



# 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

Holy Trinity Sunday  
St Kevin's Feast Day Weekend

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> June, 2023

**Our Presider today is:** Fr Charles Balnaves

### *From the Desk of Fr Charles...*

Frist, a comment/thought:

Behaviours: where has common courtesy gone? Where has respect gone? Where has a loving attitude gone? People revving their V8's in a school carpark after a funeral - and it was a school day! A man urinating in public on our premises.

Confidentiality: stories getting back via gossip to people about meetings, pastoral conversations, events, where they thought the discussion was to be held close.

These are not earth-shattering matters, but they are important to note.

It wasn't you, I am sure, doing these things. Nothing major arose from these events, I could just ignore them. But! To allow them to pass uncommented goes counter to the truth that we are each created in the image of God and so deserve respect, dignity, thoughtfulness.

Please, call people out on their misbehaviours. Don't listen to gossip, and perhaps tell others to stop and to keep confidences ... confidential.

And now to something else:

On Wednesday just past, I attended the second half (I was busy with a funeral) of a gathering of priests ordained less than 10 years (yes, I still number in that group, my priestly ordination was in 2015 so still two years of gatherings to go). It is interesting for me to go to these sessions as I am 40 years, a wife, two sons, a grand-daughter, and a business career different from everyone else. It is interesting because without conscious thought I see the world differently. I see the need for nurture and encouragement. I see the need for creating opportunities for growth. I see the need for co-responsibility and encouraging new ideas. I see the need for building family, community, relationships among you, among us.

What I hear in the enthusiasm of some of the other young priests seems to start in having ideas to get the people to do what they want/desire and within that realising the community I think about.

For better or worse: YOU are first in my mind. My leadership arises from wanting YOU to grow and flourish in faith and bring your talents to bear so you can open your hearts even further to the Holy Spirit and help others to hear the call to come to know Jesus Christ.

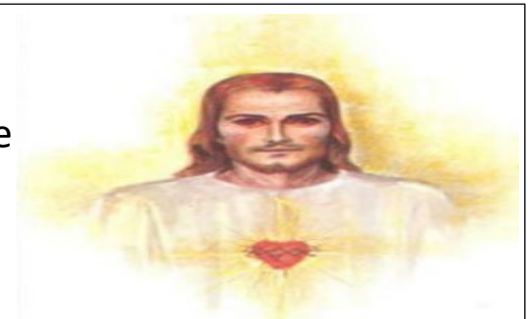
The other priests I gathered with are wonderful priests, but they sometimes approach things differently and that struck me strongly in this session. I am in love with Jesus Christ, I want you to love him even more than I do (quite possibly you already do so), and to share that love with others generously, and invite others to come and learn more about his gentleness, compassion, forgiveness, and mercy. I can only do that through my experience of life. I pray that my approach can lead you to deeper faith.

*God bless, Fr Charles*

## 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.



## 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  
 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, Nicholas Raquel, Eugenia Pozzebon, Margaret Turner and Pam Cohen.

### Anniversaries:

Rosario Scaffidi, Maureen Whyte, Maria Beiza Rosales and Laura Torre.

### Recently Deceased:

Giovannina Mazzei

## LITURGY ROSTER

### The Most Holy Trinity – 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> June 2023

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus 34: 4-6, 8-9 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13 Gospel: John 3: 16-18**

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Cathy Hardinge	Paul Polidano	Angela Senzo
8.30am	Jessica Bartholomeusz		Pat Rowland
10.00am	Julie O'Donnell	Frances Johnson	Lyn Murphy

### 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

### 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!

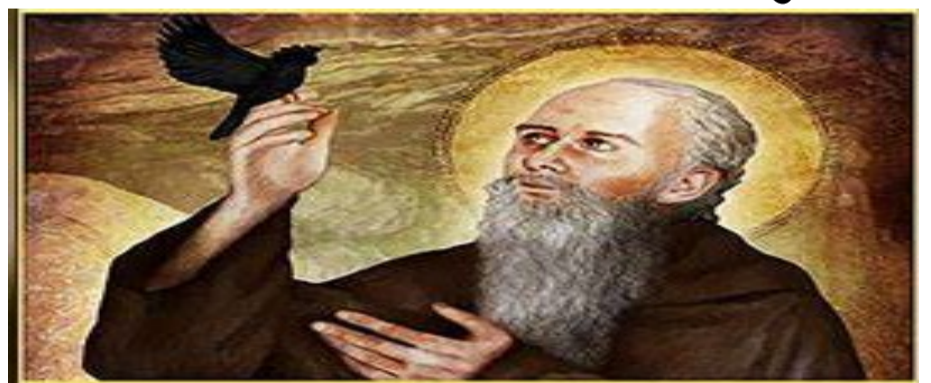
PASSIONIST  
FAMILY GROUP  
MOVEMENT



We celebrate this special occasion on Saturday evening beginning with Mass at 5.30pm followed by cheese and nibbles in the Gathering Space. All welcome to stay and celebrate together.

