach out to call people to Jesus Christ.

The youth group at St Greg's (Gr6-9) is looking to find ways to broaden its catchment and a new youth group is starting up at St Kevin's (Gr 6-8 and G 9-12).

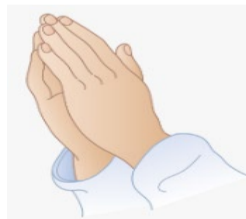
There is a Landing's program in preparation, a group offering a gentle way to return to the parish community. There is a hope to grow the Meditation group and broaden its remit. Charismatic Mass with Adoration will return in May at St Greg's – and one of the first of these Masses will also be a healing Mass (laying on of hands).

While I am away please: think about and pray about your vision of what success in our parishes might be as the years roll forward. What things would you like to see start up (or stop) that might lead us to be even more faithful and even more a people who are active disciples of Jesus the Christ who seek to spread the Good News. Feed back the ideas, and your willingness to participate and help.

*Stay safe, God bless, Fr Charles*

### **Vale Michael Doyle**

Last Sunday (Easter Sunday) Michael Doyle returned to God.



Michael and his wife Mardi lived in our parish for many years. They raised their three children here and worked hard to assist in making our Parish Community what it is today.

Michael was the first Chairman of our St Charles Borromeo School Board.

Mardi died a year ago, almost to the day of Michael's passing.

Michael's Funeral will be celebrated at Holy Cross Centre, 207 Serpells Road Templestowe on **Tuesday, 18 April at 1.30pm.**

May he rest in peace together with his beloved Mardi.

**Volunteers and ChildSafe Requirements** All of us who participate in parish life, helping with any ministry, must have a current Working with Children Check (WWCC) and must sign a Code of Conduct statement. Please check your WWCC card to see it is current and whether you have signed the Code of Conduct. Please check with the parish office to ensure your records are up-to-date and that all documentation has been submitted. We are needing to care for our children in today's world and must follow Archdiocesan directives.

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

Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses
Tuesday	8.30am	Adoration
	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	Service of the Word with Communion
Saturday	8.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses



### We pray for Better Health:

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 & John Reardon, Anne Strickland and Nicholas Raquel.

### Anniversaries:

Esther Ronay, Paolo Mazzetti, Patricia Mary Tan and Pauline Maloney

### Recently Deceased:

Michael Doyle and Albert Klancic

## LITURGY ROSTER

### Second Sunday of Easter – 15/16<sup>th</sup> April 2023

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 2: 42-47 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Peter 1: 3-9 Gospel: John 20: 19-31

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Pauline Erickson	Kathy Pearce	Maryanne McNamara
8.30am	Frank Ozzimo	Rebecca Sandwell	Adrian Teo
10.00am	Frances Johnson	Lucy Halliburton	Tony Whelan

### Third Sunday of Easter – 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 2: 14, 22-33 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Peter 1: 17-21 Gospel: Luke 24: 13-35

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Janet Parsons	Daniel Marini	Lynne O'Brien
8.30am	Julie O'Donnell	Paul Polidano	Penny Teo
10.00am	Mishika Perera	Liz O'Connell	Geraldine Williams



### Project Compassion 2023

Thank You!

Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion 2023.

If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au) and donate online.

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

### Rejoice and be Glad

The powerful spirit of Easter encourages and prompts us to look beyond the gloom, doubt and uncertainty that almost everywhere overwhelms us as we face the daily realities of change and injustice, across the world and in our personal experience. It helps make the world better, as we are called to do. But so often in the shadows there are already very many good people in different places doing very many good things. If we look closely we can also see this within our Parish and in the many opportunities it provides to realise the spirit of Easter. Just one of these will be the focus of our 2nd Collections over the weeks ahead as we learn about and are encouraged to support the 'Opening The Doors Foundation', associated with the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry. Within its means this Foundation supports Koori kids who otherwise wouldn't have access to an *education of their choice*. As we will learn over the weeks ahead the results speak for themselves, in making Koori kids' lives more personally meaningful and available to society.

- John Costa, St Kevin's Parish Social Justice Action.



### LOST/TAKEN

A blue and pink coloured umbrella was taken from the kitchen area of the Church during the Easter Vigil Mass last Saturday night.

This umbrella has great sentimental and monetary value and the owner would appreciate its timely return.

It can be returned to the Parish Office. Thank you.

### Move over covid!

Thank God it's Youth Group (TGYG) is back!

ST KEVIN'S PARISH  
**YOUTH GROUP**  
**IS BACK!**

**SATURDAY - 20 MAY 2023 - 6.30PM-8.30PM**  
**TWO GROUPS: GRADE 5-8 & YEAR 9-12**  
**DINNER PROVIDED**

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE [HTTPS://WWW.STKEVINSPARISH.ORG.AU](https://www.stkevinsparish.org.au)



We have a number of items in our lost property box including:

- A ladies Swarovski watch
- A ladies watch with a gold band
- A ladies diamante ring

These items are available for collection from the office.

