



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

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

5/6th August, 2023

Our Presider today is: Fr Gerry McKernan

A word from the Lay Ecclesial Leader...

I read a very interesting homily of this weekend's Gospel by Richard Leonard SJ. In the gospel, Matthew describes the transfiguration of Jesus on Mount Tabor. The text also mentions Moses. He also went up a mountain (Sinai) and had an experience of God. According to Fr Leonard, however, the similarity ends there.

Firstly, Moses goes up the mountain alone, Jesus takes his disciples who witness the transfiguration. God is hidden from Moses, whereas Jesus is given to us as the face of God in the world. On Sinai, Moses receives the law, and he must ensure that people obey it. On Tabor, Jesus receives a proclamation of God's love, and we are told to listen to him. While Moses' face shines, Jesus' whole body is transfigured with light.

The following words of Fr Leonard's have struck a chord with me:

'The God of Mount Tabor is not interested in us feeling isolated as we fulfill the law to the letter. He wants us to have hearts that listen to the Gospel of love so that we can gain the power to transform the world through the sacrifices of our daily lives.'

I am humbled by our parishioners who take up the challenge of the Gospel of love to transform the world by giving of themselves. We have a range of ministries through which this love is given to others. Jesus calls us to do more than follow the rules of our faith but also to give of ourselves for the sake of others.

I am delighted that this month marks the one-year anniversary of our Men's Social Group. There is a committed and regular group of men who, once a month, meet, share a meal, chat and have developed a sincere fellowship.

Come along and offer your support. Bring a friend, neighbour or relative who would benefit from a social outing in a friendly environment. Push yourself a little, reach out, change the world around you through the effort of your daily life.

Blessings, Tiziana



Tuesday, 8th August, we celebrate the Feast Day of our very own Australian Saint – St Mary MacKillop.

- 9.15am Mass at St Kevin's Church, together with St Kevin's School Children.
- 2.30pm Mass at St Charles Borromeo Primary School, together with School Children.
- 6.00pm Mass at St Gregory the Great Church, Doncaster

All welcome.

Some of St Mary's quotes:...

- Whatever troubles may be before you, accept them bravely, remembering Whom you are trying to follow. Do not be afraid. Love one another, bear with one another, and let charity guide you all your life. God will reward you as only He can.
- We must teach more by example than by word.
- Find happiness in making others happy.
- Believe in the whisperings of God to your own heart.
- Be eager in your desires but humbly patient in their accomplishment.
- Remember we are all but travelers here.
- Let us all resign ourselves into His hands, and pray that in all things He may guide us to do His Holy Will ... When thoughts of this or that come I turn to Him and say: "Only what you will, my God. Use me as You will".

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:

Patricia Lo Giudice, Jim Baruta, Elaine Viney, Ron Herbert, Peter McNamara and Antonietta D'Adams.

Recently Deceased:

Father Desmond (Des) Anthony Panton (a retired priest).

Feast Days this week:...

6th August The Transfiguration of the Lord

This feast celebrates the divine radiance shining in Christ's human flesh and God's glory shining forth in the lives of Christians.

8th August St Mary of the Cross

Mary MacKillop is remembered for her eagerness to discover God's will in all things for her charity in the face of calumny, and for her abiding trust in God's providence – Australia's patron saint.

10th August St Lawrence

Became, after the apostles, the most celebrated martyr in the Church of Rome

11th August St Clare

Remembered for her life of extreme poverty, austerity, contemplation and charity.

LITURGY ROSTER

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

1st Read: Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14 2nd Read: 2 Peter 1: 16-19 Gos: 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

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 12/13th August 2023

1st Read: Kings 19: 9. 11-13 2nd Read: Romans 9: 1-5 Gos: Matthew 14: 22-33

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Hannah Halliburton	Bredenia Raquel	Lawrence Ceconello
8.30am	Frank Ozzimo		Adrian Teo
10.00am	Carmel Purdey	Carmel Shiel	Raffaella Dinelli

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. **Fr Charles Balnaves**

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.

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



Next weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.

As our parish community's social service agency, CatholicCare Victoria delivers programs and services to support families, children, young people and individuals to help everyone reach their full potential. The services include counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care in hospitals and prisons, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. Donations from our parish community help CatholicCare Victoria support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community and empower everyone to live life to the full. Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families in our community. You can donate using the appeal envelope available in our parish or donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

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 learn to meditate is to understand how simple it is.

You do not have to be clever.

You just have to be patient and faithful.

It can be difficult to believe that

such a simple teaching on prayer can be important and that it can work.



On Tuesday, 15th August,

we celebrate the Solemnity of the

Feast of the Assumption

– a holy day of obligation.

Mass will be celebrated here at St Kevin's Church at 9.15am.

A rosary will be held at St Gregory the Great Church at 7.00pm followed by Mass at 7.30pm.



MEN'S SOCIAL GROUP



ST KEVIN'S PARISH, TEMPLESTOWE

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 tiziana.dcosta@cam.org.au or ring the office on 03 9850 5983.