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.

## Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June we celebrate St Kevin's Feast Day



*St Kevin, man of prayer*

Help us to imitate you by making stillness and silence a priority in our lives

*St Kevin, man of service*

Help us to imitate you by never holding back on helping others

*St Kevin, upholding creation*

Help us to imitate you by showing reverence to even the smallest of creatures

*St Kevin, man of inspiration*

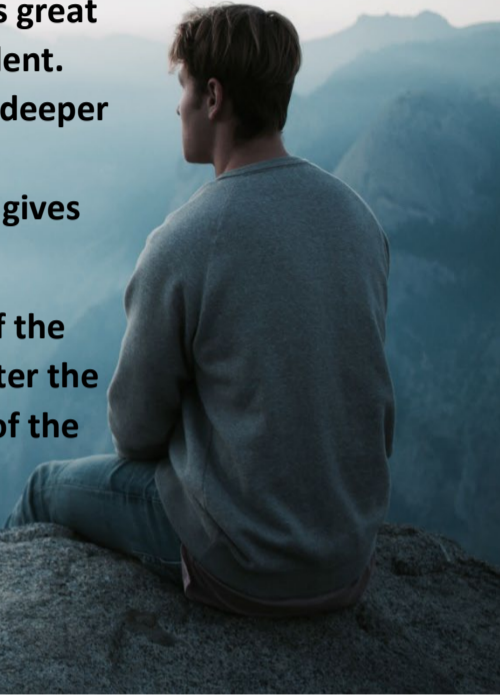
Help us to imitate you by listening to the promptings of the Spirit deep inside us

## 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.

### Christian Meditation:

Many are taking up the practice of meditation.  
 People are not happy living on the surface of life.  
 The spiritual search shows that there is great wealth to be found in being still and silent.  
 People want to live life at a richer and deeper level.  
 They want to experience the One who gives meaning.  
 The desert Fathers and Mothers talk of the silence of the mantra as the way to enter the deep silence of God, and the richness of the spiritual life.



## National Reconciliation Week Events in Rome



The Australian Embassy to the Holy See is announcing a series of special events from 29 May to 3 June 2023, focused on reconciliation with Indigenous Australians. The events will coincide with the visit by Dr Miriam Rose Ungunmerr Baumann AM, a renowned Australian Aboriginal elder, educator and artist who is expected to meet with Pope Francis in what will be her first trip from Australia's 'outback' to Rome.

Dr Ungunmerr Baumann's presence in Rome during National Reconciliation Week will add special significance to a year which also marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of diplomatic relations between Australia and the Holy See. Some of the events will be live streamed. You can see details at this link.

<https://holysee.embassy.gov.au/hyse/reconciliationweek.html>



On Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> June, it will be the birthday of our parish priest – Fr Charles Balnaves. Fr Charles will celebrate a special birthday Mass at St Gregory the Great Church on Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am. After Mass, we shall proceed to the Parish Hall where we will enjoy drinks and nibbles and cake. All are invited. More details to follow. In the meantime, please save the date.

## MEN'S SOCIAL GROUP



ST KEVIN'S PARISH, TEMPLESTOWE

The next **St Kevin's Men's Social Group** takes place on **Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> June @ 7.30pm in the Church Gathering Apace**. Open to men of any age (older teenagers are welcome (with their guardian) - parishioners and non

parishioners alike. All are welcome. Invite a friend, relative or neighbour along. Supper is provided. BYO alcoholic drinks. \$7 donation suggested to cover costs. For catering purposes, please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the entry of the church, or you can ring the parish office on 9850 5983, or email Tiziana at [tiziana.dcosta@cam.org.au](mailto:tiziana.dcosta@cam.org.au)



To our kind-hearted, generous and highly-skilled **Craft Ladies** who come together every week to donate their time and talent into making beautiful and warm blankets which are then donated to various people and organisations.

