



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

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

17/18th June, 2023

Baptism Presentation Weekend

St Kevin's Grades 3 & 4 Family Mass

Our Presider today is: Fr Charles Balnaves

Words from Room 5036 (Fr Charles Balnaves) – Cape Schanck Resort Clergy Conference...

Jude!

Do you remember him 😊 our 4th year seminarian from 2022? Someone asked me why Jude isn't listed among the seminarians on the new Vocations Poster: he is! But he is listed under his birth name Tuong, instead of his preferred baptismal name of Jude.

I texted Jude to see how he is and (6th June) he says "I have not forgotten my time with you and the parishioners last year. At the moment I am doing my revision week. Please ask them to keep me in their prayers. My regards to all the parishioners!"

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Clergy Conference 2023:

I am preparing these words as the second day of the Clergy Conference draws near. The first day was focussed on the art of celebrating the Liturgy, the Mass. It took me a moment to remember the Latin term "Ars Celebrandi" but the speaker, Abbot Paul Gunter OSB, was excellent – bringing an inspired clarity to the reality that the Mass is more than saying, more than performing, more than celebrating, more than presiding, more than what is written in the prayers and the instructions in the Missal and Lectionary. In last Sunday's Homily I pointed to all the ways that Jesus the Christ is present to us. Abbot Paul drew these together even more closely than I did pointing out that in the Mass, in the Liturgy, all the things you and I do is an integral part of bringing Jesus Christ to be truly and fully present, with the culmination of course being that we receive the body and blood of Jesus the Christ.

It was a challenge to follow the breadth of what Abbot Paul presented – but well worth the concentration required. I am looking forward to the rest of the conference, especially the items named "Is a Homily a Speech" and "Nurturing Parish Musicians."

God Bless, Fr Charles

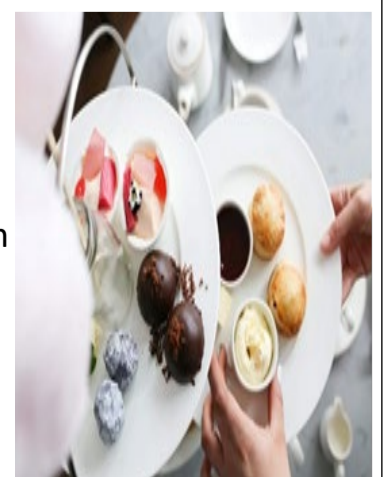
BOOKISH MORNING TEA

Move Over Youth Group - the older (and some might say wiser) members of our Parish Community now have their own regular event.

Please feel welcome to come to the Parish House every Wednesday morning at 10.30am for a chat, browse through the new book swap library and a delicious morning tea!

The Bookish Morning Tea will launch on Wednesday 28th June.

Hope to see you there!!!



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

Saturday	5.30pm	St Kevin's Grades 3 & 4 Family Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses (Baptism Presentation @ 10am)
Tuesday	8.30am	Adoration
	9.15am	Mass (celebrating Feast of the Sacred Heart)
	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
	10.15am	Adoration
Thursday	8.30am	Adoration
	9.15am	Mass
Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses (Baptism @ 10am)



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, Eugenia Pozzebon, Margaret Turner, and Graham & Jason Gooden.

Anniversaries:

Monique Daisy Chong, John Dickenson, Fortunata Butta, Kevin Cheng Shou Kong, Giuseppe Sciarrone (1 month) and Rose Saggars (1 month).

Recently Deceased:

LITURGY ROSTER

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – 17/18th June 2023

1st Reading: Exodus 19: 2-6 2nd Reading: Romans 5: 6-11 Gospel: Matthew 9: 36 – 10: 8

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Hannah Halliburton	Bredenia Raquel	Lawrence Ceconello
8.30am	Daniel Marini		Mary Waddick
10.00am	Carmel Purdey	Carmel Shiel	Geraldine Williams

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 24/25th June 2023

1st Reading: Jeremiah 20: 10-13 2nd Reading: Romans 5: 12-15 Gospel: Matthew 10: 26-33

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Pauline Erickson	Janet Parsons	Anne Maguire
8.30am	Frank Ozzimo		Pat Rowland
10.00am	Frances Johnson	Liz O'Connell	Lyn Robinson

Who are 'The People of God' and What do They Do?

