



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

Easter Sunday

8/9th April, 2023

Our Presiders today are: Fr Charles Balnaves (8.30am) and Fr Gerry McKernan (10.00am)

Parish Priest Easter Ponderings...

Alleluia, Alleluia, Christ is Risen!!!!

Thank you.

From the bottom of my heart.

Thank you—everyone.

Your presence has brought alive the deep truth of our three-day remembering and re-living of the Last Supper, and the Passion, the Death and the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Without your presence as a community we would have had only half of who we are in Christ.

As individuals, each of you is named; is called; is sent. But that is only half.

Each of us is named as part of the community of the Body of Christ. Each of us is called as part of the community of the Body of Christ. Each of us is sent out as a part of the community of the Body of Christ. We are uniquely ourselves but we are also intrinsically a community. I can't truly be me without you.

So thank you for being you and for allowing us to be the presence and truth of Christ Jesus in our parishes—today.

Specifically, amongst the whole community, there have been people who helped to ensure that our Easter has worked:

Setting the environment of our church, providing and preparing and placing palms for Palm Sunday, organising the liturgies for each of the Masses, copying the readings, leading / assisting with the Stations of the Cross, preparing the PowerPoints, playing the music and singing, organising the people to have their feet washed, adults and children having their feet washed, proclaiming God's word in all the (very long) readings, helping distribute communion, finding the hymns that make sense for each Mass, welcoming you to the Church, preparing and serving supper after the Easter Vigils, opening the Church, clearing up after, preparing the bulletin, collecting and counting the money, helping me know who can help with what, clearing around the outside of the church, all those who were Baptised, Confirmed, received Communion, and their sponsors, and the team who helped them prepare for this change of life.

What roles have I missed?

I am deliberately not naming specific names: you know who you are, working for the greater glory of God.

I thank you, we all thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

I will be around next weekend and then not until the Ascension of the Lord and then it is Pentecost. Please keep the Easter Season alive for its whole fifty days. Let us surprise ourselves each day with the joy of the Resurrection, seeking to hear Our Lord Jesus Christ naming us, calling us, and sending us to be his hands spreading the Good News far and wide.

Along the way are the school holidays, along the way we have the opportunity to grow in faith.

God bless, and again thank you, Fr Charles



Tiziana D'Costa, Ana Saro, Frances Johnson, Nadia Bolzonello and Fr Charles Balnaves wish you peace, joy and good health. May Easter 2023 overflow with hope and wonder for each one of us.

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

Saturday	8.30pm	Easter Vigil Mass with Baptisms of RCIA Cand.
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Easter Sunday Masses
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	8.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses



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, Anne Strickland and Nicholas Raquel.

Anniversaries:

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

Recently Deceased:

LITURGY ROSTER

Easter Sunday – 8/9th April 2023

1st Reading: Acts 10: 34, 37-43 2nd Reading: Colossians 3: 1-4 Gospel: John 20" 1-9

Thank you to our wonderful and talented team of Volunteers who selflessly give of their time to organise and prepare our Easter Ceremonies., so that all may participate and be moved. You have been contacted with your allotted task. Thank you once again.

Second Sunday of Easter – 15/16th April 2023

1st Reading: Acts 2: 42-47 2nd 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



Project Compassion 2023

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow

For All Future Generations.

Deep Reflection Before a New Start

The deep reflection of Good Friday paves the way for new hope and a fresh start for the World, and for Australia, this Easter.

REMINDER: We will all soon be called to decide on an Indigenous Voice. The Government will now conduct a Referendum on an 'Indigenous Voice'. What are your thoughts? Our Parish Social Justice Action group in collaboration with St Gregory's Parish has organised a one hour online Forum by Sherry Balcome and others from the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry on this and associated issues from **7:30pm to 8:30pm on Wednesday 12 April**. Registration is essential, and encouraged for this very timely event.

Details and Registration arrangements are available below, on the St Kevin's Parish Website HOME page, and in a brochure available outside Mass today. Yes it's school holiday time but if you can, please don't delay registration! You can also Register directly at <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=1034753&>

John Costa Social Justice Action, 0409 967 207

Easter Celebrations!

(after the Vigil Mass at 8.30pm, 8th April)

All are invited to join with your fellow parishioners in the Gathering Space in a fitting celebration for Christ's Resurrection at Easter and the Baptisms at the Easter Vigil. Supper will be provided in the Gathering Space.

Happy Easter!



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.

We pray for...

