



# 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    Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time    22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2023  
Baptism and Baptisms Presentation Weekend

**Our Presider today is:** Fr Barry Caldwell

### **From the Desk of our Lay Ecclesial Leader...**

One of the many things I value about our Catholic tradition is that we do not read the Gospel literally.

The Second Vatican Council affirmed that, when we read Scripture, we ought to take into account its historical, literary, textual and cultural context. Reading the Bible this way goes beyond who did and said what in a literal sense. Our tradition considers the context in which the words were written to discern the truth of God's love and derive meaning in our day and age. Read this way, Scripture endures as a universal text for all times.

In the long version of this Sunday's gospel Jesus does not intend for his parables to be taken literally. We get a glimpse of one (of what must have been many) teaching moments where Jesus interprets a parable to the disciples. A literal reading does not get the meaning through.

I hear a common refrain from those who are disengaged from faith: 'how is Scripture relevant to our time?' I can see their point of view if the entire truth of the Scripture were only to be found in the words themselves. But, as Catholics, we have a great interpretative scholarly tradition to draw from. Let's use it! We can share with others the richness of the sacred text as it reveals the truth of God's love in a meaningful to a modern audience.

*Tiziana D'Costa*

### **Correction**

Two weeks ago I mentioned the members from Australia at the Synod on a Synodal Church. I misunderstood / misread the range of Australian based participants at the Synod on a Synodal Church: there are actually five bishops and five others as members in various roles and four expert facilitators. Which is marvellous indeed! As part of my comments I spoke of people 'saving the Plenary Council' - on reflection and after some discussions with others that was an overstatement—the Council did not need saving—it did need a re-think about how it was structured—and many people contributed to that re-think which led to success. There remains of course much to be done to implement what was decreed and we pray that that process will continue and be enhanced by the Synod on a Synodal Church. **Fr Charles Balnaves**

### **Parish Planning/Future Thinking**

The Support Group assisting me has organised a joint meeting of Parish Pastoral and Finance councils next week (25th July, at St Kevin's) to discuss aspects of ways to improve the effectiveness of how each of the parishes of St Gregory the Great and St Kevin's work. After that discussion I/we will be bringing ideas forwards to the broader parish communities. Each layer of feedback and comment is important as we seek to grow as communities of disciples of Christ. We are not in a hurry—both parishes are currently financial—so I/we want to discern with you how best to move forwards, keeping our history and growing into greater faith and faith communities.

*Fr Charles Balnaves*



# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



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

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 followed by cake and a cuppa. All are invited and welcomed to attend, in particular any past members and parishioners. Did you enjoy the celebrations for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Family Groups in Australia recently? A special edition of the Family Group newsletter has been produced and are available for you to read and take home from the table in the Gathering Space.

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

Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	(Baptism & Baptisms Pres @ 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 (Baptisms @ 10.00am Mass)



### 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, Miriam Ayoub and Lynda O'Meara.

### Anniversaries:

Patricia Lo Giudice, Jim Baruta, Ron Herbert, Elaine Viney, Peter McNamara and Carlo & Lina Bettiol.

### Recently Deceased:

## LITURGY ROSTER

### Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 8: 16-27 Gospel: Matthew 13: 24-43

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Lucy Halliburton	Margaret Turner	Anne Maguire
8.30am	Frank Ozzimo		Penny Teo
10.00am	Miriam Ayoub	Vianney Shiel	Geraldine Williams

### Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 29/30<sup>th</sup> July 2023

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Kings 3: 5, 7-12 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 8: 28-30 Gospel: Matthew 13: 44-52

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Janet Parsons	Hannah Halliburton	Maryanne McNamara
8.30am	Jessica Bartholomeusz		Mary Waddick
10.00am	Vianney Shiel	Liz O'Connell	Lyn Murphy

### 1) Official Yes and No cases added to other Parish Referendum Resources

### 2) Your views on Parish Social Justice Action activities

### 3) Thanks from NATSICC

1) The Australian Electoral Commission is required to distribute the Yes and No cases prepared by parliamentarians in a pamphlet to Australian voters. These are now available and linked for your convenience to the Parish website Social Justice Action page. On that page among other Referendum resources also include a helpful University of Melbourne brief set of Referendum Q&A facts.

