

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

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time **Baptisms Weekend**

29/30th July, 2023

Thirtieth Anniversary of Family Groups at St Kevin's Parish

Our Presider today is: Bishop Les Tomlinson

From the Desk of the PP...

Multi-Cultural Festival:

It looks as though our joint St Greg's / St Kevin's multicultural festival this Sunday is set to be a great success. The number of people who have indicated they are coming, from both parishes, is most encouraging. The range of gifts donated for silent auctions is amazing. We have our children lined up to help with the Mass and to present in the hall. Our school children and parishioners have provided Prayers of the Faithful in various languages.

It will be a marvellous demonstration of our one-ness in Jesus Christ and our diversity and difference in culture, ethnicity, social group, geographic origin.

It will be a wonderful day indeed!

My background contains a lot of English, some Scottish and some German. But ... in practice I am Australian – this is the place that feels like home for me. I love my origins but here is 'right' for me. I was asked once, by an Aboriginal person "what is your country?" After pondering I decided that the question was actually about belonging to, being part of the Land, in that deep Aboriginal sense. As near as I can tell, after some thought and discussion I had to say – my place, my land in that sense, is Jesus Christ. Which intrigues me. I like it. But it seems different from how my Aboriginal friends experience 'place.'

Enjoy the day. Enjoy relishing the diversity and difference amidst our one-ness in Christ.

Planning for the Future:

My support group met with Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils from both parishes, with the three School principals present. We discussed a proposal for how to enable our parishes to focus on outreach and mission more effectively. The proposal was received positively with many questions and suggestions. The proposal helps give more focus for existing roles and includes the potential to employ some more people to help provide the effort needed to be intentional, conscious and deliberate, in how we enact our mission to be among the people helping, and at the same time inviting people to come to meet and get to know Jesus.

School Contribution:

Thank you Tiziana, Nadia, Frances, Gabee, Miranda!! We have introduced a school contribution and people have started paying. This is an important step in working towards the future, a future in which we can continue to be viable, vibrant, and God bless, Fr Charles vital.





CONGRATULATIONS TO FAMILY GROUPS! 30 years of Family Groups in St Kevin's Parish!

This weekend, at the 10.00am Mass, we celebrate the 30th 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 50th 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 (Baptisms @ 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

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, Miriam Ayoub and Lynda O'Meara.

Anniversaries:

Maria Amato, Domenico Morello, Alberico Mollica, Joy Lewis, Nick Corken, May Poon and Carlo & Len Bettiol.

Recently Deceased:

Gary Neal, Maree Metcalfe (wife of Bernard, Director of PFGM in Victoria and Tasmania for many years) Marlene, Robert and Dorothy.

LITURGY ROSTER

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 29/30th July 2023 1st Reading: Kings 3: 5, 7-12 2nd Reading: Romans 8: 28-30 Gospel: Matthew 13: 44-52

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Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Janet Parsons	Hannah Halliburton	Maryanne McNamara
8.30am	Jessica Bartholomeusz		Mary Waddick
10.00am	Cathy Hardinge	Angela Senzo	Lynne O'Brien

The Transfiguration of the Lord - 5/6th August 2023

1st Reading: Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14 2nd Reading: 2 Peter 1: 16-19 Gospel: Matthew 17: 1-9

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Daniel Marini	Kathy Pearce	Lynne O'Brien
8.30am	Miriam Ayoub		Pat Rowland
10.00am	Tony Byrne	Frances Johnson	Kaye Byrne

THIS WEEKEND'S SOCIAL JUSTICE APPEAL

We have been requested by Fulvia Gerosolimo, Liturgy and Social Justice Coordinator at St Kevin's Primary School, for special funding to support St Kevin's School to complement funds also being especially collected by St Kevins Primary School, in particular to support completion of the library for their sister school LOYO Elementary school in the Philippines.

This Special Appeal is separate from our Parish Annual Collection for LOYO (and now also Mantayupan Elementary School - the new sister school of St Charles Borromeo), which this year will be on both weekends of 16/19 December and 23/24 December.



BOOKISH MORNING TEA – CHANGE OF FREQUENCY

Our next Bookish Morning Tea will take place on Wednesday, 9th August and will continue every fortnight after this date. Please make sure you mark this change of frequency in your diaries and we look forward to catching up with you then.

DINNER WITH THE ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE, PETER COMENSOLI, Friday, 1st September at Moonee Valley Racecourse 7.00pm for a 7.30pm Start. \$160 per person

Join the Knights of the Southern Cross Victoria to celebrate the 23rd annual Archbishop's Dinner. The dinner is held each year to raise funds for the Priests Support and Education Fund. This fund was established by the Knights of the Southern Cross to assist in the funding and education of seminarians and the post-ordination education of priests.

Guest speaker: Very Rev Dr Cameron Forbes

Fr Cameron Forbes trained at Corpus Christi College, the regional seminary for Victoria and Tasmania, and was ordained a priest in 2009 for the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Before joining the seminary, he studied arts and law and worked in governmental and legal fields. He holds a doctoral degree in moral theology from the Alphonsianum Academy in Rome, in addition to musical qualifications. Previously serving as parish priest of Mentone—Parkdale, he commenced as Rector of Corpus Christi College in 2023.

