



# 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 B

Third Sunday of Easter  
Baptism Presentation Weekend

13/14<sup>th</sup> April, 2024

**Our Presider today is:** Fr Isaac Zaki

### ***A word from the Lay Ecclesial Leader...***

A thousand thanks to the army of volunteers and our dedicated parish staff for the wonderful liturgies over the Easter Triduum. At St Kevin's, we do Easter very well!

We received great feedback about the services. They were moving, spirit filled and thoughtful. We are so fortunate to have such an enthusiastic and experienced liturgy group at the helm. There was praise for the several young people who were involved in the Good Friday service. On Holy Thursday, it was lovely to see people participate in the foot washing: open and willing to be part of such an important commemoration. On Saturday and Sunday, we celebrated the resurrection with beautiful liturgies.

What a wonderful way to begin the Easter season, to herald Jesus' message of hope and to celebrate his resurrection calling us more deeply into his life.

***Blessings, Tiziana***

### ***From the desk of your PP:***

**Easter** is still with us; Easter is always with us! Alleluia, Alleluia!!

Thank you again for gathering in joyful praise and opening your love of Christ to the sharp focus of the Resurrection: He IS Alive! And we are saved! Alleluia, Alleluia!!

**Alpha:** In February/March we provided the Alpha Experience for about 20 people as a 'pilot' to get to know how to run it effectively. Based on that learning, we will be providing the Alpha Experience again from May 30th. Alpha is series of gatherings that explicitly walks through the journey from wondering about the meaning of life into knowing about Jesus Christ, who he is, and what he means for us. I found the journey wonderful, even though I've known Jesus all my life—sitting down with others and talking through the journey was a great grace.

If someone invites you to come along, please be open to taking a risk and saying yes. Or if you're already interested call the office and let us know.

**Business Manager: there is a position open.** Copies of the position description are available from the Gathering Space.

I need help for St Greg's and St Kevin's. Someone to take a wholistic view and help make sure that administration, maintenance, safeguarding, etc are done well. All those practical things that go beyond what the parish secretary does—the things that help ensure that the operation of the parishes fully supports our mission of spreading the Good News.

***God Bless, Fr Charles***

### **Next Sunday, we celebrate:**

### **Good Shepherd Sunday – World Day of Prayer for Vocations**



**World Day of Prayer for Vocations** is observed on April 21, 2024. This annual event, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday," encourages us to reflect on the precious gift of the Lord's call to each of us. As members of His faithful pilgrim people, we are invited to participate in His loving plan and embody the beauty of the Gospel in different states of life.

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

Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses (Baptism Presentation @ 10am)
Tuesday	8.15am	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
Saturday	9.15am	Mass
	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses (Baptism @ 10.00am)



### We pray for Better Health:

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, Tracey Tucker, Fr Terry Kean, Teresa Paolilli, Frankie Pettinella, Margaret Enriquez, Lucia Butler, Rosanna Campagna and Fr Brendan Dillon.

### Anniversaries:

Kathleen Veronica McNamara and Mardi Doyle.

### Recently Deceased:



**ANZAC DAY**  
LEST WE FORGET  
25 APRIL

**Anzac Day is celebrated on  
25<sup>th</sup> April**

We shall commemorate this important day with Mass on Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> April at 10.00am at St Kevin's together with veterans. All are welcome. On Anzac Day, we show love, honour and support for those who fought to enable freedom for people all over the world, but were not able to make it home.

## LITURGY ROSTER

### Third Sunday of Easter – 13/14<sup>th</sup> April 2024

1<sup>st</sup> Read: Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: 1 John 2: 1-5 Gos: Luke 24: 35-48

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Daniel Marini	Margaret Turner	Anne Maguire
8.30am	Frank Ozzimo		Pat Rowland
10.00am	Tony Byrne	Jessica Bartholomeusz	Kaye Byrne

### Fourth Sunday of Easter – 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> April 2024

1<sup>st</sup> Read: Acts 4: 8-12 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: 1 John 3: 1-2 Gos: John 10: 11-18

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Rachel Marini	Bredenia Raquel	Maryanne McNamara
8.30am	Pauline Erickson		Adrian Teo
10.00am	Carmel Purdey	War Veteran	Tony Whelan

### St Kevin's Christian Meditation,

each Wednesday 9:30am ONLINE via Zoom.

