



# 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

Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ

10/11<sup>th</sup> June, 2023

**Our Presider today is:** Fr Gerry McKernan

### ***A word from the Lay Ecclesial Leader...***

In my circle of extended family and friends there are some who identify as *spiritual but not religious*. This is a refrain that has become popular in recent times. Generally, people who subscribe to this view reject religion because they consider it rigid, doctrinal and dogmatic. On the other hand, they prefer spirituality because it promises an experience of the divine - it relies on feelings and the heart.

This weekend is the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. There are two important aspects to the Eucharist. Firstly, Jesus is present in the Eucharist. Christ gives of Himself. He pours himself out to us so that we may be transformed to be more like him. Secondly, we receive the Eucharist as a community. We encounter and receive the outpouring of divine love *together*. We experience it as a community of faith.

Our personal relationship with the divine is very important, but we cannot be spiritual beings in isolation. We fully express ourselves in interaction with others.

Community is deeply valued in our society. People often uproot themselves and make a tree or sea change for a place where 'there is a great sense of community'. Many are devoted to the community of their football team. Families with young children cherish their school community.

And so, it occurs to me that the Eucharist is steeped in values which remain important in our times and culture: spirituality and community. We need to find a contemporary language to make the meaning of the Eucharist come alive in our society.

*Blessings, Tiziana*

### **The Parish Pastoral Council met on Thursday 1 June.**

#### **Items of note:**

- Our Youth Group in May was a huge success. There was a great party atmosphere and celebration: 40 children attended. The next Youth Group is on Saturday, 17 June - 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Two groups: grades 5 to 8, and year 9 to 12.
- The Parish Council needs more members. We welcome diversity in talent and experience. If you are interested in getting involved, or would like more information, please contact Tiziana D'Costa or Fr Charles on 9850 5983, or email [templestowe@cam.org.au](mailto:templestowe@cam.org.au).
- We are working on a progress report on the Plenary Council. More details to follow.
- We are working on a code of behaviour for funerals. We share a space with St Kevin's school. Children safety is paramount: for example, when driving in the school car park.

### ***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!

## 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	
	10.15am	Adoration
Thursday	8.30am	Adoration
	9.15am	Service of the Word with Communion
Saturday	5.30pm	St Kevin's Grades 3 & 4 Family Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses (Baptism Preparation @ 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:

John O'Brien, Kathleen Flora McDonald, Tony Nicolopoulos, Wally Mahoney, Sue Higgins and Enzo Pieropan (1 month).

### Recently Deceased:

Brian Howes (brother of Br Peter)

## LITURGY ROSTER

### Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ – 10/11<sup>th</sup> June 2023

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Deuteronomy 8: 2-3, 24-26 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 10: 16-17 Gospel: John 6: 51-58**

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Lucy Halliburton	Hannah Halliburton	Lynne O'Brien
8.30am	Pauline Erickson		Penny Teo
10.00am	Vianney Shiel	Miriam Ayoub	Lyn Robinson

### Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – 17/18<sup>th</sup> June 2023

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus 19: 2-6 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

### Your Contributions Serve Intended Purpose and are Appreciated

Many people are challenged by rising costs and uncertain futures, yet the people of St Kevin's Parish continue to support those facing greater challenges. On Good Friday our Parish collected for the Annual Holy Places appeal for Christian people living difficult lives in Israel, Palestine, Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Rhodes and Cyprus, and for Holy Places there. We raised \$1,777.50 which, added to collections from other Parishes, really helps. Following that our Parish contribution to Project Compassion this year came to \$4,459.75 (including a \$302.50 donation from St Kevin's school). When we recall the short weekly videos shown at Mass during Project Compassion we gain a fuller sense of the lives of people this donation has positively helped improve. Easter is over and we now return to Ordinary Time. We are all *called to Mission*, and now is a good time. There are people in our own parish and local community who can be helped in various practical ways, so if you can, chat to any Social Justice Action committee member including Carmel Purdey, Tony Robinson, Lawrence Ceconello and John Costa.

