

## 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

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Safeguarding Sunday Weekend

9/10<sup>th</sup> September, 2023

Our Presider today is: Fr Charles Balnaves

#### The Joy of Christ...

This week, I attended a First Communion workshop with our Candidates and parents. At the last moment I was asked to share something of my experience on the day of my ordination at a priest. (no Charles not 34 minutes, 3 or 4 minutes.)

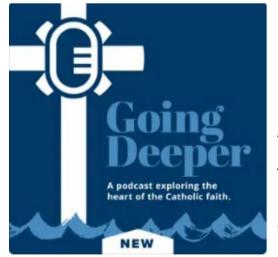
I agreed readily, though I wasn't sure what to say. I spoke of five moments during the 1.5 hour ordination Mass: the moment of prostration (lying fully flat on the (cold) marble floor), waiting for the actual moment of my ordination, Archbishop Hart's hands on my head, the giving of the chalice and paten, and being at the main St Patrick's altar celebrating the Eucharist for the first time (with the Archbishop). Five specific moments of grace for me.

What astonished me after those few words was the comment by the leader "wow, did you see the joy in Fr Charles' face as he spoke of those moments? The way his face just shone with the joy of the moment: the grace remembered and brought present again?" People agreed, yes, they could see that special joy.

Please know: it's not just me—when you commit to Jesus Christ, when you allow the Holy Spirit space in your life—you will shine with that joy and that grace—not a selfish joy for self but God's grace shining for others to see. It's beautiful and it helps change the world around you.

**EFTPOS**: We are in the process (much delayed) of getting two EFTPOS machines to make it easier to make your 'cash' thanksgiving donation or towards appeals.

We already have one temporary machine which is so very totally frustrating because it doesn't easily allow donations. But we'll soon have a test of a new machine and then hopefully two machines that can be moved around and your donations can more readily be accepted electronically. God bless, Fr Charles



#### Are you interested in thinking a little more deeply about your faith?

Evangelisation Brisbane's 'Going Deeper' weekly podcast is all about getting to the heart of what it means to be Catholic.

... "Beneath what we do and what we say (as Catholics), and beneath all the tenets of the Catholic faith... at the core of it is a 'why', and a reason, and the reason is a person and the person is Jesus"

The last four podcast conversations have been with Bishop Tim Norton (Auxiliary Bishop of Brisbane).

Bishop Tim originally trained as a physiotherapist. The podcast conversations are relaxed and organic and most enjoyable! https://podcasts.apple.com/au/podcast/going-deeper/id1632984729

#### Safeguarding Essential Training and Risk Assessment - delivered by Brech Burgess of the Archdiocese of Melbourne

Venue - St Kevin's Gathering Space

Date/Time – 4.00pm to 5.30pm Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup>

Participants- Safeguarding Committee members; Children's Liturgy Leaders; Youth Group Leaders; Leaders from all other ministries.

Agenda -

- 4pm Registration
- 4.10pm Training Part 1- Safeguarding Essentials PowerPoint and hardcopy worksheets
- 5pm Training Part 2- Risk Assessments PowerPoint and hardcopy worksheets
- 5.25 Concluding Prayer and home or stay for 5.30pm Mass!

Please let Ana Saro know if you are able to attend the training night – please note that afternoon tea will be provided for you to enjoy throughout the training.

#### 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
Wednesda	<b>y</b> 9.30am	Meditation – via zoom only – all welcome.
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	10.15am	Adoration
	11.00am	Bookish Morning Tea
Thursday	8.30am	Adoration Look what's
	9.15am	Mass Hopponing!
Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am &	10.00am Masses

#### Feast Days this week:...

13<sup>th</sup> September St John Chrysostom Remembered for his simplicity of life, his care of the poor, the courage of his witness and his effective preaching of the Scriptures.

#### 14<sup>th</sup> September

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross A feast of the Lord, it celebrates the 'lifting up' of the Son of Man on the cross, into glory and the paradox of the cross as a sign of humiliation and death, yet the source of victory and life. 15<sup>th</sup> September Our Lady of Sorrows *In the light of Simeon's prophecy about* a sword piercing Mary's soul (Luke 2: *34), the feast celebrates Mary, first* disciple and first to share in the pain and triumph of the cross.

#### **16<sup>th</sup> September**

Sts Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian All remembered as compassionate pastors who developed the Church's teaching and practice of reconciliation.



#### 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:

Lauren Williams, Allan Robinson, John Brennan and Therese Lavery

#### <u>Recently Deceased:</u>

Michael Sciavarrello

#### **LITURGY ROSTER**

#### Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 9/10<sup>th</sup> 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 Cecconello
8.30am	Frank C	Mary Waddick	
10.00am	Frances Johnson	Carmel Shiel	Geraldine Williams

#### Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 16/17<sup>th</sup> September 2023 1st Read: Eccl 27: 30-28: 7 2nd Read: Romans 14: 7-9 Gos: Matthew 18: 21-35

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Hannah Halliburton	Kathy Pearce	Anne Maguire
8.30am	Julie O'	Pat Rowland	
10.00am	Carmel Purdey	Liz O'Connell	Tony Robinson

## **Social Justice Action** St Kevin's Parish, Templestowe

St Kevin's Social Justice Action Group is collecting donations of new and leftover nappies - ones that little ones have grown out of or no longer need.

Through research, the Nappy Collective has learned that 1 in 10 families, or 280,000 children, don't have enough nappies - a situation they have named "nappy stress". Nappy stress can impact families facing financial hardship, experiencing or at risk of homelessness, escaping domestic violence, seeking asylum or those impacted by natural disasters.

By donating nappies to The Nappy Collective, you are helping to keep disadvantaged little ones clean, happy and healthy.

