



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

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

19/20th August, 2023

Our Presider today is: Fr Terry Kean/Fr Gerry McKernan

Words from our Lay Ecclesial Leader...

If you were asked: 'Who is your best friend at church?' How would you answer?

I am told that, when this question is used in Catholic surveys, often people are aghast: 'What do you mean best friend? I go to church to pray!'

Of course, we go to church to pray; prayer is important - really important. But it is in community and through relationships that we give of ourselves and learn from each other. We follow Jesus' example.

We know from Scripture that Jesus took time to pray. He did this often. But we also know that he was always surrounded by family, friends, disciples, outcasts, the curious and the sceptical.

This is the very point the Canaanite woman argues in this Sunday's Gospel. Our faith community is truly vibrant and Catholic ('universal') when it accepts and embraces diversity. **A place where anyone who has faith in Jesus is welcome and can be made 'whole'.**

And it is something that we ought to share with others.

Blessings, Tiziana.

Allow married Indigenous men to become priests: Archbishop Coleridge

Readers of CathNews this week may have seen last Monday's report on recent comments by Brisbane Archbishop Mark Coleridge suggesting that Married Indigenous men should be allowed to be ordained as Catholic priests. He added that the centuries-old rule of compulsory celibacy will "very likely" ultimately be changed by the Vatican. Ahead of the October global Synod of Bishops (Synod on Synodality) he has warned that the Church will need to "look quite different" to flourish. He has proposed an exemption for Indigenous priests saying it was necessary when there was "no way you're going to recruit a celibate clergy in those cultures". West Australian Labor senator Patrick Dodson, a foundational figure in the Aboriginal reconciliation movement, is the only Indigenous man ever to be admitted to the Catholic priesthood. The comments conclude with the words "We have married clergy. I mean, some of the clergy who are from other Churches are married men ... so it's not as if we don't know married clergy."

It's very healthy and gives hope seeing a new spirit of Synodality emerging - listening in faith to each other in the times we live, guided by the Holy Spirit.- *John Costa. SJA*

Ageing and Living Well

Saturday 26 August 2023 9 am – 12:30 pm

Manningham Uniting Church & Community Centre – 109 Wood Street, Templestowe.

Come and hear from experts in the fields of Geriatric Health and Rehabilitation, Nutrition, Exercise and Legal Considerations as we encourage ourselves and our family members to age well and to live well.

Cost \$10 (includes Morning Tea). More information and to register: Manninghamuc.org/ageingwell; call: 9846 2012;

email: info@manninghamuc.org.

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
	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, Miriam Ayoub and Lynda O'Meara.

Anniversaries:

Joachim Cheng Kai On, Jean Pierre Yon, Micheline Cotillon, Graham "Polly" Farmer, Bruno Orlandi, Frank "Bluey" Adams, Vincenza Venuto and Jusuf (Joseph) Taouk.

Recently Deceased:

Feast Days this week:...

21st August St Pius X

Remembered for his poverty and for his promotion of liturgical participation, especially of frequent communion, to which he admitted young children.

22nd August The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mary became queen of heaven and earth.

24th August St Bartholomew
Said to have preached the gospel in India and in Armenia, where tradition indicates he was martyred.

LITURGY ROSTER

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 19/20th August 2023

1st Read: Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7 2nd Read: Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32 Gos: Matthew 15: 21-28

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Daniel Marini	Christine Marini	Anne Maguire
8.30am	Paul Polidano		Frances Bettiol
10.00am	Pauline Erickson	Vianney Shiel	Lynne Robinson

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time – 26/27th August 2023

1st Read: Isaiah 22: 19-23 2nd Read: Romans 11: 33-36 Gos: Matthew 16: 13-20

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Janet Parsons	Margaret Turner	Maryanne McNamara
8.30am	Daniel Marini		Pat Rowland
10.00am	Julie O'Donnell	Liz O'Connell	Geraldine Williams



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Mindfulness & Meditation – Saturday, 26 August 2023, 10 am – 3.30 pm (in-person)

When we are present to the 'now', centredness and relaxation become a natural part of life, and we know how to act from a heart of love. Facilitated by Paola Cheng who is a Spiritual Director, mental health social worker and meditation teacher, this is a day of prayer in the practice of Mindfulness and Meditation. We invite you to bring an open mind and heart to journey with others and within oneself. Bookings via <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/mindfulness-meditation/> or email info@heartoflife.melbourne. Cost: \$60 (BYO Lunch)

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.



Thank you from CatholicCare Victoria

CatholicCare Victoria is deeply grateful for the support of our parish during last week's CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Because of the generosity of our parish community, CatholicCare Victoria can continue to ensure that vulnerable individuals and families in our community have the opportunity to live life to the full. Thank you for helping those in need! For more information about CatholicCare Victoria, please visit: www.catholiccarevic.org.au.

Please donate to CatholicCare Victoria at any time. Your compassion and generosity will help the most vulnerable and marginalised in our community. You can donate using the appeal envelope available or donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513. All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible.

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.

We sit down to meditate.
Is it an ordinary everyday activity.
The commitment to silence,
stillness and simplicity is very important.
We leave behind all our thinking and planning,
our failures and successes.
Through meditation we are content
to be in the presence of God,
finding a way to balance the human
and the spiritual.
It is the experience of oneness and wholeness



STALL OF RELIGIOUS ARTEFACTS

Next weekend, 26/27th August, after our Masses, Silverius Culas will be holding a stall.

Items will include rosary beads, statuettes, jewellery, charms, prayer cards, etc.

A wonderful opportunity to find that special something for that special someone, or indeed, to keep them for yourself!

Cash or credit cards are welcome.



