

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

Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses (Confirmation Commit @ 10am)
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	Mass
Saturday	5.30pm	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, Nicholas Raquel, Eugenia Pozzebon, Margaret Turner and Pam Cohen.

Anniversaries:

Kevin Cheng Shou Kong, John Dickenson, Monique Daisy Chong, Fortunata Butta and Jan Dalton

Recently Deceased:

Carmel Artomonow, Lisetta Beltramello and Giuseppe Sciarrone.

LITURGY ROSTER

The Ascension of the Lord – 20th/21st May 2023

1st Reading: Acts 1: 1-11 2nd Reading: Ephesians 1: 17-23 Gospel: Matthew 28: 16-20

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Hannah Halliburton	Christine Marini	Anne Maguire
8.30am	Frank Ozzimo		Pat Rowland
10.00am	Jessica Bartholomeusz	Liz O'Connell	Raffaella Dinelli

Pentecost Sunday – 27/28th May 2023

1st Reading: Acts 2: 1-11 2nd Reading: Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13 Gospel: John 20: 19-23

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Daniel Marini	Janet Parsons	Lynne O'Brien
8.30am	Paul Polidano		Frances Bettiol
10.00am	Carmel Purdey	Carmel Shiel	Lyn Robinson

Beyond our Private Selves – Church Movements and Groups

Our parishioners, both at St Kevin's and St Gregory's have long been and remain individually thoughtful and collectively generous towards those in need. Most recently the jointly shared Parish Second Collections for the Opening The Doors Foundation raised \$2,975 to help Koori kids get an education of their choice. Sherry Balcolme, Manager of the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry very appreciatively responded to us all in both parishes with thanks for providing more Aboriginal children with the opportunity to buy their books, uniforms, not to mention excursions, extra curricular activities and support/motivation for making the most through their education (mostly in Catholic Schools). As newly described elsewhere on the Parish Website this indirectly relates to Pope Francis's *prayer intentions for May* - for Church Movements and Groups - that are not just internal, but also externally engaged. Beyond prayers and donations that calls us all in many and varied ways not to "forget (our) mission to go out to spread the Gospel" in the wider world by our living example, rather than instead just concentrating personally on our internal life and desires.

John Costa, St Kevin's Social Justice Action, 0409 967 207

COULD MEDITATION BENEFIT YOU?

Meditation is considered a valuable tool for increasing positive mood, attentiveness, self-discipline, reducing stress and supporting physical health and even increasing pain tolerance.

Christians also have the opportunity to use this tool for developing spiritual maturity and strength. St Kevin's runs Christian Meditation sessions each Wednesday 9:30-10:30am.

In a friendly environment, the sessions comprise a reflection followed by 20 minutes of silent meditation.

Sessions are via Zoom so you can participate from home if and when you can.

If you ever considered meditation, why not join in on a trial basis and see what happens.

You don't have to be a parishioner to participate, ALL WELCOME.

If interested contact the Parish Office on 9850-5983 so we can email you the Zoom link.

Ever wondered what happens to all our beautifully handmade, bespoke blankets and beanies?

The parish of St Kevin's is very proud indeed of our Craft Group Ladies who work fervently throughout the year to provide warm blankets and beanies to the following organisations: * Missionaries of Charity Fitzroy and Timor * St Kilda Mums * Exodus Community * Sacred Heart Missions St Kilda * Parish Nursing Homes * Beanies for Charity * Sick Parishioners

Would you like to join us? We meet every Tuesday afternoon @ 1.00pm in the Church Gathering Space.



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.

Some Upcoming Reflection Days at Heart of Life Centre:

'Dare to Dream!', via Zoom, 2x Wednesday, 24 & 31 May, 5.00-6.30pm (AEST).

"We have had dreams and there is no one to interpret them..." and Joseph said to them, "do not interpretations belong to God?"
Join our director, Clare Shearman, and guests in our 'dream lab'. Based on the Dreams session previously offered as part of the Siloam Program, this program will explore the significance of our dreams, include the practice of dream circles, provide guidance and practice for working with dreams—our own and others', consider the potential for our dreams to personally and collectively shape the future.

Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost \$130. Book and pay via website www.heartoflife.melbourne, email info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel 9890 1101.



ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC MINISTRY

With Reconciliation Week fast approaching, we are all invited to visit St Paul's Cathedral (Flinders Street) next week and view the beautiful Aboriginal Stations of the Cross by Artist John Dunn, and the artwork by Cannon Glenn Loughrey who used to be Pastor of St Oswald's parish in Glen Iris. He also had a solo exhibition at the Highway Gallery some years ago. The exhibition will be at 4.00pm on Sunday, 28th May.

The ACU Centre for Liturgy has developed and trialled an online training program for Ministers of the Word.

As you know, being a reader is not about reading, but proclaiming Sacred Scriptures or the Prayer of the Faithful in a way that penetrates hearts: the Minister of the Word is a vessel for God's Word. Proclaiming the Scripture and the Prayer of the Faithful well increases people's capacity to respond to what they hear, which can transform and change their lives.