- Alireza Sarsharmoghadam (Ali)
- Nafish Zanjanchi Nikiu (Nafi)
- Romina Sarsharmoghadam
- Amirhassein Sarsharmoghadam (Amir)



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

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

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 or 0407998781

MEN'S SOCIAL GROUP



ST KEVIN'S PARISH, TEMPLESTOWE

It's time to get together and have fun, to rekindle connections and make new friendships. The next **St Kevin's Men's Social Group** is taking place this **Friday, 14th April @ 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. Invite friend, relative or neighbour along. Socialising in person is good for our wellbeing! All welcome. Supper provided. BYO alcoholic drinks. \$7 donation suggested. No need to rsvp - just come!

Archbishop Comensoli's Easter Message 2023: 'Recognised, Healed and Sent'

Friends,

Three things flow from the resurrection of Jesus Christ; three things that matter. In his resurrection, Jesus *recognises us* personally; he *invites us* to peace; and he *sends us* out.

The very first word Jesus spoke following his resurrection was a name: Mary. He saw his friend, and although she could not yet recognise him, he called her by name.

Similarly, Jesus personally recognised his friends, to whom he appeared. There was something intimate, and tender, and hospitable about the risen Lord. He draws us into his own resurrected life.

Jesus, in his resurrection, also offered an invitation to peace. 'Peace be with you' was his first—and repeated—declaration. It was an invitation to a share in his forgiveness, and to be healed. Jesus reconciled all creation to himself on the cross; now, he offers us a share in his healing peace.

Finally, through his resurrection, Jesus sends forth his friends. Jesus charged his followers to share the Good News of redemption, and our life in his.

Mary: Go and tell the others.

Peter: Go and feed my sheep.

Friends: Go and make disciples.

Jesus gave out this task so that the gift of his death and resurrection would not be only for the few.

These same three things from Jesus' resurrection—his recognising, his inviting, his sending—all belong to us now; they are ours to share in.

The risen Jesus recognises each of us personally by name.

The risen Jesus invites each of us to share in his healing gift of peace.

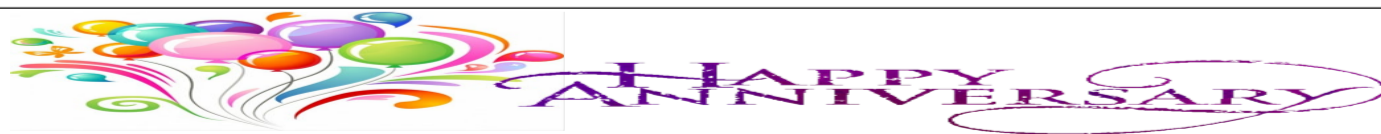
The risen Jesus sends each of us out in his name, with the gift of life.

He says to us, 'Follow me,' that we might live each day illumined by his resurrection, as the reason for our hope.

So, may our lives be filled with the energy, joy and youthfulness of the risen Jesus, knowing that, in him, I am recognised, I am healed, and I am sent.

Happy Easter to you.

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli



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.

PASSIONIST
FAMILY GROUP
MOVEMENT



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

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Be with us Lord.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF EASTER SUNDAY

First Reading

[Acts 10: 34, 37-43](#)

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

For the fifty days of the Easter season, as at no other time of the year, the liturgy of the word begins with a reading from the New rather than the Old Testament. Each year of the lectionary cycle presents a progressive selection of passages from the Acts of the Apostles. These run in parallel with the other two readings without any specific connection between them.

Paul is credited with being the "apostle to the Gentiles," but Peter is the real pioneer of this missionary outreach. The whole of chapter 10 is devoted to this and it's well worth reading in full. Peter's insight occurs entirely by divine initiative. He's given a vision while at prayer in the Roman stronghold of Caesarea. A sheet is lowered from heaven three times with creatures deemed unclean by Jewish Law but which Peter is told to eat. He eventually realised this was a sign that Gentiles were not to be regarded as unclean and off limits.

None of this background is contained in the reading for today. What we hear is Peter's preaching to the Roman centurion Cornelius and his household. He presents them with a summary of the good news. Understandably what he has to say is still couched in terms that would have been more intelligible to a Jewish audience, but the conclusion is clear: "all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name".

Testimony like this is found in several other places in the Acts, underscoring its centrality for the early Christian community and its missionaries.

Second Reading

[Colossians 3: 1-4](#)

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Today's second reading has an Easter pedigree. In pre-Vatican II times, the passage from Colossians used to be read at the Vigil service and that from 1 Corinthians on Easter Sunday.

The reading from Colossians may seem other-worldly. "Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on earth," the author writes.

But the letter as a whole shows that the contrast between heavenly and earthly things is that between a life informed by the Spirit and a life subject to the power of sin and death.

This very short passage glows with the glory of the resurrection.



Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

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