



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

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8/9th July, 2023

Seafarers Sunday

Baptism Presentation

Our Presider today is: Fr Gerry McKernan

From the Desk of the Parish Priest...

NAIDOC week ends this Sunday. NAIDOC (National Aboriginals and Islanders Day Observance Committee) has its roots in a day of mourning in 1938 for the harms done to our first nations people. This was also when our celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday began.

This year, there is an understandably strong focus on the upcoming referendum for a voice to parliament but a glance at the NAIDOC website shows dozens of different events: life is not all about the voice!

The Vicar General's letter this week included, in part, these words:

"Many of the faithful are enquiring about the position of the Catholic Church in Australia in relation to The Voice and the inclusion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Australian Constitution.

While there is no doubt that there is a diversity of opinion amongst Australian Catholics and indigenous people themselves, clear guidance has been given in relation to these important matters from the recent Plenary Council of the Catholic Church in Australia, the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference and the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC). ...

More recently, on 11 May 2023, the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference issued a statement regarding an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament ... <https://bit.ly/BishopsVoice> ..."

I have placed copies of the bishop's statement in the gathering space. In essence the bishops say: "... approach this debate productively, respecting each other, ... with a genuine concern to do justice and bring healing to First Nations Peoples."

PS: for me: I keep an open mind, listen to discussion but plan to vote Yes, accepting the uncertainties that exist but seeing justice as paramount.

Passing of An Era:

A few people have died in recent months who have a history with the parish going back into the 1960's. Most recently, and by no means all, are John Boxshall and Karolina Mohar and Betty Natoli (may they rest in peace).

We are going through a change of era for our parishes The strong faith and leadership and voices and active contribution of the beginnings of the parishes of St Gregory the Great and St Kevin's are becoming voices of history, though some remain and are active still. It behoves us to thank them all for their faith: a thanks I give most deeply.

For those newer to the parish: there will be a call for you to step in, take up the calls of faith and walk the paths of leadership in faith today. Please be open to this call when you hear it. It may come from me, it may be a direct call from the Holy Spirit.

God Bless, Fr Charles

MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL 30TH JULY AT ST GREGORY THE GREAT, 71 WILLIAMSONS ROAD, DONCASTER

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 Parish.

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.

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

Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	(Baptism Presentation @ 10.00am)
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
	11.00am	Bookish Morning Tea
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, Eugenia Pozzebon, Margaret Turner, Graham & Jason Gooden, Vianney Shiel and Miriam Ayoub.

Anniversaries:

Anne Di Nardo, Gerry Barber, Leo Scaffidi, John Tyrell, Mario Rossimel, James Allen, Harryanto Susanto, Beryl Powell, Jenny Lees and Raffaella Dimase

Recently Deceased:

Rev Professor Austin Patrick Cooper OMI, Annito Raiola and Peter Brockwell (father-in-law of Jan & Peter Sheehan's daughter)

LITURGY ROSTER

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 8/9th July 2023

1st Reading: Zachariah 9: 9-10 2nd Reading: Romans 8: 9, 11-13 Gospel: Matthew 11: 25-30

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Daniel Marini	Kathy Pearce	Lynne O'Brien
8.30am	Julie O'Donnell		Frances Bettiol
10.00am	Jessica Bartholomeusz	Frances Johnson	Lyn Murphy

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 15/16th July 2023

1st Reading: Isaiah 55: 10-11 2nd Reading: Romans 8: 18-23 Gospel: Matthew 13: 1-23

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Rachel Marini	Bredenia Raquel	Lawrence Ceconello
8.30am	Paul Polidano		Mary Waddick
10.00am	Pauline Erickson	Carmel Shiel	Rafaella Dinelli

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) Sunday - Before, Last Weekend and Beyond

It was noticeable at St Kevin's last weekend that many celebrating ATSI Sunday Masses left afterwards visibly uplifted. Our very active Parish Liturgy group put enormous effort into producing a liturgy enabling us to reflect with new freshness and openness on rich spirituality and symbolism that can be shared, and the lives and traditions of all peoples involved. What's Mass for if not for bringing people together in communion? The liturgy was supported by an excellent Resource Kit produced as usual by the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council. This year was special because it's the 50th Anniversary of the First National Aboriginal Liturgy in Australia. That occasion was the first time many people witnessed Aboriginal people expressing their Catholic faith in culturally significant ways, and it was the first public and National Aboriginal Liturgy in Australia. The Liturgy was a new attempt by the Catholic Church to help re-shape the ancient Catholic ritual of the Mass by incorporating the faith experiences of those belonging to an even more ancient culture, the Aboriginal cultures. *John Costa, SJA*



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

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.



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.

The Parishes of St Gregory the Great Doncaster and St Kevin's Templestowe warmly invite parishioners and friends to our

Multicultural Day

Multicultural food and drinks will be provided (please do not bring food to share). Outdoor games and activities will also be available.

