



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

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

24/25th June, 2023

Our Presider today is: Fr Terry Kean

From the Desk of our Lay Ecclesial Leader...

My family celebrated the beginning of 2023 with a party. We shared a great night with dear, close friends. They are a wonderful group of people from different walks of life. We have travelled together along life's journey through thick and thin.

A close friendship requires vulnerability. It is only when I am open to share my hopes and fears that I can create a deeper channel of communication with the other. It takes courage to be vulnerable because I am opening myself up to potential judgement and exposing who I really am. And it is a little harder for me to do because I am by inclination a private person. However, the rewards of deep human connection are immense.

I was thinking of this when I read Sunday's gospel. Jesus says *What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.*

Bringing our hopes and fears out from the shadows, with an appropriate person at an appropriate time, can work wonders for our wellbeing and for building and cementing relationships.

It also applies to sharing our faith. To be open about our beliefs, our questions and doubts can be difficult to do; both when the listener is a person of faith, and when they are not. Will we upset others by sharing? Do we have the right words? Will we be judged? These are all valid questions, but Jesus' words spur us to be brave; to share with others what He whispers in our heart.

Let's reach out to someone we know and take a chance to open up about our faith.

God Bless, Tiziana D'Costa



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!

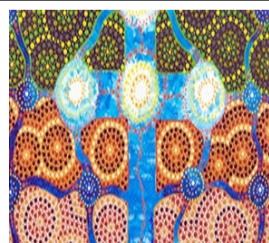
The Bookish Morning Tea will launch on Wednesday 28th June.

Hope to see you there!!!



A New Life in Christ...

Next weekend, 1st/2nd July, we will be celebrating:



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) weekend

All are welcome to come along and join us in celebrating these most exhilarating Masses.

Our Liturgy Team have worked very hard indeed to make these Masses meaningful and profound.

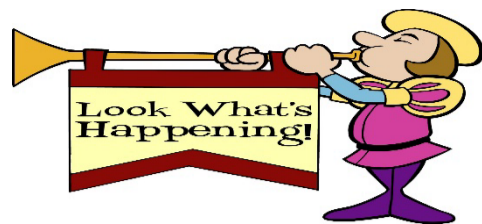
Lectors (Readers) and Special Ministers (Communion) Formation Sessions

Formation Sessions for Lectors and Special Ministers will be held at St Gregory the Great Church Doncaster on the following dates (you are only required to attend one session per ministry):

Thurs, 13 July: Lectors: 6.00-6.45pm; Special Ministers: 6.45-7.30pm, OR Sat, 15 July: Lectors: 11.00-11.45am; Special Ministers: 11.45am-12.30pm
If you missed one of the previous sessions or are new since then or just want another moment of formation: please put aside the time to come along. These ministries are an important element of making Jesus Christ fully present in our Liturgies.

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

Saturday 5.30pm Mass
 Sunday 8.30am & 10.00am 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
 10.15am Adoration
 Thursday 8.30am Adoration
 9.15am Mass (celebrating Feast of Sts Peter & Paul)
 Saturday 5.30pm Mass (ATSI Mass)
 Sunday 8.30am & 10.00am Masses (ATSI 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, Eugenia Pozzebon, Margaret Turner, Graham & Jason Gooden, Vianney Shiel and Miriam Ayoub.

Anniversaries:

Geraldine McDonald, Jan Loft, Patricia Porter, Frank Dunn, Brian O'Connell and Mary Borg.

Recently Deceased:

Bruce Robertson (Lyn Robinson's brother-in-law) and Peter O'Donoghue

LITURGY ROSTER

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	Daniel Marini	Anne Maguire
8.30am	Frank Ozzimo		Pat Rowland
10.00am	Frances Johnson	Liz O'Connell	Lyn Robinson

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 1st/2nd June 2023

1st Reading: 2 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16 2nd Reading: Romans 6: 3-4. 8-11 Gospel: Matthew 10: 37-42

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Lucy Halliburton	Christine Marini	Maryanne McNamara
8.30am	Pauline Erickson		Adrian Teo
10.00am	Tony Byrne	Carmel Shiel	Kaye Byrne

Bill Passed Confirming 'Voice' Referendum – our vote soon to be called!