2) On another Issue entirely, St Kevin's Parish is conducting a Survey of all Parishioners on the revived Social Justice Group after its first year of operation. Just before the 2nd Collection this weekend you will be invited to tick one of three boxes on a paper slip: **YES**; or I'm **NOT SURE**; or **NO**, to the Question "Further to our Annual Review last week, are you satisfied with the sorts of things done by St Kevin's Parish Social Justice Action group over its first year?"

3) Finally, NATSICC has expressed appreciation to St Kevin's for recent 2nd Collection Donations of \$1,267.50 - *John Costa SJA*

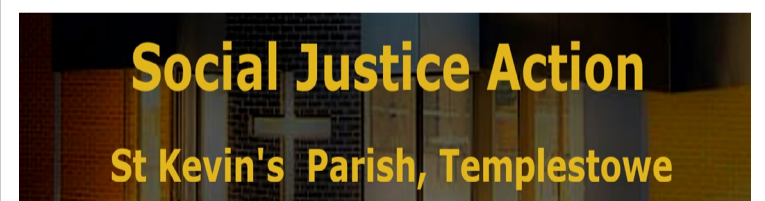
### St Kevin's Parish

### Social Justice Action Group

### First Annual Review Summary Document

Further to John's message to us here on the left have you had a chance to read the Summary Document? If not, copies are available for you from the table in the Gathering Space. Please have a read and complete the 'feedback slip' attached to this newsletter.

Your completed slips can be added to the second collection boxes. Your responses will provide us with insight.



### Apology

You may not have noticed but I did notice: I commented in one of my homilies that the descendants of Joseph, the son of Jacob sold into slavery in Egypt, gave a line of descent to David and then Jesus. Wrong! A mis-statement in the moment. Other than being tribes of Israel and all descended from Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the lines of Joseph do not lead to the line of Judah and Benjamin that lead to King David and ultimately to Jesus.

I don't think this matter would be earthshaking in its consequence if I just let it lie unaddressed—but admitting it and correcting it is important to me—and the truth is important to me, and honesty is important to me, and accepting responsibility is important to me. It is a part of being a good person and a good disciple of Christ. Jesus Christ calls us to these characteristics in a good healthy loving community and even in small things I find it important to seek to live up to the ideal.

*Fr Charles Balnaves*

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](mailto: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!*



Thank you for your generous partnership with life-changing mission programs, like supporting Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters and their work through the Maria Auxliadora Clinic in Venilale, Timor-Leste.

**Your gift is helping Sr Carolina continue to provide life-saving treatment and access to resources on health and well-being. Your gift also supports mission programs around the world that reach out and give life to those in most need.**

To learn more about the impact of your support, visit [catholicmission.org.au/our-work](http://catholicmission.org.au/our-work), where you can also sign-up for our regular newsletter.


If you have yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at [catholicmission.org.au/timor](http://catholicmission.org.au/timor). Your action will make a real, lasting impact.

**A Word From Our Lay Ecclesial Leader...**

My sincere congratulations to the liturgy team for the thoughtful and inspiring Masses a few weeks ago to honour our First Nations sisters and brothers during NAIDOC week. I am in awe at the huge amount of work and preparation that the team put into it. Our solidarity makes an important statement about this key social justice issue and it is testament of our commitment to follow Jesus' example. Well done!

**Blessings, Tiziana**

St Kevin's Parish warmly welcomes through the Sacrament of Baptism...



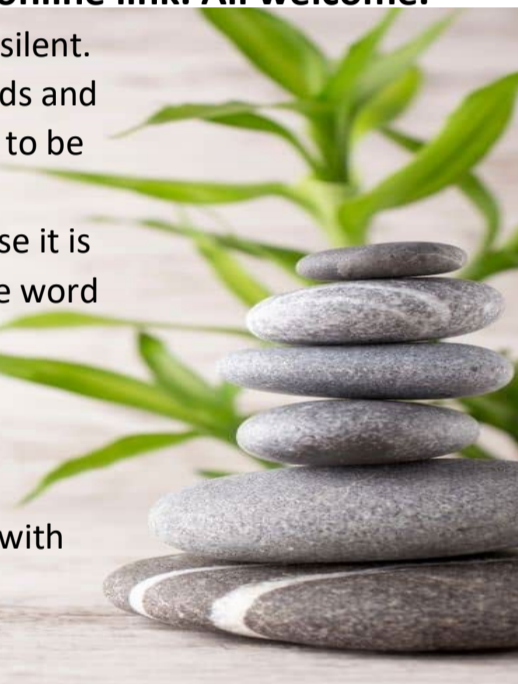
Mia Paisley Baranello

Daughter of Justin and Kate  
Little sister of Audrey

**St Kevin's Christian Meditation, each Wednesday 9:30am ONLINE via Zoom. Why not try it?**

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

To walk the spiritual path you must be silent. Sometimes religions use too many words and leave no room for silence. Words need to be recharged and that happens in silence. Meditation is the **way of silence** because it is the way to silence. The mantra, the one word that leads us to such silence, charges all words with love. To be silent with another is a deep expression of trust and confidence. To be silent with another is truly to **be** with that person.