Loyo Elementary School

St Kevin's Parish has joined with our St Kevin's Primary School in Social Justice focus to Loyo Elementary School in the Philippines. This year the Loyo community would like to build a small library for the students to access some books. They have asked if we would be kind enough to support them with the building of a library and/or some classroom supplies which they are in desperate need of. These include exercise books and grey lead writing pencils.

If you are able and would like to make a monetary donation for the building materials or for the purchasing of Filipino books, please put your donation in an envelope labelled 'LOYO DONATION' clearly at the front. This envelope can then be placed in the basket during usual Mass collections or delivered directly to the parish office. Thank you everyone.



to those of you who have ensured that the parish office has a copy of your Working With Children Check as well as signing our Code of Conduct document.

If you haven't done so yet, please ensure that the parish office has a copy of these documents at your earliest possible convenience. Thank you all.



Next weekend, (26/27th August) at both the 5.30pm Saturday evening and 10.00am Sunday morning Masses, we will celebrate the Commitment of First Communions of Catechist students as well our parish schools.

All are welcome to join in this preparation in receiving this wonderful Sacrament and pray for our children as they travel along their faith journey.

This year marks the 70th anniversary of the commencement of Dr John Billings' research in finding a natural, reliable method of Fertility Awareness for couples. During Natural Fertility Awareness Week, in August, a free webinar in recognition of Dr John Billings' work, entitled "Understanding Couple Fertility: the Male Perspective" will be held on Monday 21st August 2023 at 7.30pm.

Please follow the link to register for the Webinar on Eventbrite.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/understanding-couple-fertility-the-male-perspective-webinar-tickets-678382479257?aff=oddtcreator>

GRAND ORGAN RECITAL FEATURING THOMAS TROTTER, ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

One of Britain's most widely admired musicians and concert organists, Thomas Trotter, will visit our beautiful and inspiring St Patrick's Cathedral in August with a recital program sure to please.

Trotter has performed at more than 800 concerts in his international career, with recent tours to Europe, China and Australia.

Trotter's achievements have been recognised through honorary doctorates from Birmingham City University and the University of Birmingham, as well as being awarded the Queen's Medal for music by Her Majesty the Queen on St Cecilia's Day in 2020.

This upcoming recital program includes works by Parry, Willan and Ligeti, plus Trotter's own arrangement of Rossini's overture to *The Thieving Magpie*.

Tickets: \$30 full, \$25 concession, free for those aged 15 years and under. Tickets can be purchased in advance, or simply pay by cash or card at the door.

For all enquiries, email music@cam.org.au.

For information on our Parish Schools please contact:

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St Charles Borromeo Primary School
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Responsorial Psalm

O God, let all the nations praise you!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

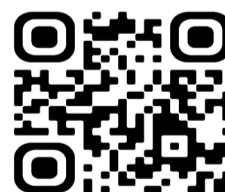
First Reading	Second Reading
<p><u>Isaiah 56: 1. 6-7</u></p> <p>A reading from the prophet Isaiah <i>I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.</i></p> <p>The setting for the last eleven chapters of Isaiah appears to be the return of the exiles from Babylon to Jerusalem. It may be that they brought back with them a rigorous view of their identity, one that required separation and distinction from the local inhabitants. By contrast, the prophet presents an inclusive perspective.</p> <p>To begin with, what matters is that all have a care for justice and act with integrity. Furthermore, foreigners who love and serve the God of Israel and who uphold the sabbath and the covenant are welcome in the house of God. They may offer sacrifice and pray joyfully there, for it "will be called a house of prayer for all peoples". Jesus will cite this text when he cleanses the Temple.</p> <p>Differing views about Israel's identity are plain to see in the scriptures. They oscillate between strict separation from other peoples and a benign openness towards them. It's the latter that's on display today.</p>	<p><u>Romans 11: 13-15. 29-32</u></p> <p>A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans <i>The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.</i></p> <p>Parishioners will know that the second reading is independent of the others. In brief, the gospel is the anchor text. The first reading is chosen for its association with the gospel (not always immediately obvious), and the psalm complements the first reading. The second reading is an ordered extract from a non-gospel New Testament writing. It may have no direct connection with the other readings.</p> <p>That's not the case today. In the first reading, Isaiah endorses Israel's acceptance of foreign believers. The psalmist prays that God's blessings for Israel would inspire all nations to praise God. The gospel tells the story of a foreign woman's faith in Jesus. In the same vein, the second reading deals with the issue of Israel and the nations.</p> <p>Paul is bringing to conclusion his monumental struggle to make sense of Israel's failure to believe in Jesus. Their rejection of him raised two critical questions: had God proved unfaithful to Israel, and had Israel forfeited its status as God's covenanted people? Paul's answer provides a mirror image of the psalm. The success of his mission to the pagans was meant to provoke his own ancestral people to jealousy and bring them ultimately to faith in Christ. In this case, it is not the Jews who will embrace the pagans, but the reverse. God had neither revoked the ancient covenant, nor was Israel lost. "God never takes back his gifts," Paul wrote, and Israel "will also enjoy mercy eventually". This would be "nothing less than a resurrection from the dead!"</p> <p>The reading reflects the personal debate Paul has been having in his own mind. It's as if he's in court mounting the case, developing the argument point by point. This makes it a challenging text for readers to proclaim and for the assembly to follow. It warrants close study and several readings in preparation. The better grasp readers have of Paul's complex logic, the more likely it is that their proclamation will be readily understood by the assembly. A deliberate pace, careful pausing and well-chosen stress on the key assertions will serve God's people well. As usual, the NRSV employs inclusive language.</p>

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:

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



All contributions go directly and into the Church

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

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

