



# 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 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7/8<sup>th</sup> October, 2023

First Communion Weekend

**Our Presider today is:** Fr Charles Balnaves

### **From the Desk of the PP...**

I spent a most enjoyable but challenging three days in Brisbane at the Mystery and Mission Liturgical Conference. I was accompanied by six others: Mary, Carmel, Peter, Gerry, Chris, Brianna, reflecting the view from the sacristy, choir, pew, liturgy, presider and of course all from a view of faith and love of Jesus Christ.

I came away with a number of insights. First is that there is always more to learn about how to celebrate Jesus Christ, even in areas such as homilies/preaching where I have done quite some study and have now had quite some practice.

The opening keynote Speech by Professor Timothy O'Malley was called "Liturgical Living in a (sort of) Secular Age" – don't be put off though – he had a lot of useful insights into the nature of 'secularisation' in our society (many societies). He named a loss of collective memory, a loss of trust in authority and the dominance of work to the exclusion of leisure, the disappearance of ritual and festival and the eternal speed and variety of communication means that we have that can dominate us and exclude personal relationships. His 'medicines' for those challenges of today: restore our ability to speak today to the story we have in the Liturgy, the story of Jesus Christ; to learn to truly know that WE gather in communion / koinonia – a sacramental presence with and as Christ; to learn to be truly and radically hospitable and welcoming; and finally to reclaim our sense of Festival, regaining the wonder of Jesus Christ: perhaps by recovering some of our history of going big and over the top on festivals.

The rest of the conference provided workshops and other keynote addresses that drew out these themes. Excellent workshops I went to were on Homilies and Hospitality/Welcoming. The keynotes by Sarah Hart and Assoc. Prof. Maeve Louise Heaney VDMF were wonderful demonstrations of how to blend theology, listening, prayer, song, music, humour into a beautiful liturgy that isn't the Mass.

Two other highlights were the opening ceremony which was presented largely by Aboriginal people from the Brisbane area, drawing us into their understanding of the world and how it has been woven into Jesus Christ since time immemorial, and the Conference Mass in St Stephen's Cathedral where they put on a good show of how the Mass can raise the roof with all of us singing and responding with gusto to all prayers. Yes, they have a large choir and pay a music director for the archdiocese but the whole presentation was done so well, the very sound and form of it drew us in.

Expect to see some thoughts from the conference weave themselves into how we celebrate Mass in both St Kevin's and St Gregory's in their own ways. It was worth the time and effort and money. Thank you for supporting us well enough that we could manage the cost.

God bless, Fr Charles.



MARY MACKILLOP PLACE

OUT OF THE Ordinary

**The Sisters of Saint Joseph** have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "**In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop**" commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023.

During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry.

If you have any questions or would like an itinerary and application form, please contact [national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au](mailto:national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au) or Tel: 8912 4818.

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

Saturday	5.30pm	Mass (First Communion Mass)
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	(First Communion @ 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	11.00am	Bookish Morning Tea
	8.30am	Adoration
Saturday	9.15am	Mass
	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	



### 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, Lynda O'Meara, Milda Sarzetakas and Ella Freedman.

### Anniversaries:

Bartolo Natoli, Guido Maffei, Marino Correzzola and Peter Rice.

### Recently Deceased:

### Feast Days this week:...

**9<sup>th</sup> October** St Denis and Companions  
*Here we have the case of a saint about whom almost nothing is known, yet one whose cult has been a vigorous part of the Church's history for centuries. We can only conclude that the deep impression the saint made on the people of his day reflected a life of unusual holiness. In all such cases, there are two fundamental facts: A great man gave his life for Christ, and the Church has never forgotten him—a human symbol of God's eternal mindfulness.*



**to Thorold Merrett**  
 who turned 90 years old  
 on 30<sup>th</sup> September.

Thorold has been a parishioner of St Kevin's for many years and was a well-known football player!

Congratulations and Best Wishes to you Thorold on reaching this amazing milestone!

On the 8th October after the 10.00am Mass, we will be celebrating Thorold Merrett's 90th Birthday. Everyone is welcome to join in the celebration.

