



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 Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 11/12th November, 2023
Baptism Welcome Weekend

Our Presider today is: Fr Gerry McKernan

Queenscliff – Santa Casa – From the PP

By the time you are reading this I am back from Queenscliff. I've been on retreat.

When I first heard of going on retreat I thought of it as a moment to run away from the world (like an army en route from the loss of a battle) but actually these retreats that I go on are about stepping back from the activities of the world to regroup (which is what an army does when it retreats as opposed to being en route). Regroup with Jesus – spend some time where my primary focus is not Mass or parishioners or Parish Forums or planning the future or aged care or staff development. Some time where all I've been doing is spending time with my friend Jesus. Renewing and growing our friendship. It's marvellous. I am starting these words on Tuesday evening, preparing for Adoration, and I am beginning to relax and let go.

You will, I hope, see some tangible benefit from the retreat in that I will be more relaxed and also that the retreat leader, Fr Brendan Byrne SJ, is leading us through some reflections on the Gospel of Mark – reflections which should help me in my homily preparations when we move into Year B of the three year Sunday Mass cycles. Leaving behind Matthew and embarking on the shortest and most focussed of the four gospels.

Thank you again to those who came to the parish forum on 26th October. A wonderful moment along the journey of faith of our parish. I am hoping you already have Wednesday 22/11 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm in your calendars – an evening with Ron Huntley – to help us put flesh to the reality that we can be disciples even more fully than we are already.

Remembrance Day: Saturday 11th November was Remembrance Day – My memories of Remembrance Day mean that I still call it Armistice Day because that is what my parents called it: we stop at 11 am on the 11th day of the 11th month because that was the moment when the guns fell silent for World War 1 – and for my parents that was recent history as they grew up. The minute's silence at that moment of 11 11 11 does more than just remember a moment, and now it remembers moments from many wars. That minute's silence brings to the forefront of our minds the truth that peace is possible. Beyond all hope: peace is possible.

As we gather this weekend, to celebrate in Word and in Eucharist, let us remember that because of Jesus Christ true peace is possible even when things seem darkest.

God bless, Fr Charles



Vibrant and Vital Parish Communities

An evening with Ron Huntley

Wednesday, 22 November 2023
6 pm – 8 pm
Dinner provided.
St Gregory the Great
71 Williamsons Rd, Doncaster



Ron Huntley is an international expert on parish renewal. He has helped parishes worldwide to build passion and get results.

Registration on templestowe@cam.org.au, or ring 98505983
doncaster@cam.org.au, or ring 94128425
20 November, 2023



Invitation to a conversation

What happened at the First Assembly of the Synod on Synodality in Rome, October 2023?

You are invited to join in a conversation with Ms Susan Pascoe AM and Bishop Shane Mackinlay together with Fr. Frank Brennan and Prof. Peter Sheehan. Susan and Bishop Shane have been involved extensively in the lead up to the Synod, and will be present at the First Assembly meeting. They will provide unique insight into the events of the First Assembly, and the implications for Australia.

Thursday, 23 November, 5 pm to 8 pm

Light refreshments available at the end of the discussion

The Oratory, Newman College, The University of Melbourne

887 Swanston Street, Parkville

Please register beforehand at <https://www.trybooking.com/CLOTP>

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

Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am (Baptism Presentation @ 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	
Thursday	10.15am	Adoration
	8.30am	Adoration
	9.15am	Mass
Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am (Baptism @ 10.00am)	



We pray for Better Health:

Fr Brendan Dillon, 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, Andrew Amalfi, Ana Saro, Thorold Merrett and Tracey Tucker.

Anniversaries:

Angel Ibrahim and Giuseppina Bolzonello

Recently Deceased:

Rick Gaillardetz

Feast Days this week:...

17th November

St Elizabeth of Hungary

Married at the age of fourteen, widowed at twenty, and died at twenty-four. Mother of three children, happily married to Ludwig of Thuringia. When Ludwig died of the plague while on crusade, she continued to protect the poor and founded orphanages and hospitals, living this life of service as a Franciscan tertiary despite the hostility of her relatives and the harshness of her confessor. Remembered for her good-humoured resilience in adversity and for her humility in menial service of the needy.

LITURGY ROSTER

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 11/12th November 2023

1st Read: Wisdom 6: 12-16 2nd Read: Thessalonians 4: 13-18 Gos: Matt 25: 1-13

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Lucy Halliburton	Kathy Pearce	Lawrence Ceconello
8.30am	Paul Polidano		Penny Teo
10.00am	Tony Byrne	Miriam Ayoub	Raffaella Dinelli

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 18/19th November 2023

1st Read: Pro 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31 2nd Read: Thess 5: 1-6 Gos: Matt 25: 14-30

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Rachel Marini	Bredenia Raquel	Anne Maguire
8.30am	Jessica Bartholomeusz		Pat Rowland
10.00am	Julie O'Donnell	Bernard Butler	Tony Whelan



PROCLAIM 2023 – 16 - 18 November 2023

Over three days (16-18 November) join together with parishes from across the Archdiocese of Melbourne to be inspired, engaged and equipped to go out and proclaim the joy of the Gospel into our local communities. Hear inspiring local and international speakers, encounter Jesus through prayer, music and fellowship and participate in workshops to equip ourselves for mission! Register: <https://proclaim.melbournecatholic.org/> use the discount code: parishmember to access the special registration price for parishioners. Enquiries: (03) 9926 5761 or proclaim@cam.org.au

Baptism Welcome!