## Pastoral Parish Council News

The Pastoral Parish Council met last week. It was a positive meeting. We acknowledged our vibrant community and the many wonderful things happening, including:

- \* The youth group is back - Saturday 20 May.
- \* A book club and a morning movie club are in the pipelines - stay tuned for more details soon.
- \* Women in leadership symposium. Last month, our school principals and leaders attended a *Women in Leadership Symposium* to identify and celebrate the work of female leaders in Catholic education.
- \* The principals of St Charles Borromeo, St Gregory and St Kevin are working together with Fr Charles to facilitate professional learning in the area of spirituality.

Tiziana D'Costa



Our Parish now has a **Book Swap Library** set up in the Parish House.

Please feel free to come to the Parish house and have a browse and stay for a chat and a cuppa!!



## Anzac Commemoration

### Defence Services invitation

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April @ 10.30am**

**At – St Gregory the Great Church  
71 Williamsons Road, Doncaster**



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All welcome to this special Mass service.

**Lest We Forget!**



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

The first is the 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary since Family Groups first began in Sydney.

We shall celebrate this event on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June at the 5.30pm Mass followed by cheese and nibbles in the Gathering Space.

The second is the 30<sup>th</sup> year anniversary since Family Groups first began at our St Kevin's Parish.

We shall celebrate this event on Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> July at the 10.00am Mass.

All are invited and welcomed to attend these events, in particular any past members and parishioners.



## COME AWAY DAYS AT PASSIONIST HOLY CROSS RETREAT CENTRE TEMPLESTOWE

The Come Away Days program continues at the Holy Cross Retreat Centre, 207 Serpells Road Templestowe on Wednesday 19 April.

The theme of the day is:

**“The Spirit empowering us.”**

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](mailto:burke.frank942@yahoo.com.au) or 0407998781

*Happy Holidays*

Our hard-working Parish Priest is having a well-deserved holiday – his first since commencing with us 18 months ago.

This means we will not be celebrating weekday Masses. Instead, we are offering a Service of the Word with Communion every Thursday morning at 9.15am. All welcome.



CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE



### Catholic Theological College

Sign up for one of 18 short, online sessions.

### Engaging Your Faith – May 2023

Theology, Vatican II, Scripture, Spirituality, Science & Faith.

Choose what interests you from \$25 per session.

For more information and to register:

[ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/](http://ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/)

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

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;  
happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

### Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Be with us Lord.

## REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

### First Reading

#### Acts 2: 42-47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.*

After the intense drama of the paschal liturgies and the break of dawn on Easter Day, we find ourselves today in peaceful space. Our reading from the Acts of the Apostles consists of Luke's first and lyrical description of the life of the early Christian community in Jerusalem. The shadow of the cross has vanished. All is light and peace.

The four pillars on which the community stands firm are the teaching of the apostles, the fellowship, the breaking of bread and the prayers. There are wonderful miracles and signs, a generous sharing of goods and food, universal good will and impressive growth. There's continuity with tradition (Temple prayers) and the embrace of the new (the breaking of bread). The community's faith is displayed in the public sphere while being nourished in private homes.

It's an idyllic picture that Luke presents. Even though subsequent events qualify its idealism, this account of Christian community life serves as a short overture to the story of the Christian mission that Luke is eager to tell. It remains inspirational after all this time and has the power to rekindle our desires for a vibrant and joyful Church.

### Second Reading

#### 1 Peter 1: 3-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

*He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.*

The First Letter of Peter is regarded by scholars as one of the finest compositions in the New Testament from the point of view of both literary style and theological content. That's evident in today's reading, the first of the five passages we hear on the Sundays of Easter this year. The opening verses introducing the author and his intended readership have been omitted, so we plunge straight into an elaborate prayer of blessing (one sentence in the original Greek).

There is a brief but significant reference to "trials" and "testing" in the body of the prayer.

This is one of the letter's hints that Christian communities in the Roman provinces of Asia Minor were struggling with the challenge of living the gospel in a hostile, or at least unsympathetic, environment.

The author launches his encouraging message with this all-encompassing prayer of praise and faith.

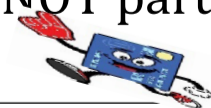
It's a heavily laden text that readers would do well to deconstruct for themselves.

A brief summary might look something like this: through the raising of Jesus, believers have been reborn as God's children, are filled with the joy of faith, are assured of God's help in their temporary trials, and can look forward to eternal salvation.

### **Collection Basket update: NO CASH? No worries! Donate with a tap!**

You can tap your plastic card or phone (eftpos or credit card) by using the terminal in the Gathering Space near the church entrance. One tap = \$5

You can tap as many times as you wish. *Thank you all!* (Please note: this is NOT part of our formal thanksgiving program.)



# Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

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