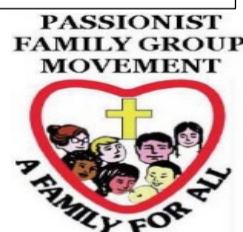
*John Costa, St Kevin's Social Justice Action, 0409 967 207*



## 50 years of Family Groups in Australia!

Thank you to all who prepared and joined in the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Family Groups celebration last weekend. We hope you all enjoyed yourselves.

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



### This Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> June is the Feast Day of St Anthony of Padua.

St Anthony of Padua's life is what every Christian's life is meant to be; a steady courage to face the ups and downs of life, the call to love and forgive, to be concerned for the needs of others, to deal with crisis great and small, and to have our feet solidly on the ground of total trusting love and dependence on God.

  
**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.

Doing 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.

**Next Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> June** we will celebrate a Family Mass hosted by our St Kevin's Grades 3 and 4 Families. All are welcome to come and pray and celebrate this special Eucharist.



### AN INVITATION TO A 'COME AWAY DAY'

Our next **Come Away Day** will be held on Tuesday 13 June in the beautiful grounds and facilities of the **Passionist Holy Cross Centre, 207 Serpells Road, Templestowe**. This is a wonderful opportunity to take some time out mid year to experience a quiet day of prayer, reflection and fellowship at Holy Cross. All are welcome. We start with a meet and greet at 9.30am and finish the day at 2pm with the celebration of Mass. You are invited to contribute financially to the day according to your means, with a suggested donation of \$25 per person as a guide. Contact Frank Burke on 0407 998 781 for further details.

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

Contact Parish House for the online link. All welcome.

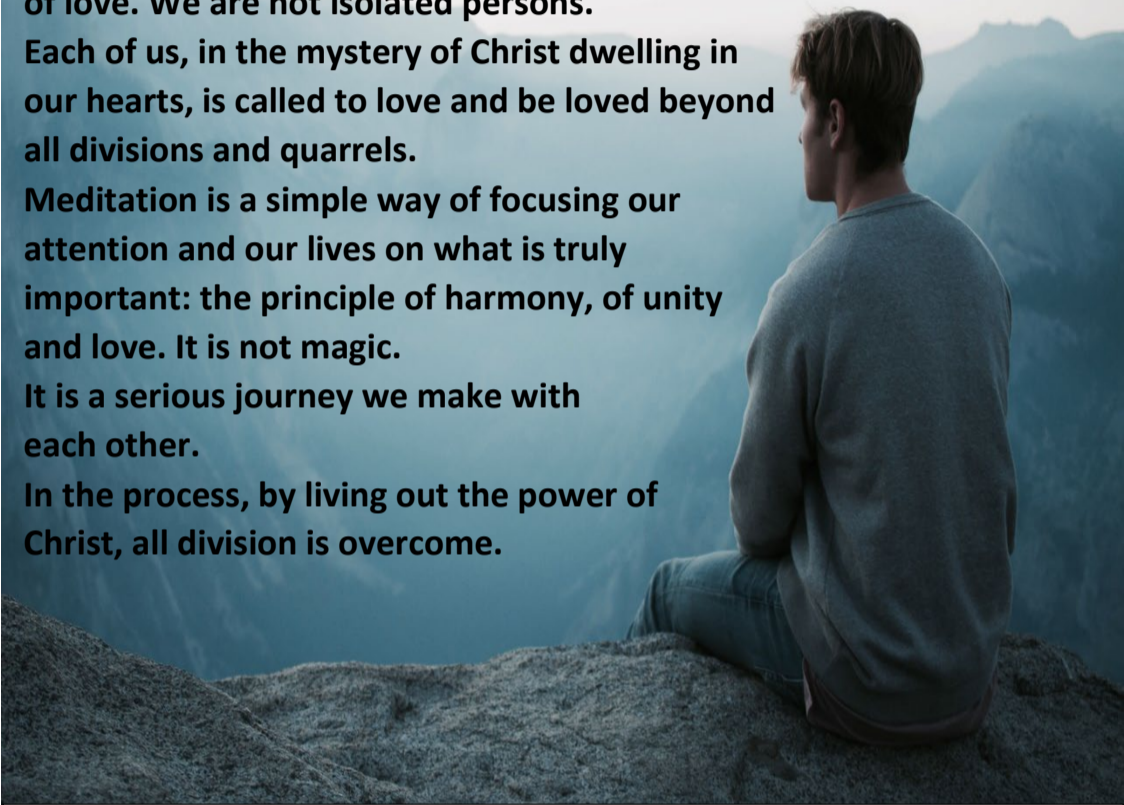
Meditation is learning to be aware of the presence of God within us. God's presence teaches us that we are made whole through the power of love. We are not isolated persons.