We are collecting in conjunction with Manningham Uniting Church Wood Street Templestowe

#### Abuse, even Child Abuse

This is not a subject that's 'nice' to talk about, but of course we must. Apart from all the mostly good people and things we know about the world around us there are other things that aren't good, which demand we do all we can to address them. There are many forms of abuse which, necessarily, our newspapers regularly inform us. Abuse of the frail and elderly. There are even slaves in Australia. Newspapers recently reported on two Melbourne abusers who have been charged with slavery. We mostly read about abuse of women, but yes there is also some abuse of men. Reports in Melbourne alarmingly describe recent attacks on innocent school children walking to and from their particular school, or walking innocently along a street. For whatever reason some families even neglect their own children. John 8: 7 powerfully declares "let he who is without guilt cast the first stone at her", and the Institutional Church, our Church, must speak humbly and honestly in this regard because it itself is now working very extensively with all of us to address and eradicate its own past serious transgressions. Child abuse, in many different ways, is amongst the worst form of abuse and neglect. It's not something only seen in foreign lands. The 2nd Collection over the next three weeks is to help in the prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect in Australia.

- John Costa SJA

#### 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.

Meditation is a journey that each of us is invited to. We meditate not by thinking about it, but by doing it. Every time we sit down to meditate we go into a state of one-ness, where the whole of our life comes together in the presence of God.

## SYNOD on SYNODALITY

Room for Everyone in Our Church

Australasian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform (ACCCR), Yarra Theological Union (YTU), and Garratt Publishing present: **SYNOD ON SYNODALITY –ROOM FOR EVERYONE IN OUR CHURCH** Leading up to the next Synod session this October ACCCR, YTU and Garratts are presenting a conversation on some of the current issues. Leading the conversation is one of the Australian Catholic Bishop's representatives at the Synod in Rome, **Shane Mackinlay.** Bishop Shane from Sandhurst (Vic) will reflect on his hopes and expectations for the October Rome meeting and the implications for the Church in Australia. Moderating the webinar is award-winning journalist **Genevieve Jacobs.** 

This promises to be an interesting and informative session. WHEN: Thursday 14 September 2023 at 7:00 pm WHERE: Via Zoom COST: Free

To register go to <a href="https://garrattpublishing.com.au/">https://garrattpublishing.com.au/</a> click on SYNOD ON SYNODALITY – ROOM FOR EVERYONE IN OUR CHURCH And register to join by Zoom



#### 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 <u>burke.frank942@yahoo.com.au</u>



ST CHARLES TURNS 40! WE INVITE ST CHARLES FAMILIES AND FRIENDS TO COME AND CELEBRATE WITH US

> 230-234 SERPELLS ROAD TEMPLESTOWE SATURDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2 0 2 3

10:00AM MASS IN SCHOOL HALL
11:00AM SAUSAGE SIZZLE
11:30AM KABOOM SPORTS
12:00PM-2PM DJ IN THE HALL
OPEN SCHOOL UNTIL 4:00PM

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Thanksgiving



SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2023 10 SEPTEMBER

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that builds and supports safe communities for all people.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023

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 today. Thank you.



to our Parish Priest,

#### Fr Charles Balnaves

who celebrated his second anniversary with us last Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> September. Congratulations and well done Fr Charles. Thank you very much for all that you do for us and for our parish. *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**

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

#### **Response to Prayers of the Faithful**

Loving God please hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF					
THE TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME					
First Reading	Second Reading				
Ezekiel 33: 7-9	<u>Romans 13: 8-10</u>				
A reading from the prophet Ezekiel	A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans				
If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you	Love is the fulfilment of the Law.				
responsible for his death.	It seems a pity that the lectionary omits the				
Today's reading from the prophet Ezekiel echoes a	remainder of Romans 12.				
passage heard much earlier in the book. It spells out his	There Paul spells out what he means by "offering				
role and responsibilities as a prophet and also raises the	your living bodies as a holy sacrifice".				
question of individuals' moral responsibility. Ezekiel's	It's a beautiful sketch of the Christian life, akin to				
mission is likened to that of a sentry. This image has	what he had written earlier to the Corinthian				
connotations of being on the lookout for danger. The	community.				
sentry's task is to watch out for the approach of enemies and to sound the alarm. In that sense it has rather	Also skipped over is the opening section of chapter 13, on obedience to civil authorities, including the				
negative connotations. It suggests that Ezekiel's mission is	obligation to pay taxes.				
to warn of the dangerous consequences of infidelity to the	Readers are recommended to read all this and				
covenant.	ponder Paul's advice.				
In the first place this puts the onus on Ezekiel to be faithful	What we do have is a selection from things Jesus				
to his prophetic vocation. If he fails to warn a wicked	said when he was asked about the "first of all the				
person of God's judgement, and that person dies	commandments" and about what good deeds one				
unrepentant, he himself will be counted responsible. If, on	must do to have eternal life.				
the other hand, he does alert someone to their wicked	The difference here is that Paul's focus is				
ways and that person refuses to repent, then only the	exclusively on love for one's neighbour.				
sinner will suffer, not the prophet.	That is why the commandments he cites are those dealing with behaviour towards others, not those				
On the face of it, this is a sobering rather than an encouraging text. It raises, but does not resolve, issues	directed to God.				
such as the relationship between God's will and human					
freedom and between personal and collective					
responsibility. It also poses the difficult question of our					
responsibility to call wrong-doers to account, a thorny					
issue taken up in today's gospel.					
This rather downbeat reading may not have immediate					
appeal, but readers must be faithful to its serious tone.					
The NRSV lectionary presents it in inclusive language.					

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