Compere: Mr Bryan Martin OAM

Bryan Martin has been involved in the thoroughbred industry for more than 40 years and has recently retired as one of Australia's most prominent race callers. He has raced racehorses for more than 30 years with Lindsay Park, Colin Alderson, Lee Freedman, Bart Cummings and John Symons. Bryan has extensive experience in managing racing syndicates. He has called races in every state of Australia, as well as New Zealand, New Guinea, Hong Kong, Dubai, Japan and Canada.

Parishioners can contact David Perrin on 9842 4951 to arrange payment and tickets.



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.

The Kingdom of God is not a place, it is an experience.

As children we think of heaven as a 'place we go after we die' and that prayer

'is telling God what we want'.

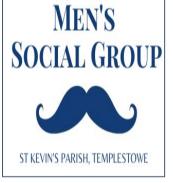
Our task as adults is to grow beyond those ideas.

The experience of prayer invites us to this growth.

In prayer the love of Christ is set free in our hearts.

All other ideas fade away.

Only when we find our freedom can we know



St Kevin's Men's Social Group

It's time to get together and have fun, to rekindle connections and make new friendships.

The next St Kevin's Parish Men's Social Group is on Friday, 11th August at 7.30pm.

Open to men of any age (older teenagers are welcome with their guardian) - parishioners and non parishioners alike. All welcome. Invite a friend, relative or neighbour along. Socialising in person is good for our wellbeing! Share food, drinks, chat and mingle - the footy will be playing in the background.

Venue is St Kevin's Church Gathering Space at 7.30pm.

To assist with costs, suggested donation is \$7 - BYO alcoholic drinks. Supper provided.

Please register your interest by emailing Tiziana D'Costa <u>tiziana.dcosta@cam.org.au</u> or ring the office on 03 9850 5983.



We would like to thank you again for your generosity, whether it be a one-off or through your commitment as a Mission Partner, through the recent Catholic Mission Appeal.

Your generosity and prayers are supporting life-changing mission programs like the Maria Auxiliadora Clinic in Venihale, Timor-Leste, where they are addressing critical health issues such as tuberculosis, malnutrition and maternal mortality.

To learn more about the impact of your support, visit <u>catholicmission.org.au/our-work</u>, where you can also sign-up for our regular newsletter.

If you missed your opportunity to learn about this vital mission program, or wish to give a gift in support, please go to catholicmission.org.au/timor today.

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



Hudson Robert Bremner

Son of Michael and Ellie Little brother of Harper

and

Willow Francesca Bremner

Daughter of Matthew and Megan Little sister of Bodhi



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

Treasuring Our Later Years (in-person event), Sat 5 Aug, 10am–4pm Our ageing offers us opportunities to be awake to the new possibilities offered daily. During our time together, Sr Nicole Rotaru rsm will consider themes that have special significance in our later years: awakening to new possibilities in my life now; spirituality; what is giving my life meaning? Relationships; gratitude; deathmystery; intimacy and delight in God's presence.

Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost \$60 (BYO Lunch). Book and pay via website www.heartoflife.melbourne, email info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel 9890 1101.

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

Thank you to all who attended the formation sessions. It is vital that each of us is awake, alive, to the importance and Spirit led truth of our roles in the Liturgy, the Mass. As a person among the congregation: your role is important and the Holy Spirit leads you if you are open to its work. Doubly with the four main ministries during Mass. The Lector/reader speaking God's Word. The Musician and Choir helping us open our hearts in praise. Ministers assisting with Holy Communion helping to bring each person consciously before the real presence of Jesus Christ.

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

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

1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12

A reading from the first book of the Kings You have asked for wisdom.

If this reading from 1 Kings were the sole source of information about Solomon, we would conclude that he was admirably humble, devout, just and wise - in a word, the ideal ruler of God's chosen people. But the whole story is much more complex and contradictory. Solomon is portrayed elsewhere as ruthless, weak and unfaithful, sowing the seeds of his own eventual downfall.

But for the moment we are invited to emulate Solomon in his desire for the gift of wisdom. The unique dialogue that takes place between him and God occurs in the course of a dream. Dreams are often presented in both the Old and New Testament as a medium of revelation (such as to Joseph, Mary's betrothed). The scriptures also commonly identify the heart as the focus of both knowledge and will. Presumably the reference in today's gospel to the scribe who brings "things both new and old" out of his storeroom has prompted the choice of the Solomon story.

That Solomon's wish is granted is immediately exemplified in the episode that follows. Solomon judges wisely between the competing claims of two women for the one infant.

Romans 8: 28-30

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

This fourth excerpt from the eighth chapter of Romans is short but significant.

Second Reading

A number of polarities are in play – eternity and time, divine purpose and human cooperation, past and future.

The framework for Paul's thought is God's eternal plan of salvation.

God is the primary agent in calling human beings to a life of love and goodness, bringing them into right relationship with him, renewing them in the image of Christ, establishing them in a new solidarity in Christ, and sharing his glory with them.

While this raises profound questions about the interaction between divine intention and human freedom, and between believers' present sharing in God's glory and its ultimate fulfilment, we are not called to address them.

The service they render is to proclaim the text as faithfully and intelligibly as possible.

This excerpt has a momentum that is fuelled by the unfolding of Paul's thought in a succession of affirmations.

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 convenient way to make contributions is to use this QR Code and following these simple steps:

- Wave your mobile camera over it 1.
- Click on "Web Address" 2.
- 3. Indicate your payment options

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Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

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