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.



**Fr Charles** will be at a Clergy Conference for all of next week. Therefore, there will not be any weekday Masses.

However, there will be a Service of the Word here at St Kevin's on Thursday morning at 9.15am. All welcome.

Have you noticed that small things make a difference? I received a letter from Archbishop Peter, congratulating me on the 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my priestly ordination (27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 falls on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June. Mass will be celebrated at St Gregory the Great Church, 71 Williamsons Road, Doncaster at 7.00pm on this day.

We will also celebrate this special Mass on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.



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.



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

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;  
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

## Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord hear our prayer.

### REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE FEAST OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

#### First Reading

[Dt 8: 2-3, 14-16](#)

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

*He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.*

In spite of leading the Israelites through the desert and being hailed as an incomparable prophet, Moses never entered the Promised Land. He died as he looked over it.

Today's reading projects him into this land of plenty where its blessings threatened to seduce the Israelites into complacency.

Moses issues a solemn warning.

The people must remember, and never forget, their exodus experience. The hardships were intense – hunger, thirst and mortal danger – but amid them all God protected Israel and provided for their needs. Stripped of their own resources, they saw the power of God with greater clarity and learnt the primacy of faith.

This is what Moses wants them to hold fast to.

On this festive day, remembrance of the manna takes centre stage.

It nourished the wanderers, but being unappetising and transitory, it pointed beyond itself to the one who gave it, the one whose words were to be heard and heeded.

At the heart of the reading lies the saying that Jesus used in response to Satan's temptation to turn the stones into bread.

Overall the reading is in the mode of admonition. It is serious and dramatic rather than severe.

#### Second Reading

[1 Cor 10: 16-17](#)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.*

This reading must be one of the shortest in the entire lectionary. What it lacks in length, it makes up for in depth. It's a profound affirmation of the meaning of sacramental communion. Paul teaches the Corinthians that to share in the eucharistic bread and wine – the one loaf and one cup – is to be joined in communion with Christ and one another.

What prompts Paul to make this statement isn't clear from the reading itself. One of the issues that was troubling the Corinthian community was whether it was permissible or not to eat meat that had come to the market after it had been offered in pagan sacrifice. Paul addresses this question first in chapter 8 and then returns to it in chapter 10.

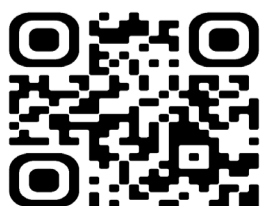
On the one hand, he says that Christians should feel free because pagan gods aren't real, but he recognises the risk of scandalising those with a weak conscience. When he goes on to say, "You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons", he is acknowledging the fact that eating and drinking together establishes real bonds of fellowship.

This is the positive teaching of today's text: the bond forged between Christ and community at the eucharistic table. The fact that celebrating the eucharist with one loaf and one cup is the exception rather than the rule is to be lamented.

A convenient way to make contributions is to use this QR Code and 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 the Church a/c.



#### **'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**

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 20<sup>th</sup> 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). To book and pay: [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne), email [info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne) or tel 9890 1101.