## LITURGY ROSTER

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – 7/8<sup>th</sup> October 2023**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Read: Isaiah 5: 1-7 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: Philippians 4: 6-9 Gos: Matthew 21: 33-43**

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Tiziana D'Costa	First Communicant	Lawrence Ceconello
8.30am	Miriam Ayoub		Mary Waddick
10.00am	Tiziana D'Costa	First Communicant	Tony Whelan

**Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 14/15<sup>th</sup> October 2023**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Read: Isaiah 25: 6-10 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20 Gos: Matt 22: 1-14**

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Rachel Marini	Margaret Turner	Lyn O'Brien
8.30am	Paul Polidano		Pat Rowland
10.00am	Frances Johnson	Miriam Ayoub	Lyn Murphy



### St Kevin's Parish Open Forum

**Thursday, 26 October 7 pm - 9 pm,**  
**in the Church Gathering Space.**

To discuss our parish, how it is faring, where are we heading, what you are thinking about the future, what you'd like to see happen.

We value your feedback.  
 Everyone welcome!

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

### Catholic Religious support First Nations People through a constitutionally enshrined Voice

Catholic Religious Australia (CRA) has long been a vocal supporter of the Uluru Statement from the Heart and is proud to support a constitutionally enshrined First Nations Voice to Parliament, as will be proposed at the Referendum on 14 October. Australia's Religious Congregations have lived with and worked alongside First Nations People for decades, including working in remote Indigenous communities and many of them and their associated groups have publicly endorsed the voice. Peter Jones OSA, CRA President, said, "Our Congregations continue to listen to First Nations Peoples, looking for concrete ways of walking together towards a better future as a matter of justice." "Pope Francis has urged us to ensure that Indigenous Peoples are the principal dialogue partners on large projects affecting them," he added. Anne Walker, CRA National Executive Director

**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.**

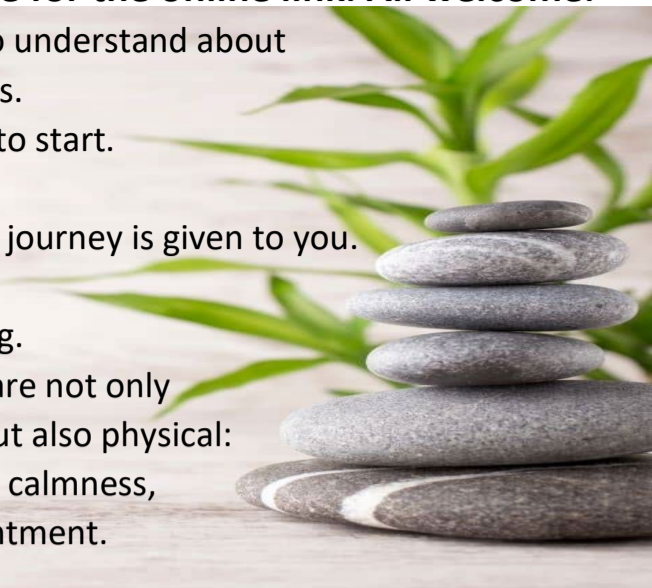
The most important thing to understand about meditation is its ordinariness.

The next important thing is to start.

Just begin. Once you begin, everything you need for the journey is given to you.

It is impossible to learn to meditate without meditating.

The benefits of meditation are not only spiritual closeness to God but also physical: clearer mind, sharper focus, calmness, controlled emotions, contentment.



**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**

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**

**RSVP BY SCANNING  
THE CODE**



SCAN ME



**BOOKISH MORNING TEA**

Our next Bookish Morning Tea will take place on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> October and continues every fortnight.

Please make sure you mark this date in your diary and we look forward to enjoying some special time together.

**St Kevin's Parish proudly extends a warm welcome to the following children who come to the Table of the Lord for the first time this weekend.**

**Congratulations and Welcome to:**

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|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------|----------------------|------------|
| Diya Albert              | Carmelo Alessi      | Keizen Cannon | Tiago Carbonara      | Rylee Chan |
| Fletcher Gaffy           | Leo Khalafi-Vessali | Mya Lane      | Alyssa Mangiavillano |            |
| Arianna Nitas (Blessing) | Nathaniel Oppy      | Matthew Tan   | Nicholas Toscano     |            |
| Jonathan Tsiotinas       | Cormac Twining      | Ray Young     |                      |            |



**Are you interested in learning about Catholicism?**

**Learning more about Jesus?**

*Are you, or is someone you know, curious about this?*

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) will soon begin its next series of meetings for St Gregory's and St Kevin's parishes at St Gregory's Church. For more information, please phone Cathy (0431 748 898) or leave contact details with the Parish Office (9412 8425) or speak with Fr Charles. Warm welcome assured.