This weekend we welcome:

Benjamin and Morgana Sheridan

who will be introducing Chiara Capri

to our Community in preparation for her Baptism next weekend.

Celebration
of the
Sacrament of Baptism



11 NOVEMBER Remembrance Day

A special Remembrance Day Mass will be celebrated at St Gregory the Great Church Doncaster on Sunday 12 November @ 10.30am.

November is traditionally the month when we remember our deceased loved ones.

If you would like Father to include them in our prayers, please complete the appropriate envelopes which are on the table in the Gathering Space and hand them directly to him. Thank you.

St Kevin's Annual Bereavement Mass

16th November @ 7.30pm

As a compassionate people, we are encouraged to come together on this important night in support of all who are grieving the death of a loved one. At this Mass, we shall also bless the plaques on our memorial wall. All are welcome, in particular those who have lost loved ones in the last 12 months.

For further information, please contact Lyn Murphy on 9857 4437 or 0419 897582.

Memorial Book:

If you wish to have a relative or friend inscribed in this precious book, please fill out a form from the table in the Gathering Space and hand it into the parish office. Thank you.



In Loving Memory



Together we can keep the faith alive - Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)

Did you know that across the world tens of millions of Christian families are in exile following persecution because of their faith? Aid to the Church in Need is a spiritual and pastoral charity which seeks to keep the flame of faith alive in those places where it is at risk of extinction. Next weekend we welcome to our parish an ACN speaker who will share with us about the work of Aid to the Church in Need and how we can help our suffering and persecuted brothers and sisters.

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.

As we meditate, egoism goes; personal desire goes;
possessiveness also goes.

We leave our old ways, our old selves,
and open to this new life,
this new way which is the way of God.



JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Parish Secretary, St Gregroy the Great Parish: Fr Charles is looking for a parish secretary for three days per week. If you're interested please contact him (mob: 0417 319 556), or email: Charles.Balnaves@cam.org.au for more information and a position description. Applications open till November 27th.

Mission Support Leader, Operations.

The parishes of St Kevin and St Gregory the Great are looking for a Mission Support Leader - Operations. The MSLO is co-responsible with the Parish Priest and the leadership team of the parishes to ensure that the operational elements of parish life are carried out effectively to meet the pastoral needs of the parish and the legal obligations of the businesses.

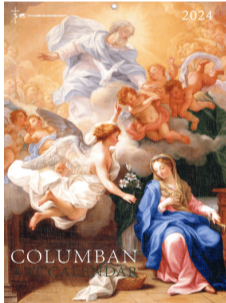
The purpose of the role is to actively steward the Parishes in their strategic needs and take responsibility for the day-to-day operational needs of the Parishes.

This is a one year fixed-term contract, with the potential opportunity to progress to a permanent position. The position is 30-35 hours per week, based at the Parish Office in St Gregory's the Great (Doncaster) 60% and St Kevin's (Templestowe) 40%. Terms and conditions are governed by the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Application closing date 21st November, 2023.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies/mission-support-leader-operations-st-gregorys-the-great-doncaster-and-st-kevins-templestowe>

2024 COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR

The new Columban Calendars for 2024 are available from the table in the Gathering Space. \$10 each. Please place cash in the box provided and let's get ready for 2024!



Social Justice Action

St Kevin's Parish, Templestowe

Gaza, Horse Racing, Technology Power & St Vincent De Paul

It's far from easy reconciling Melbourne Cup fun and the simultaneous horror of over 10,000 recent deaths with half the victims innocent children. Others with choice mostly want to do whatever possible to end war and indescribable suffering, but perhaps sometimes also need to steal 'normal' moments and regain strength for pursuing a seemingly endless battle for peace. Why does extreme passion for fighting war so often get badly in the way of peace - without lasting peace even in sight? In observing such madness, perhaps conclusions might be drawn on the typical gender of war obsessed, incapable of contemplating compromise? As if such madness is isolated it's also perpetuated in other situations like Ukraine-Russia war, explained last week by the Commander-in-chief of Ukraine's Armed Forces Valery Zaluzhny "Just like in the First World War we have reached the level of technology that puts us into a stalemate....it would take a massive technological leap to break the deadlock....There will most likely be no deep and beautiful breakthrough." So is justice simply reduced to those who manage to acquire the next level of technology? Closer to home at least we are very pleased to confirm *for your diary* that by **zoom to your home on 29 November** from 7:30pm - 8:30pm, St Vincent de Paul's Clare Marotta will speak to us in contrast, about *actions* based on human/faith values. - John Costa, SJA