I'm not quite sure, but paragraph 16 of the Vatican II Pastoral Constitution of the Church teaches that all baptized Christians who follow the teaching of Jesus are incorporated into the People of God, together with all persons seeking union with God and/or "striving to live a good life thanks to God's grace". On a recent Saturday morning after routine voluntary work in St Kevin's Church the person drove out onto Herlihy's Road, but slowed down and stopped after noticing an elderly woman with limited mobility wistfully looking out for help. Trusting that someone driving out of a Church must be good she approached the driver's window with a handful of small coins. Living alone with family members living elsewhere she had run out of milk. Could he possibly buy some from the nearby petrol station? He happily obliged, politely refusing her grateful offer afterwards to keep the change! Story 2 describes a recent immigrant now living nearby who over numerous visits has found empathy and friendship at St Kevin's. In return he has eagerly volunteered to help the Parish with gardening or other work, his Islamic faith no impediment. Perhaps both are People of God!

John Costa, St Kevin's Social Justice Action,



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



30 years of Family Groups in St Kevin's Parish!

On Sunday, 30th July at the 10.00am Mass, we celebrate the 30th year anniversary since Family Groups first began at our St Kevin's Parish. All are invited and welcomed to attend, in particular any past members and parishioners.



**YOUR
PARISH
NEEDS
YOU**

We continue to seek assistance for Brian and Vianney to prepare the powerpoint for the weekend Masses. A reasonable knowledge of powerpoint and the order of the Mass is needed BUT a huge amount of instruction, assistance and support is available.

Preparing the powerpoint really is not very difficult – take one of the last two weeks powerpoint, change dates etc, find a suitable picture for the opening slide, change the hymns as advised by Jan from our very large database and change the text of the Readings supplied by Nadia. This can be done at home then brought down to the Church, loaded onto the Church computer and checked. If you can be of assistance please call Vianney on 0414 466 596.

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A special welcome to the children and friends of our St Kevin's Grades 3 and 4 Families who are hosting our Saturday evening Mass. Let us join in and celebrate this special Eucharist together.

An Adjunct from Fr Charles

The Parish Pastoral Councils of St Greg's and St Kevin's have had their meetings recently. There has been quite a gap because of lack of numbers, including my absence on holidays, and because of school holidays. We got to talking about the purpose of the Parish Pastoral Council, which leads me to wonder what you want your Pastoral Council to be.

Canon Law stops at recommending a body which can help advise the parish priest in the pastoral life of the parish. As we talked the members present (half were absent due to other commitments) clearly want to be a body that actively helps discern and steer parish life. Without being an operational body, the members can commit to discuss and discern and also help make things happen.

We need a few extra members for the Parish Pastoral Council and within that we desperately need someone from each parish who will take on the role of Chair – helping run meetings and helping draw together the priorities needed and the agenda. I consider the Parish Pastoral Council important, now and in the future. Can you help? I don't know you all, and certainly with most of you not well enough to know your gifts. Please! Pray! Discern! Take a risk! Catch me, come and see me! Jesus the Christ needs your hands!

**St Kevin's Christian Meditation, each Wednesday 9:30am
ONLINE via Zoom.**

Contact Parish House for the online link. All welcome.

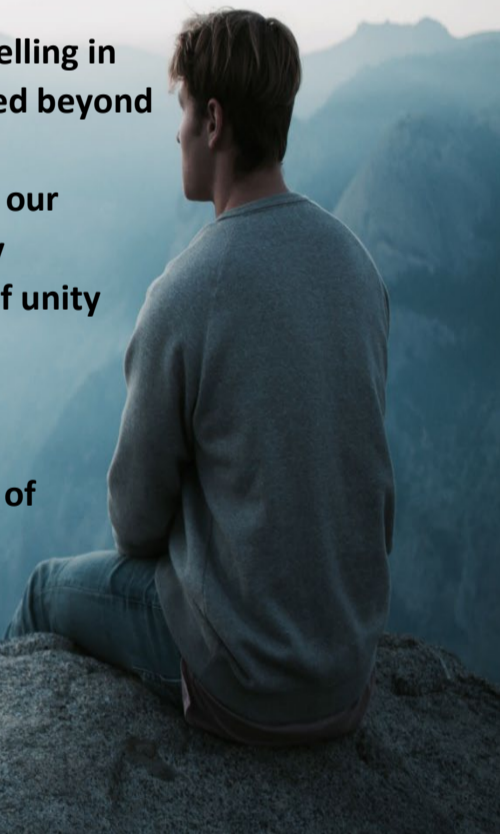
Meditation is learning to be aware of the presence of God within us. God's presence teaches us that we are made whole through the power of love. We are not isolated persons.

Each of us, in the mystery of Christ dwelling in our hearts, is called to love and be loved beyond all divisions and quarrels.

Meditation is a simple way of focusing our attention and our lives on what is truly important: the principle of harmony, of unity and love. It is not magic.

It is a serious journey we make with each other.

In the process, by living out the power of Christ, all division is overcome.