Here below are two 'thank you' messages from grateful recipients. **Well done Ladies!**

The Craft Lades meet every Tuesday at 1.00pm here in the Church Gathering Space. All are welcome to join. On-the-spot training available. Donations of wool, knitting/crochet needles, cash, craft material, etc always gratefully accepted.

Greetings Lyn

I am writing to request you to please pass on our Sacred Heart Mission, thanks to your amazing crochet team for the knee blankets you gifted to the Sacred Heart Mission Age Care Community.

On presenting the blankets to our residents, their faces light up with joy and deep appreciation. They were so delighted, to receive with knowledge that they were handmade with love, included a little blessing for them. Great smiles were had all around.

Our community produced a newsletter which included a thanks and showed off to everyone what an amazing gift they received. I will include it here for you.

These blankets have brought so much joy to each of the residents. A deep thank you to each of you for your care, love and gift that you have blessed each resident with, especially as we enter colder days, know that your gifts have been received with deep gratitude, love and joy.

Blessings

*Karen*  
 Karen  
 Spiritual Care Worker



**GUESS WHO IS HOLDING UP THESE QUILTS?**



Lovingly handcrafted to provide comfort and support



From members of St Kevin's Community

**A Blanket Blessing**  
 May this blanket be a sign of God's loving, healing presence.  
 May it warm you when you are weary.  
 May it encourage you when you are discouraged.  
 May it assure you of God's care and comfort.

A lovely donation from the ladies at St Kevin's Parish Community, Templestowe.

Just at the right time of year too!

## And from the Manningham Uniting Church Knitting Group:

Hello to the Ladies of the St Kevin's Knitting Group

I am writing to thank you for the generous bag of knitted beanies received by Manningham Uniting Church recently which will be passed on to refugees.

Thanks again for your support.

Helen Bartlett

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

Glory and praise for ever!

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:  
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

## Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord hear our prayer.

### REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF TRINITY SUNDAY

#### First Reading

[Ex 34: 4-6. 8-9](#)

A reading from the book of Exodus

*The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving.*

Today's reading from Exodus is illuminated by two prior episodes in the book. The first occurred before the exodus event. Moses had fled Egypt after being seen to murder an Egyptian. It was while he was minding his father-in-law's sheep at Mt Horeb that he saw the burning bush and encountered God. God was revealed to him as "I am who I am" and as the "God of your fathers". These names for God are now expanded on. Israel's God is "a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness". This divine self-description became an article of faith for Israel, repeated elsewhere in the Pentateuch and in the psalms and prophets.

The verse that follows, pledging punishment for transgressions, has been omitted from the lectionary text.

The omission has a certain logic to it because what preceded Moses' ascent of Mt Sinai was Israel's lapse into idolatry with the golden calf.

In response Moses had destroyed the original two tablets of the Law.

He now takes two new ones with him up the mountain.

There God reveals more of the divine name, hears Moses' plea for forgiveness and, in the passage that follows today's, establishes a new covenant with the Israelites instead of punishing them for their apostasy. This is a text of high importance.

#### Second Reading

[2 Cor 13: 11-13](#)

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

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

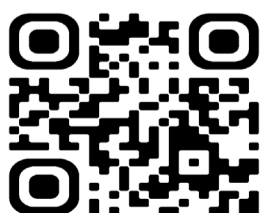
Paul's second letter to the Christian community in Corinth has so many disconcerting changes of mood that a number of scholars think it was compiled from a number of different letters. Whatever the case, there's no trace of the strong emotions expressed earlier in the letter to be found in the conclusion that we read today. These final three verses are calm, plainly expressed and affectionate. There is none of Paul's characteristic rhetoric or complex theological argumentation, only sound advice. He offers them a simple set of encouraging directives for living the Christian way. It's the greeting with which he signs off that is most pertinent today. It should sound familiar because it's one of the regular greetings which the presider may offer the assembly at the beginning of the eucharistic celebration.

The trinitarian formula Paul employs is not the product of abstract theological speculation. It long predates the subtle and complex arguments about the Trinity that followed in later centuries. Paul's greeting is firmly grounded in his religious experience. His Jewish heritage – profound faith in the one true God – has been enriched by his life-changing discovery of Christ and the power of the Spirit. With this greeting Paul is inviting the Corinthians, and succeeding generations, to make his personal experience their own.

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 (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 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). Book and pay via website [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne), email [info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne) or tel 03 9890 1101.