

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

Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 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, Lynda O'Meara and Milda Sarzetakas.

Anniversaries:

Peter Raymond Murphy, Angela Castellucci, Frank Delaney, Neta Meagher, Sharon Hammet, Elisa Ruggieri, Peter Coade and Erminia Theuma.

Recently Deceased:

Feast Days this week:...

8th September The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This feast originated in Jerusalem about the sixth century, a development of the feast of the dedication of the church of St Anne: built in Jerusalem where Mary was born. Observed in Rome in the seventh century, it was later used to determine the date of Mary's Immaculate Conception. Because of her importance in salvation history, Mary's birthday is celebrated as well as those of her son Jesus the Lord, and of St John the Baptist (24 June).

LITURGY ROSTER

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 2nd/3rd September 2023
1st Read: Jeremiah 20: 7-9 2nd Read: Romans 12: 1-2 Gos: Matthew 16: 21-27

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Rachel Marini	Lucy Halliburton	Lynne O'Brien
8.30am	Paul Polidano		Penny Teo
10.00am	Miriam Ayoub	Tony Byrne	Kaye Byrne

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 9/10th September 2023
1st Read: Ezekiel 33: 7-9 2nd Read: Romans 13: 8-10 Gos: Matthew 18: 15-20

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Margaret Turner	Rachel Marini	Lawrence Ceconello
8.30am	Frank Ozzimo		Mary Waddick
10.00am	Frances Johnson	Carmel Shiel	Geraldine Williams

MEN'S SOCIAL GROUP



ST KEVIN'S PARISH, TEMPLESTOWE

The next **St Kevin's Men's Social Group** takes place on **Friday, 8th September @ 7.30pm in the Church Gathering Apace**. 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 add your name to the sign-up sheet at the entry of the church, or you can ring the parish office on 9850 5983, or email Tiziana at tiziana.dcosta@cam.org.au

This Sunday (Father's Day) we are holding the Annual Priests Retirement Foundation Appeal.



Caring for those who cared

The Priests Retirement Foundation was established in 1990 and contributes to the ongoing care of retired priests across the Archdiocese of Melbourne. This includes, but is not limited to, the provision of suitable accommodation and health care and medical out of pocket expenses.

'We spent our lives trying to do things for other people and now we need a bit of assistance ourselves. And the Foundation helps us enormously.' —Fr Ted Teal, retired priest

Within the Archdiocese, there are two purpose-built retirement homes: Justin Villa in North Balwyn and George Maher House in Clifton Hill. Priests may also choose to live privately in their own house (often inherited) or a house or unit where the rental is funded by the Foundation. The physical and mental wellbeing of all retired priests is continually overseen by two highly qualified nurses also funded by the Foundation.

A Father's Day BLESSING

God our Father,
 in your wisdom and love you made all things.
 Bless these men,
 that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers.
 Let the example
 of their faith and love shine forth.
 Grant that we may honour them always
 with a profound respect.
 Grant this through Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

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.

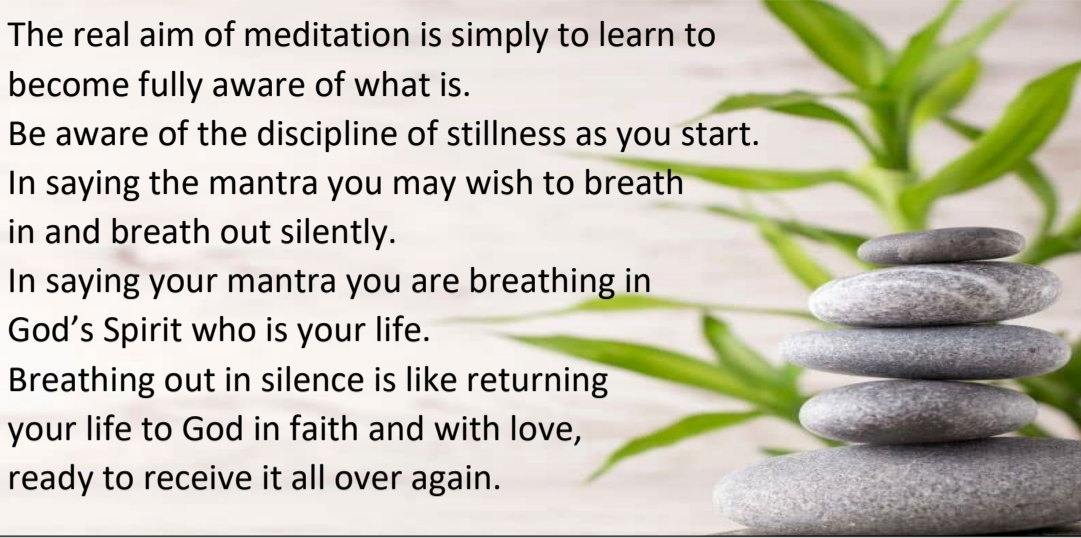
The real aim of meditation is simply to learn to become fully aware of what is.

Be aware of the discipline of stillness as you start.

In saying the mantra you may wish to breath in and breath out silently.

In saying your mantra you are breathing in God's Spirit who is your life.

Breathing out in silence is like returning your life to God in faith and with love, ready to receive it all over again.



COME AWAY DAY AT PASSIONIST HOLY CROSS RETREAT CENTRE, TEMPLESTOWE

The Come Away Days program resumes at Holy Cross on **Wednesday 13 September.**

The theme of the day is "**Invitation to new beginnings.**"

The day's program provides opportunities for prayer, reflection and fellowship in the peaceful grounds and facilities of Holy Cross, situated at 207 Serpells Road, Templestowe.

All are welcome. BYO lunch. Registration is from 9.30am.

The day concludes at 2pm with a celebration of the Eucharist.