Have you noticed that small things make a difference? I received a letter from Archbishop Peter, congratulating me on the 8th anniversary of my priestly ordination (27th June). I know it would have been typed up and mostly written by his office staff but ... the idea was his, and he made the time to sign it personally. Small things make a difference and open us to God's love.

Fr Charles

PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING

Fr Charles' BIRTHDAY

**SUNDAY 25 JUNE
AFTER 10.30AM MASS**

**St Gregory the Great Church
Doncaster**

**RSVP: Please email doncaster@cam.org.au
or use sign up sheets at the church.**

Cake and coffee/tea provided.
Please be mindful of food intolerances or allergies, as food and drinks may contain allergens.
Parents and carers are requested to please supervise their children at all times.

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART

This important Feast Day Mass will be celebrated this Tuesday, 20th June at 9.15am here at St Kevin's Church. All welcome.



Have you noticed people missing from our Masses?

That is to say, have you noticed regular friends/Mass-goers are not attending Mass?

It might be an idea to contact them and find out if they're ok, and why they're not joining us any more.

Perhaps we can help to reassure them and encourage them, so that their confidence in attending Mass returns.



When coming to Church, please make sure you don't park too close to the Church building.

We need to ensure safe and clear passage for emergency vehicles should the need arise.

Baptism Welcome

This weekend we welcome,

Colin and Joanne

who will be introducing

Beth Eila Brooks

to our Parish Community in preparation for her Baptism next weekend.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism



With Winter well and truly upon us, let us be mindful of ourselves and others as we progress through this infectious season (covid, flu, etc). Perhaps our care with masks and sanitising will help to keep ourselves and others safe.

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

We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near;
repent and believe the Good News!

Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Ex 19: 2-6

A reading from the book of Exodus

You will be a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.

A more extended version of this passage from the book of Exodus is found among the readings for the vigil of Pentecost. Here an introductory verse provides a helpful guide to the context. On their way through the desert after deliverance from Egypt the Israelites set up camp at the foot of Mt Sinai. It is here that God will be further revealed to Moses, the Torah given to Israel, and the people called into covenant.

The substance of the reading consists in what God tells Moses to say to the people. It is a message of memory and hope. The Israelites are reminded of God's saving deeds on their behalf: "how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself". On this basis they can have confidence in what God promises: "I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation". Much later on, in the first letter of Peter, this promise is applied to the Christian community.

The reading has several elements to it: the opening statement that sets the scene, the introduction of Moses and the Lord, God's brief instruction to Moses, and the proclamation that Moses is to make to the people.

Second Reading

Rom 5: 6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

We have been reconciled to God through the death of his Son; we are saved by his life.

Today's passage from Paul's letter to the Romans is the third in a series of sixteen, the first few of which are almost never heard because of the vagaries of the calendar.

It has a clear message at its heart: "Christ died for us while we were still sinners".

The message is plain but the reading as a whole isn't so simple.

The chapter from which it is taken is a bridge that connects the earlier part of the letter with later themes, so its full meaning isn't immediately obvious.

And here as elsewhere, Paul doesn't express himself simply.

The reading is in the form of an *a fortiori* argument which could be summarised as follows.

If Christ died for us when we were still sinners and enemies of God, all the more will he be sure to save us from God's anger now that we have been reconciled. Those who are puzzled by what "God's anger" means will need to re-read the earlier chapters of the letter, perhaps with the help of a commentary.

MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL 30TH JULY AT ST GREGORY THE GREAT

The Parishes of St Gregory the Great and St Kevin's are holding a Multicultural Festival event on the afternoon of Sunday 30th July (11:30am - 3:00pm), and you are invited to come and to contribute. The event will be held in the grounds and hall of St Gregory the Great Church and School, 71 Williamsons Road, Doncaster.

This is an event at which we can share food, celebrate the diversity of our communities in origin and culture and connect with one another by hearing each other's stories. This Multicultural Festival is for everyone in all aspects of our parishes, including everyone in our three schools of St Charles, St Greg's and St Kevin's.

As part of the event, the Parish Social Committees will hold a Silent Auction to raise funds for future Parish Social Activities. We are asking families of our schools and parishes to donate items that can be included in our Silent Auction.

Please look around your cupboard for any new or unused items or unwanted gifts or pantry items that we could auction off as individual or part of our hampers. Please note the items have to be new and unopened, and well before their *Best Before* date.

Examples of items:

- * Tea bags, chocolates, sweets, crackers and biscuits
- * Candles, diffusers, body lotions, body care products, etc
- * Homewares, towels
- * Kitchen items and baking tools
- * Small appliances (hair dryers, waffle makers, etc)

We also accept donations in the form of vouchers for stores, movies, accommodation, restaurants or small business etc.

Please drop your Donations at the Parish Office before 13th July. If you have any questions or need further information please email doncaster@cam.org.au