Last Monday a bill to alter the constitution and enable the Indigenous voice was passed without amendment by the federal parliament, 52 votes to 19, ahead of what will now be Australia's first referendum in 24 years. This confirmed the simple wording of the constitutional change to be put to the Australian people "to alter the Constitution to recognise the First Peoples of Australia by establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice". A key underlying issue is not new and has long existed without resolution since colonisation! It's an issue of justice, equality and equal opportunity, about which very much has already been written. Associated with that and looking ahead it's also the important issue in today's challenging world of building a nation by unifying our people and benefiting from what all can contribute. We will all be called soon to choose. If not now, then overtaken by other overwhelming global issues when? Apart from all else already written in detail it's further worth recalling what Popes John Paul II and Francis have said, and what Fr Frank Brennan (among others) has drawn from that, as can be read on our Parish Social Justice Action website page. *John Costa, Social Justice Action.*



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.

Support Group: I put out a report before I went on holidays. That was two and a half months ago. We have not been sitting idle in the intervening weeks. We have been discussing how we might seek to better organise the work of the parish to enable me to focus my time more effectively for you and for the future. We have had one consultation session and we will have a joint Parish and Finance council gathering on 25th July to discuss our ideas. Then we'll be having broader discussions—with you. Two parishes: more effectively operating—more focussed on being disciples of Jesus Christ. **Fr Charles**



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.

Days of Solemnity

This Saturday, 24th June, we celebrated the Feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist with Mass at St Gregory the Great on Saturday morning.

This Thursday, 29th June, we celebrate the Feast of Sts Peter & Paul Apostles. Mass will be celebrated at St Kevin's Templestowe at 9.15am. All welcome.

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.

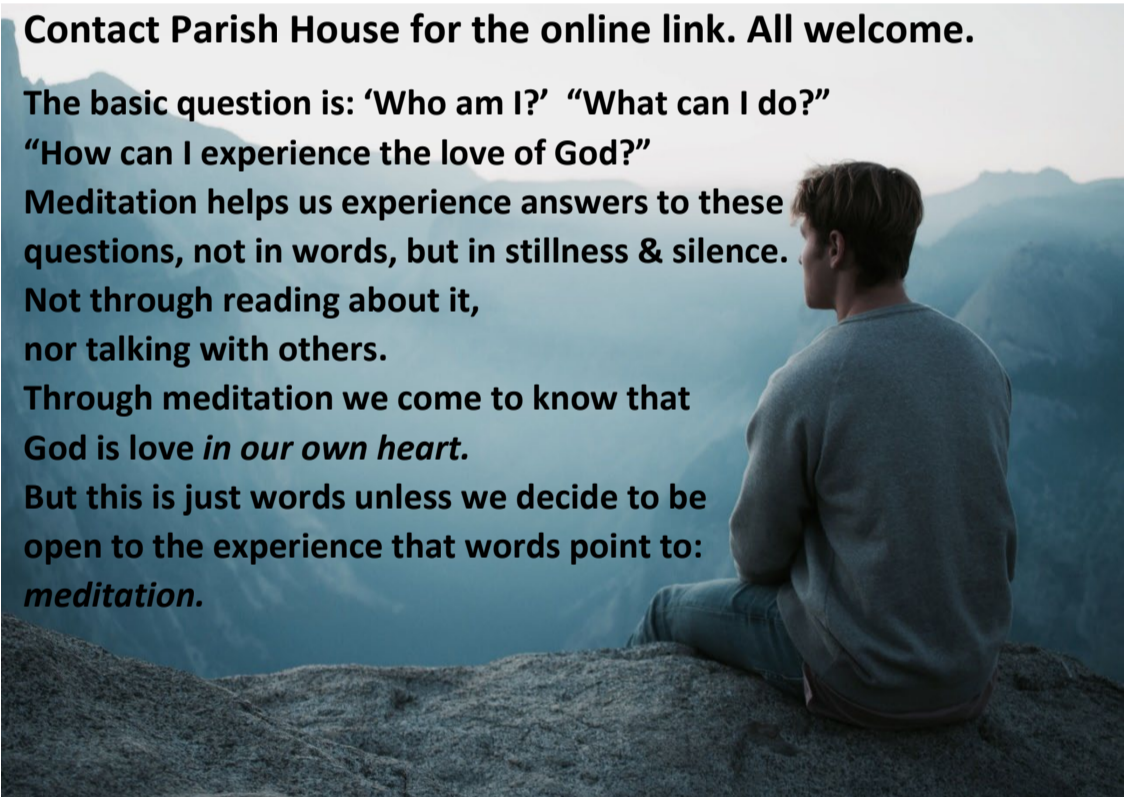
The basic question is: 'Who am I?' "What can I do?"
"How can I experience the love of God?"