You are invited to support these days financially according to your means, using \$25.00 per person as a guide.

For further details contact Frank Burke on 0407998781 or

burke.frank942@yahoo.com.au

Musings from the PP ...

Last Monday I had a routine colonoscopy (my Father had bowel cancer so regular tests are recommended as a preventative measure). All was Ok, no worries!

Afterwards, I emailed a report out to my brothers and sons, because of course they share the same risk profile as me. I got a whole range of comments back that went beyond "good to hear:" "Do I hear a hint of loneliness?" "You sound worried about your mortality?" None of which was what I meant, nor do they have any basis in reality for me.

What struck me through these comments, and why I am imposing my minor health matter on you, is how easily we can misunderstand each other, especially when we are not face to face, and doubly so it seems with electronic communications compared to letters (which hardly get used these days).

We can misunderstand each other face to face too, but when we are together, most often, we can correct any misunderstandings on the spot—we can see the expressions on each other's faces and they give us clues about what lies behind the words spoken; we can see how a person is standing, we can hear a tone of voice, we have the context of a conversation ... lot's of extra cues to help understand each other.

All of these cues are missing from texts and emails and tweets and Instagram and Facebook.

I suspect part of the reason for confusion and mis-interpretation is that we can do the electronic communications so quickly: type, glance back, hit 'send' - no time for real reflection before sending. Perhaps if I had waited a day instead of sending my health-report to my brothers—perhaps that would have allowed the after effects of the anaesthetic to dissipate and I would have been able to phrase my words more accurately or clearly. Perhaps if I called around my brothers and spoke with them more often we would have been more in tune and my words would have been clear.

I remember getting a hand written phone message after a long morning at an intense management workshop. All the message said was "Hit by a truck, all ok, Tanya." WHAT!!! How could my wife be hit by a truck and all ok? ... I took the message at face value that all was Ok since I trust Tanya. I called: her CAR had been hit a glancing blow by a truck—she was shaken but not injured. Four words extra by the person taking the message would have helped wouldn't they "My car has been hit by a truck, all ok, Tanya" would have been so much better.

Let's all try and be more careful in our words and more charitable in our interpretations of what we hear and read and how we respond.

It occurs to me that if I am / we are rushing so much in our communications with each other—perhaps we're doing that with God too. Maybe this is a gentle call to me to put a little more time into talking with and listening to God's words to me. And so maybe a call to you also in your lives.

A quick prayer is great when that is all time permits—but maybe, just maybe, make an extra five minutes or ten minutes (or dare one even imagine thirty minutes) each day—to stop ... to listen ... to allow ourselves to be present with God so that we can better understand his words to us: because we listen we have the sense of God within us: the smell and sound and feel and touch and look of God surrounding us as we receive his guidance.

God bless, Fr Charles

Happy Father's Day



Thanksgiving Offering

The next batch of Thanksgiving Envelopes have been prepared by our ever efficient Peter Norman (thank you very much Peter) and are now ready for collection from the table in the Gathering Space. Please remember to collect yours before leaving

ST KEVIN'S PARISH

TGI's Youth Group

Footy Fever

Wear your team colours

SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

Two groups:
Grade 5-8 & Year 9-12

RSVP by 6 September: templestowe@cam.org.au
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Dinner provided - \$7 entry

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

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Jeremiah 20: 7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

Chapters 11 to 20 of the book of the prophet Jeremiah contain several intense passages, often called the "laments," "confessions" or "complaints" of the prophet. Today's reading is the first part of the last of these powerful passages. Jeremiah feels trapped between the unrelenting demands God has made of him and the active opposition he has had to face from the people.

No wonder he cries out against God in pain, anger and anguish.

The language he uses in this lament is shockingly violent. He accuses God of forcing him to undertake his prophetic mission, using terms related to sexual assault.

God has seduced and overpowered him.

To make matters worse his preaching only provokes "insult, derision, all day long".

In spite of all that, he cannot escape the "fire burning in my heart".

The lectionary spares us the rest of Jeremiah's diatribe. It culminates in the desperate curse he utters at ever having been born.

The rationale for choosing this disturbing text becomes clear when we hear Jesus foreshadowing his own rejection, suffering and death in the gospel.

But we hear nothing from Jesus like Jeremiah's fierce complaint, only his plea in the Garden of Olives to be spared the cup he must drink.

There is no more impassioned text than this in the whole of the scriptures.

Second Reading

Romans 12: 1-2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Having come to a Job-like resolution of the agonising problem of his own people's fate, Paul embarks on an exhortation about the Christian life. Several of his letters follow this pattern of theological debate followed by ethical advice. If obedience to the Law (and the sacrificial cult it sanctioned) is no longer the path to salvation, as he has argued, then what kind of life are believers to lead?

Today's reading offers the answer. Against the defining horizon of God's mercy, they are to lead lives of self-sacrifice. Their "new mind" will show them what accords with God's will and is therefore good and perfect. This guidance will come from within. Paul makes it clear that, while this way of life is not governed by prevailing social norms, it isn't "otherworldly" either. It's that of "living bodies". The baptised are to offer bodily service to others and in the process give true worship to God. This might remind some of Jesus' quote from Hosea: "What I want is mercy, not sacrifice" (Mt 9:13).

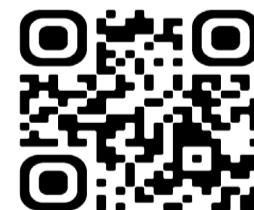
Paul's vision of the Christian life is holistic. Body, mind and spirit are at one in the service of God and neighbour. This is the basis for Paul's ensuing exposition on the concrete form of self-sacrificing love. This reading may be short but it sets the scene for the remaining chapters of the letter. It is faith-filled, positive and encouraging.

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.

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 go directly and securely into the Church account.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

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