**Baptisms Welcome**

*This weekend we welcome:*

**Michael and Ellie** who will be introducing

**Hudson Robert Bremner** and

**Matthew and Megan** who will be introducing

**Willow Francesca Bremner** to our Parish Community in preparation for their Baptisms next weekend.


Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism




**Safeguarding**

There will be a workshop on 27th July to go through the essential elements of safeguarding training which many of us need to do and to look at risk assessment for all of our activities. If you've received an invitation please accept and come along.

**God bless, Fr Charles**



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Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation upcoming reflection in July is below:

**Windows onto God (in-person event), Sat 29 Jul, 10am-3pm**

*The windows explored are incarnation, darkness, abundance and self-acceptance. Incarnation, seen in the broad sense of God being in the world, takes in the joy of being alive. With this joy, there is the experience of darkness, which is also part of our human reality. Abundance picks up the theme of incarnation. It reminds us that God is lavish with her/his gifts and wants us to enjoy them. Self-acceptance is linked to these themes since it means accepting both the darkness and the light in ourselves. An interactive event allowing time for reflection and sharing, facilitated by Br Tim Lockwood cfc.*

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 9890 1101.

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## Responsorial Psalm

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

## Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer.

### REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### First Reading

##### Wisdom 12: 13. 16-19

A reading from the book of Wisdom

*In the place of sin, you give repentance.*

It isn't at all obvious that this passage from the book of Wisdom (or the Wisdom of Solomon) comes from what might be called its "historical" section (the third and final part). The text itself gives no clue that in these chapters the author is musing on God's providence in the course of Israel's history, especially the exodus. There are no references to time or place, so what we have is a rather abstract text.

The author's aim is to praise God for tempering the exercise of power and justice with mercy, mildness and forgiveness. This may have been Israel's experience, but it was not that of the people of Canaan whose punishment by God is described in the preceding verses (nowhere to be found in the lectionary). We are spared having to wrestle with this apparent contradiction. We are left with a lesson in how we human beings should treat one another. Just as God shows us kindness and forbearance, so should we to one another.

#### Second Reading

##### Romans 8: 26-27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.*

What Paul has to say about prayer in today's short text from Romans may seem remote from Jesus' teaching in the gospel. When asked by the disciples to teach them to pray, Jesus offered them what we now call the Lord's Prayer and told them to pray "like this". Paul writes as if it is a common experience for the baptised to be unable to "choose words in order to pray properly" or to "know how to pray as we ought".

In this case the Spirit prays within us "with sighs too deep for words" or "with inexpressible groanings" that are perfectly understood by God. In this way we are drawn into the intimate relationship between Spirit and God. Interestingly, Paul does not make clear whether we ourselves hear and understand what the Spirit is uttering within us.

Short though the reading is, almost all of it is in one extended sentence. In this case, Paul's thought unfolds clearly enough.

#### **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!

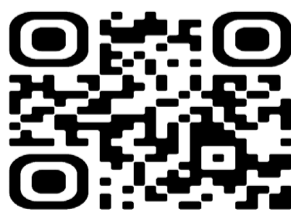
#### **A friendly reminder about parish health and safety**

It is wonderful to be together again as a parish by meeting and attending Mass in person. However, the reality is that we continue to live with (new strains) of Covid-19, and seasonal colds and flu so it is important to remain vigilant about everyone's health and safety in the parish. This is a friendly reminder to sanitise your hands on entry to the Church and before Communion. Although not mandatory, mask wearing is encouraged. If you are experiencing cold and flu symptoms please remain home until you are better. The Archdiocese has lifted restrictions regarding taking communion under both species and has asked parishes to decide whether that is appropriate in their context. Upon serious consideration, we have decided that in the current public health climate it is not prudent to offer the cup during Mass. We hope this can change in the near future. Thank you all for your cooperation.

**Fr Charles & Tiziana D'Costa**

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



# Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

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