Silent auction and raffle will be held on the day, to raise funds for our social activities. Please come along, to bid for items and buy tickets.

BAKED GOODS

JUST LOVE

TASTY

COLD FRESH

Sunday 30 July after 10.30am Mass Church of St Gregory the Great Doncaster

RSVP: Email doncaster@cam.org.au or use sign up sheets at church

Come in your cultural costumes or colours, and join us for an afternoon of fellowship, food and fun!

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

Contact the Parish House for the online link. All welcome.

To learn to meditate we have to be like a child.
 We have to learn as a child learns. We have to be trusting like a child: we accept the wisdom of the mantra.
 With this gift, we say the mantra with expectation.
 "No one can be a follower of mine unless he leaves self behind."
 In saying the mantra we let go of our thoughts, our ideas, our imagination, and daydreams.
 We listen to the sound of the mantra to the end of the meditation.
 The mantra we use is the sacred word in the Arameic language of Jesus: **MARANATHA**, saying it slowly: **MA-RA-NA-THA**.



The next **St Kevin's Men's Social Group** takes place on **Friday, 14th July @ 7.30pm** in the **Church Gathering Space**.

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 ring the parish office on 9850 5983, or email Tiziana at tiziana.dcosta@cam.org.au



Congratulations to Clare and Tony Toppi on the safe arrival of **Aria Francesca de Freitas-Toppi** born on 27th June 2023.

Clare and Tony were very involved in music ministry here at St Kevin's Parish.

Well done Clare and Tony!

Baptism Welcome

Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism

This weekend we welcome:

Justin and Kate

who will be introducing

Mia Paisley Baranello

to our Parish Community in preparation for her Baptism in a couple of weeks' time.



The weekend of 15/16th July, we will hold our annual **Propagation of the Faith Appeal**

With Timor-Leste's fragile infrastructure, reliance on local health practices, and limited access to medical care, many health conditions only worsen, and sadly can result in death.

Next week Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with the Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where your gift can help continue a life-saving program to help address this reality.

We hope you will take next week's opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.

Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/timor

SEAFARERS SUNDAY



Seafarers Sunday is an important opportunity to remember and pray for the seafarers whose tireless work in very challenging conditions benefits us all.

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health.

This weekend we pray for all those who live and work at sea.

ST KEVIN'S TGI'S YOUTH GROUP

CHRISTMAS IN JULY PARTY

Saturday, 15 July

WEAR A TOUCH OF CHRISTMAS

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
 \$7-DINNER PROVIDED
 TWO GROUPS: GRADE 5-8 & YEAR 9-12
 RSVP: WED, 12 JULY
TEMPLESTOWE@CAM.ORG.AU

For information on our Parish Schools please contact:

St Kevin's Primary School
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St Charles Borromeo Primary School
Phone: 9842 7634

Responsorial Psalm

I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Zec 9: 9-10

A reading from the prophet Zechariah
See how humbly your king comes to you!

While only Matthew and John actually cite this oracle from Zechariah, it immediately brings to mind the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem recorded in all four gospels. It could well have served as the first reading for Palm Sunday, but in view of the passion narrative on that day, one of the servant songs from Isaiah was preferred instead. Presumably the choice of this passage from Zechariah for today was prompted by Jesus' description of himself in the gospel as "gentle and humble of heart".

The text comes from the second half of the book which scholars have struggled to date with accuracy or to trace to an identifiable author. Taking the oracle on its own merits, it envisages a new ruler, not just for the city and the nation but for the entire world.

Paradoxically this king will ride in triumph, not on a war-horse, but on a donkey. Victorious, he will banish the apparatus of war and usher in an era of peace. As the oracle progresses, the concrete details open the way to a vision that transcends time and space.

Second Reading

Rom 8: 9. 11-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

After the teaching on baptism that we heard last week, Paul reflects at length on sin, death, the Law and the struggle to be free. The lectionary omits all this detailed argumentation and in one bound takes us from chapter six to chapter eight of the letter to the Romans.

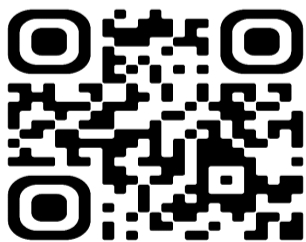
Today's reading revolves around the contrast Paul makes between the unspiritual and the spiritual. He is not suggesting that the baptised should lead disembodied lives. The question is how they should live their bodily lives. Will they let themselves be ruled by the Spirit of Christ or by the power of sin and death? Their mortal bodies will be made alive by the Spirit living in them, but the misdeeds of the body will bring death.

This may seem a simple proposition, but Paul doesn't express it quite so plainly. The long second sentence in particular is quite convoluted, as Paul's teeming mind comes up with fresh variations on how to make his point.

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 account.



An Adjunct from Fr Charles

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!

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

The Archdiocese is committed to the safety, wellbeing and human dignity of children, young people and adults.