

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
	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, Lynda O'Meara and Milda Sarzetakas.

Anniversaries:

Lauren Williams, Allan Robinson, John Brennan and Therese Lavery

Recently Deceased:

Michael Sciavarrello

Feast Days this week:...

13th 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.

14th 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.

15th 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.

16th September

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

Help families in crisis across Australia!

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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

<https://www.thenappycollective.com/>

LITURGY ROSTER

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

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 16/17th 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'Donnell		Pat Rowland
10.00am	Carmel Purdey	Liz O'Connell	Tony Robinson



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.

Abuse, even Child Abuse

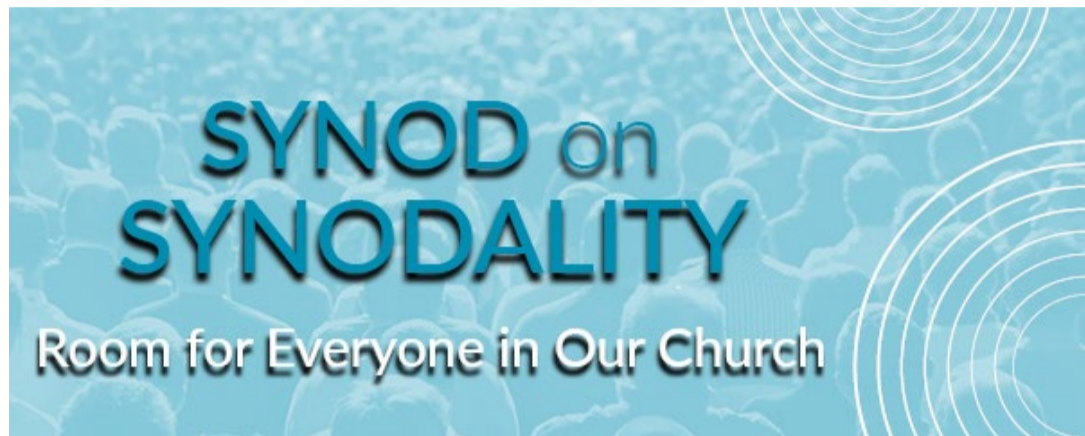
This is not a subject that's 'nice' to talk about, but of course we must. Apart from all the mostly good people and things we know about the world around us there are other things that aren't good, which demand we do all we can to address them. There are many forms of abuse which, necessarily, our newspapers 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.



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 <https://garrattpublishing.com.au/> click on

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY – ROOM FOR EVERYONE IN OUR CHURCH

And register to join by Zoom



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

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



St Charles Borromeo
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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FRIENDS TO
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SATURDAY

14TH

OCTOBER

2023

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 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 today. Thank you.

to our Parish Priest,

*Happy
2nd
anniversary*

Fr Charles Balnaves

who celebrated his second anniversary with us last Friday, 8th 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:

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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

Ezekiel 33: 7-9

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

Today's reading from the prophet Ezekiel echoes a passage heard much earlier in the book. It spells out his role and responsibilities as a prophet and also raises the question of individuals' moral responsibility. Ezekiel's mission is likened to that of a sentry. This image has connotations of being on the lookout for danger. The sentry's task is to watch out for the approach of enemies and to sound the alarm. In that sense it has rather negative connotations. It suggests that Ezekiel's mission is to warn of the dangerous consequences of infidelity to the covenant.

In the first place this puts the onus on Ezekiel to be faithful to his prophetic vocation. If he fails to warn a wicked person of God's judgement, and that person dies unrepentant, he himself will be counted responsible. If, on the other hand, he does alert someone to their wicked ways and that person refuses to repent, then only the sinner will suffer, not the prophet.

On the face of it, this is a sobering rather than an encouraging text. It raises, but does not resolve, issues 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.

Second Reading

Romans 13: 8-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

It seems a pity that the lectionary omits the remainder of Romans 12.

There Paul spells out what he means by "offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice".

It's a beautiful sketch of the Christian life, akin to what he had written earlier to the Corinthian community.

Also skipped over is the opening section of chapter 13, on obedience to civil authorities, including the obligation to pay taxes.

Readers are recommended to read all this and ponder Paul's advice.

What we do have is a selection from things Jesus said when he was asked about the "first of all the commandments" and about what good deeds one must do to have eternal life.

The difference here is that Paul's focus is exclusively on love for one's neighbour.

That is why the commandments he cites are those dealing with behaviour towards others, not those directed to God.

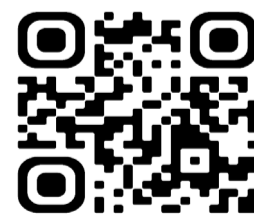
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1. Wave your mobile camera over it
2. Click on "Web Address"
3. Indicate your payment options



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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.