Hidden Gems silent stars

We walk in to Mass, walk out uplifted, then share hospitality, chat about this, that and the other, solving the world's problems. It all looks easy. Everything seems simply to be done automatically. So often invisible in the background are the people who make things visible and happen at Mass, across the Parish, and the wider world we are part of. There are the hidden gems and silent stars. The Parish knitters who knit for those of all ages and backgrounds needing to be kept warm, or raise money for special needs. Like the PP, the Pastoral and Ecclesial leaders do far more than most know. The Liturgy, Music and Church people are at least visible when performing, but like others do much that is essential in the background. The money collectors are vital. We're generous with 2nd Collections for important causes, and recently raised \$1,267.10 for Propagation Of The Faith. We individually leave Mass in Peace to "Go and Serve the Lord". How? At every Mass last weekend all were invited to tick a box and provide Feedback on activities of Social Justice Action over the last 12 months. Warm thanks to the 15 people who helpfully responded (including 2 SJA Members, and four that weren't sure). - **John Costa SJA**

Big weekend for our Neighbouring Ivanhoe Parish

After around 20 years of planning, angst, closure of 1 of 3 schools, sale of 1 of 3 Churches, construction of a new Parish Centre and renovation of Mary Immaculate Church, we extend our prayers and best wishes to all our sisters and brothers at neighbouring Mary Mother of the Church Ivanhoe, at long last as they celebrate Mass this weekend for the very first time in their renewed Mass Centre at Mary Immaculate Church. The new centre will be officially opened by Archbishop Peter Comensoli in October.

Australian Catholic University



On **7 August 2023** (10-11:30am) the ACU Centre for Liturgy will host Dr Phyllis Zagano (Hofstra University, New York) who will give an online public lecture (via Zoom) entitled

"Women Deacons and the Synod: What Happens Now?"

Most of the Continental Assemblies and the syntheses of several Episcopal Conferences call for the question of women's inclusion in the diaconate to be considered at the Synod on Synodality. Is it possible to envisage this, and in what way?" She will address the questions: What are the arguments for and against women ordained as deacons? What will happen in October? Dr Zagano is an internationally acclaimed Catholic scholar and lecturer on contemporary spirituality and women's issues in the church. To register, please go to www.acu.edu.au/publiclectureCfl

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->

For information on our Parish Schools please contact:

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St Charles Borromeo Primary School
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Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Transfigure and heal us, Lord.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

First Reading

Daniel 7: 9-10. 13-14

A reading from the book of Daniel

His raiment was as white as snow.

The book of Daniel is placed in the Bible with the writings of the prophets, but is distinguished by its late composition and the nature of its contents. Although it presents Daniel as an exile in Babylon, the work was compiled centuries later, when the Jewish people were being persecuted by the Syrian king Antiochus Epiphanes. This threat to their survival was countered by apocalyptic literature –writing characterised by cosmic visions and revelations promising ultimate victory over the powers of evil.

Today's reading comes from a section in the book where Daniel has a dream in which a succession of kingdoms appear.

The first four are represented by earthly monsters, but the fifth, as we hear, features a figure that is both human and heavenly.

Drawing on imagery from the psalms and especially the prophet Ezekiel, "one like a son of man" appears before the heavenly court and is granted eternal dominion over the entire world.

Just as various sources have contributed to this depiction, so in turn Daniel's vision is cited several times in the New Testament apocalypse, the book of Revelation.

It also contributes directly to the story of Jesus' transfiguration.

Second Reading

2 Peter 1: 16-19

A reading from the second letter of St Peter

We heard this voice from out of heaven.

The jury is out as to whether 2 Peter was the last work of the New Testament to be composed, but there's no doubt that it was the last to be included in the list or canon of inspired Christian writings. Contrary to contemporary concerns about authenticity and plagiarism, it was customary in the ancient world for works to be attributed to a revered figure of the past. In this case, 2 Peter purports to be the last testament of the apostle Peter, though it must have been written some decades after his death and in a polished style unlikely to be that of a Galilean fisherman.

To bolster his authority, the author claims to have been a witness to the transfiguration of Jesus. The brief description of the event is in accord with the gospel accounts of this unique event. More particularly, the author invokes this experience to rebut claims that his teaching about the final coming of Christ is just a "cleverly invented myth". He also wants to attest to the reliability of prophecy "as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark ... until the morning star rises in your minds".

As it stands, this reading is an unqualified affirmation of Jesus as God's Beloved Son and an endorsement of the prophetic word of God. Proclaimed with clarity and conviction, it readies the worshipping community for the gospel account of the transfiguration.

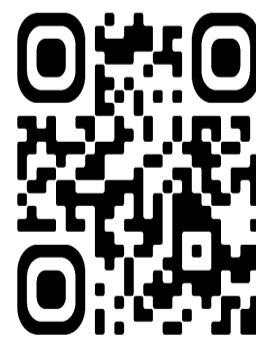
An Adjunct from Fr Charles

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 contribution Code and following these simple steps:

1. Wave your mobile camera over it
2. Click on "Web Address"
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.