Advent 2023 McKinney Lecture 'Christian Hope in our Contemporary World'

Guest Lecturer Cathy Jenkins

A public lecture sponsored by Banyule Churches Together
Tuesday 5 December at 7.30pm, (at the impressive new)
Mary Mother of the Church Parish Centre
4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe 3079
More information available from our website

ST GREGORY THE GREAT
DONCASTER &
ST KEVIN'S TEMPLESTOWE
INVITE YOU TO
JOIN US FOR OUR

Christmas

Party

3 DEC

AFTER THE SUNDAY 5PM MASS
AT THE PARISH HALL, CHURCH OF
ST GREGORY THE GREAT DONCASTER

RAFFLE TICKETS
WILL BE SOLD
BEFORE THE
EVENT AND
DRAWN ON
THE NIGHT.
PROCEEDS GO TO
NUNGALINYA
THEOLOGICAL
COLLEGE.

FOOD AND DRINKS
ARE PROVIDED.
PARENTS AND
CARERS ARE
REQUESTED TO
PLEASE SUPERVISE
YOUR CHILDREN AT
ALL TIMES.

PROGRAM FOR THE
NIGHT INCLUDES
SING-ALONG
CAROLS AND FUN
ACTIVITIES
PLUS A SPECIAL
APPEARANCE BY
SANTA WITH
TREATS FOR KIDS!

RSVP: Please use sign up sheets at church or email
doncaster@cam.org.au or templestowe@cam.org.au.

DRIFTED AWAY?

LANDINGS LAUNCHES EARLY 2024

A program to welcome back Catholics who are feeling lost.

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 THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Wisdom 6: 12-16

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

The wisdom books of the Old Testament, such as Proverbs, Sirach (or Ecclesiasticus) and the Wisdom of Solomon, are the product of Israel's interface with the literature and culture of its Egyptian and Mesopotamian neighbours. They interweave Israel's faith tradition with the Greek wisdom and learning of the ancient world. The book of Wisdom may well be the most modern work in the Old Testament, probably originating in Egypt in the last decades before the birth of Christ. Its influence is evident in the gospel of John and in Paul's letter to the Colossians.

The short passage we hear today comes from a section of the book devoted to Solomon and his pursuit of wisdom. Wisdom is depicted as a woman ever on the lookout for seekers of wisdom and always ready to share her insights with them. Even to desire wisdom, the sage writes, is to find her and be blessed with her understanding. In brief, the key to the finding of wisdom is the desire to look for her. All else flows from this.

This teaching may sound simple, but it conveys a profound truth, as well as calling into question the value of knowledge not grounded in wisdom.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

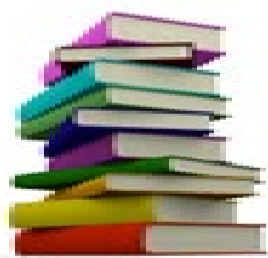
Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

In this fourth excerpt from 1 Thessalonians Paul addresses the key issue troubling the community. Paul himself seems to have shared the Thessalonians' expectation that Christ would return in their lifetime and raise them up to eternal glory. On the basis of this belief, they would not suffer death. What, then, was the fate of those who had already died? Were they to miss out on eternal life?

Paul insists that those who had already died would suffer no disadvantage; they would be raised, and all believers, whether living or dead, would "stay with the Lord for ever". He does not allude to the possibility that he and others might themselves die before Christ's return. Nor has any text been found that spells out "the Lord's own teaching" to which Paul refers.

The description of the parousia has imperial overtones. Christ is identified as Lord, and the trumpet sounds to herald his return as it would announce the ruler's arrival. On the other hand, the description Paul gives of the raising of the dead draws on Jewish apocalyptic imagery. The lectionary offers a shorter option of the reading that omits this spatial depiction of the gathering up of the saints.

The dilemma facing the Thessalonians is no longer ours. The challenge for contemporary believers is to maintain a lively faith in and hope for the time when "we shall stay with the Lord for ever".



BOOKISH MORNING TEA

Our next Bookish Morning Tea will take place on Wednesday, 22nd November and continues every fortnight.

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

A convenient way to make contributions to our parish and its appeals 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.



WITH EXPECTANT HEARTS ADVENT REFLECTION SERIES AT ST KEVIN'S PARISH

When: Thursday mornings @ 9.45am

Dates: 30th November
7th December
14th December
21st December

Where: St Kevin's Church Gathering Space

Come and join our Lay Ecclesial Leader, Tiziana D'Costa, as she leads us into a reflection and discussion series on learning what an 'expectant heart' means – increasingly open to hearing and responding to God. Booklets are available from the table in the Gathering Space. Please feel free to take one to read and reflect upon, regardless of whether you would like to attend the Advent Reflection Series or not.

Safeguarding is
everyone's responsibility.

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