Our four-week online training program will teach new and experienced Ministers of the Word practical skills, such as timing, spacing, the use of emphasis and silence, and arguably the most useful skill – correctly pronouncing Biblical words, names, and places.

Completed over four weekly online modules, with live (Zoom) classroom sessions (held on a weekday evening), the training program also offers a step-by-step guide on how to write the Prayer of the Faithful, and how to proclaim the Word in the Sequences, additional readings at the Easter and Pentecost vigils, and lay-led celebrations of the Word.

Our next program will start on 24 May and we would welcome to it anyone who is interested in participating. The cost of the program is \$80pp and a 20% discount is offered to parishes who are sponsoring 5 or more people to attend. More information about the program, including how to register, can be found on our webpage

www.acu.edu.au/acu_centre_for_liturgy/short_courses

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, **"In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop"** commencing in **Melbourne on 17 October**, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on **28 October 2023**. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry. More information is in the brochure on the table in the Gathering Space or you can contact Sr Annie Bond via email: national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or on 89124818.

St Andrews Christian College in Wantirna South is seeking to hire a Daily Organiser (Coordinator for Casual Relief Staff) to support the Operational functions of the College. This is primarily done by supporting staff leave and absences with the daily organisation and management of Casual Relief Staff.

This is a fixed term position with the potential to extend.

More information can be found from the flyer on the noticeboard in the Gathering Space or from their website: www.standrews.vic.edu.au

'Passion on the Big Screen – A Day @ the Movies with Peter Malone msc' (in-person event), Saturday 17 June 2023, 10 am – 3.30 pm (AEST)

We often refer to Jesus as the Word made Flesh. But Colossians I proclaims Jesus as the Image of the Invisible God. Religious images have always been part of spirituality, The 20th century saw moving images emerging on screens, cinemas, television and new modes of streaming. How can we relate to these images as vision for our spiritual lives? Images, symbols, visual metaphors, Christ-figures? We appreciate Lectio Divina. Here we respond to Visio Divina, movie clips, their challenge. Facilitated by Peter Malone msc ~ author, lecturer, founding member of The Film Critics Association and priest. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost: \$60 (BYO lunch). Book and pay via website www.heartoflife.melbourne, email info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel 03 9890 1101.

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

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Be with us, Lord

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

First Reading

Acts 1: 1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

There is an interesting difference of detail between Luke's gospel and the Acts with regard to the ascension. In the gospel the ascension appears to take place at the end of Easter Day; in the Acts it occurs forty days later. In his gospel Luke (like John) presents the easter mystery as a unified event, comprising resurrection, ascension and sending of the Spirit. In Acts it suits his purpose to highlight each phase separately, allowing time for the disciples' experience to mature. The number forty, of course, has a fine biblical pedigree.

Today's reading begins with a dedication to Theophilus that parallels the one in the gospel and continues to reinforce the author's claim to literary respectability. Luke then proceeds to populate the forty days with Jesus' appearances and instructions. In spite of the apostles still expecting him "to restore the kingdom to Israel," Jesus gives them a mandate to be his witnesses "to the ends of the earth." This one verse encapsulates Luke's agenda for the whole book. Geographically it culminates in Rome, but temporally it extends until Jesus returns "in the same way you have seen him go."

The reading falls into three parts. The first is Luke's formal introduction and resumé of the post-resurrection interlude. The second is Jesus' final interaction with the apostles, and the third is Luke's account of the ascension.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1: 17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

After Paul's opening greeting, the letter to the Ephesians blossoms into an elaborate Jewish-style prayer of blessing.

That's the background for today's reading which is the passage that follows.

In a bridging verse that's been omitted, Paul tells the community that he prays and thanks God for them. He then launches into a beautiful prayer that asks God to bestow wisdom and insight on the Ephesians.

He wants them to be able to appreciate how wonderful, powerful and promising God's work is on their behalf.

This prompts him to move into teaching mode.

The second half of the reading spells out the all-surpassing authority of Christ.

Having been raised from the dead, he now reigns supreme over every imaginable power, present and future, at work in the universe.

He is the be-all and end-all of the entire creation, and as such, head of the Church which is his body.

While the ascension is not explicitly named, it is implied in the reference to God who, having raised Christ from the dead, makes him "sit at his right hand".



We now have a new way to undertake parish collections – please use this QR Code to make quick and easy contributions to our parish by following these simple steps:

1. Wave your mobile camera over it
2. Click on "Web Address"
3. Indicate your payment options

All contributions will go directly and securely into St Kevin's Church Account.

You can also use this code to make donations to appeals such as the one this weekend – simply indicate when placing your payment options.



Confirmation Commitment



This weekend we celebrate a Confirmation Commitment Mass for our Candidates who were unable to come to our recent special Masses.

All our Confirmation Candidates will be receiving this most important Sacrament next Sunday afternoon, **28th May (Pentecost Sunday)**.

May our children be blessed with deeper Faith in God's Love for them and in our love for them.