**Baptisms, RCIA, people joining the Church:**

Please, encourage your friends, ask them to just come along and see how friendly Jesus is. We are not seeing many requests for baptism or much interest in RCIA. Please. Make an effort; suggest to your friends that baptising their children is vitally important; invite a friend to join you and come to the first session on becoming catholic. Take a risk! What can go wrong? They say no? So you move on and ask someone else.

**MEN'S  
SOCIAL GROUP**



ST KEVIN'S PARISH, TEMPLESTOWE

The next **St Kevin's Men's Social Group** takes place on **Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> October @ 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](mailto:tiziana.dcosta@cam.org.au)

**TGI'S YOUTH GROUP**

**Surprise!**

Saturday, 14 October  
6.30pm-8.30 pm

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

RSVP BY 11 OCTOBER:  
[TEMPLESTOWE@CAM.ORG.AU](mailto:TEMPLESTOWE@CAM.ORG.AU)  
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

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

## Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Hear our prayer.

### REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### First Reading

##### Isaiah 5: 1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.*

It's a challenge for modern readers to grasp the full force of biblical images. Those who have known nothing but huge flocks of sheep spread out over vast pastures, for example, are at a disadvantage when it comes to imagining Christ as a shepherd who knows each sheep by name. Similarly, many vineyards in this land operate on an industrial scale. Isaiah's oracle of the vineyard presumes a small enterprise that the owner has laboured personally to establish. It's a labour of love, and as such offers a widely-used image of God's cultivation of Israel.

The reading begins as a cheerful song but soon turns downbeat; the vineyard into which so much has been invested yields nothing but sour grapes. From that point, the voice is no longer that of the prophet serenading the Lord but that of Israel's God. The song becomes an oracle of judgement on Israel, followed by the passing of sentence. The punishment is severe. The vineyard is laid waste and nothing is left but bloodshed and distress. There's a play on the Hebrew words for justice, bloodshed, integrity and distress in the last verse that's lost in translation.

For all the fearful content of the oracle, it remains a vigorous piece of poetry. The lines are short, the picture they paint is vivid, and there's an energy that drives the action forward to its tragic conclusion.

#### Second Reading

##### Philippians 4: 6-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians  
*Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.*

The remaining two excerpts from Philippians come from the fourth and final chapter of the letter. Some of the material in between last Sunday's reading and this is read at other times in the three-year cycle. It seems a pity the two verses that precede today's text have not been repeated here: "I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near". These words set the scene for the advice Paul proceeds to give.

It is uplifting and wholly positive. Even when the Philippians are in need of something, they are to ask for it "with prayer and thanksgiving". This will bring them the "peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand". They are to flood their minds with all that is noble, good, pure, worthy of love, honourable, virtuous and deserving of praise (terms common in the Stoic tradition). By implication, this wealth of inspiration puts paid to bitterness, jealousy, anger or any other inclination that is destructive. Paul doesn't hesitate to present himself as a model for them to imitate and to claim that as a result "the God of peace will be with you".

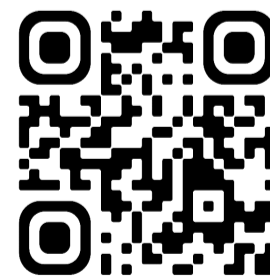
It goes without saying that Paul is not a pioneering apostle of the "power of positive thinking". What he is appealing to the Philippians to do is to make the mind of Christ their own, as he did in last Sunday's reading.



**The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver** will hold their **Annual Mission Fair** on **Saturday 14 October 9.00 am – 2.30 pm** at 154 Cotham Road, Kew. This year the proceeds will be for the renovation and extension of a school in Zambia run by Franciscan Sisters of the Presentation for marginalised children. Enquiries Phone: 9817 3715.

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 will 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.