Meditation helps us experience answers to these questions, not in words, but in stillness & silence.

Not through reading about it, nor talking with others.

Through meditation we come to know that God is love *in our own heart*.

But this is just words unless we decide to be open to the experience that words point to: *meditation*.



Childsafe/Safeguarding: Are our safeguarding requirements onerous to meet? Or at least do they seem onerous? If they are or if you think they are then please let us know: email or call the office.

Yes, we expect far more than ten years ago—but once initial checks are done (yes, that can be a little tortuous), the load drops dramatically to be a routine—small effort to engender a deeply child-safe culture.



Fr Charles



to our wonderful and hard-working Parish Priest, Fr Charles Balnaves who celebrates his 71st birthday on Monday, 26th June.

All are welcome and invited to attend a special Birthday Morning Tea Celebration after the 10.30am Mass Sunday morning at St Gregory the Great Church, Doncaster.

ALSO



to Fr Charles on the occasion of his 8th Anniversary of Ordination to Priesthood on Tuesday, 27th June.

Happy Birthday and Congratulations Fr Charles!

Thank you for all that you do for us and for our parishes.



Photo of the stain glass wall in the Chapel at the Ministry depicting our Lord Jesus Christ in the centre flanked by an Aboriginal holding the message stick and Australian fauna and fauna, signifying God's presence surrounding us in Mother Earth.



Heartfelt thanks to Pat Rowland and her band of helpers who organised it. And if you come to Mass on Sunday you're going to be just as well treated though with a slightly smaller spread of foods. Stay and meet people new to you or old to you.

Fr Charles

Morning Teas: These are a great opportunity to build community: we had a most marvellous Mass and Morning Tea last Wednesday – a gathering of residents and carers from Willowbrae Nursing Home came to St Kevin's – the Mass with Anointing was wonderful – the spread of sandwiches, sausage rolls, cakes and savouries were to die for.



For information on our Parish Schools please contact:

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St Charles Borromeo Primary School
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Responsorial Psalm

We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Jer 20: 10-13

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.

Today's reading is an excerpt from the last of Jeremiah's several laments (also known as confessions or complaints). As it stands, it gives the false impression that Jeremiah's only problem is the enemies he has around him and that God is his salvation. The truth is more complex. In the preceding verses that we don't hear until later in the year, Jeremiah angrily accuses God of seducing him into prophecy, and in verses that follow he curses the day he was born.

Nonetheless we can't mistake the depth and strength of Jeremiah's feelings. In the first part of the reading he repeats the verbal charges his opponents assail him with. They're the slogans of mob fury. We are under no illusions about the hostility he's facing. From there, however, we are led by the prophet to share his confidence in the saving power of God. The mood swing is immense. The seething turmoil of Jeremiah's distress yields first to a declaration of faith in the Lord, then to a prayer for vengeance, and finally to a chant of praise.

This is a powerful text, charged with intense emotion.

Second Reading

Rom 5: 12-15

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

Today's passage from Romans (part of the longer text we heard on the 1st Sunday of Lent) flows on immediately after last week's reading.

That ended on a joyful note by affirming the reconciliation with God that the faithful already enjoy through Christ.

This prompts Paul to embark on a comparison between Christ and Adam (both a personal name and a word meaning "man" in general).

Adam sinned, as did everyone after him, bringing death and condemnation to all.

Christ obeyed, bringing divine grace "to so many as an abundant free gift".

It's an *a fortiori* argument to illustrate how much greater and more beneficial for everyone the consequences of Christ's action are in comparison with Adam's.

It's not an easy argument for contemporary listeners to follow.

The issues that it raises about sin, death, law and grace have been debated at length by theologians ever since.

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