Open to all parishioners including members of the wider community. Why not try it?

Contact the Parish House for the online link.

All welcome.

Meditation is to the spirit, what food and air are to the body.

The New Testament tells us that God's Light shines in our hearts.

We need only to open ourselves to this.

Set aside what is here today and gone tomorrow.

Make time for life eternal.

Meditation gives us the means to do this.



This is a call-out for some help with operating the computer for the 8.30am Sunday morning Mass.

**YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU**

Frank will give full instruction and he says it's quite easy. It would be great to see one of our young people take on this most important job. Please see Frank or Fr Charles after Mass or call the Parish office.

Also, across all weekend Masses, we need more people to act as Eucharist ministers. Please speak to Fr Charles.



Anzac

Commemoration



Defence services invitation

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024 @ 10.00am**

**At – St Kevin's Parish. 26-44**

**Herlihys Road. Templestowe Lower.**



2023 St Gregory's the Great Photos inserted



All welcome to this special Mass service.

**Lest We Forget!**



## Baptism Welcome

This weekend we welcome:

**Daniel and Gabriella**

who will be introducing

**Dante Tonino Rischitelli**

to our Parish Community in preparation for his Baptism next weekend.

Celebration  
of the  
Sacrament of Baptism



### Help Please!



An elderly woman is seeking immediate accommodation for herself for the medium to long term. She is happy to pay a nominal amount for rent.

If you have a 'granny flat' or similar in your backyard or know someone who does, and is happy to rent it out, please let the parish office know.



Our next **Parish Bookish Morning Tea** will be held on **Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> April** at 10.00am and continues every fortnight.

Please feel free to come to the Parish house and have a browse of the library and stay for a chat and a cuppa!!

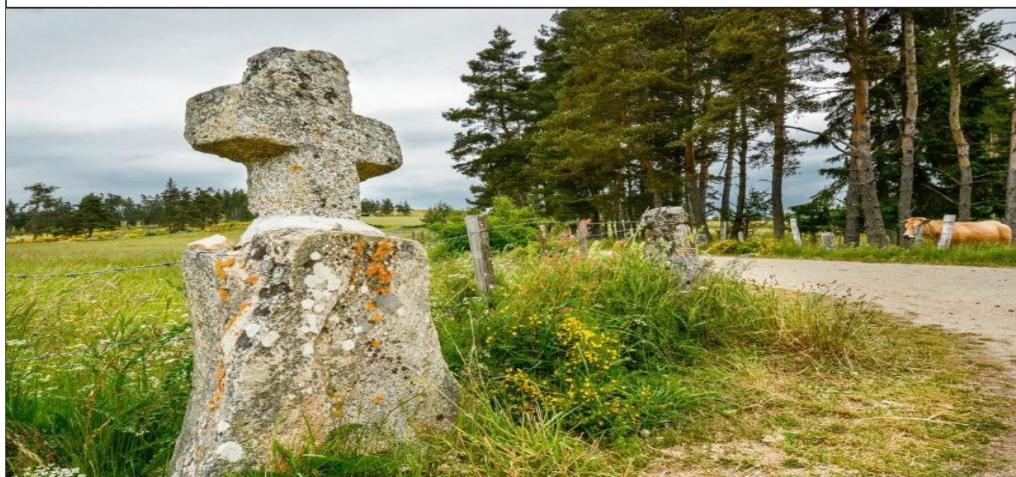


As you can see from this photo on the right, we all have a lovely time.




### A Night on the Camino De Santiago

Join Lawrence Ceconello from St Kevin's Parish Social Justice Action (SJA) group in a fascinating journey of discovery, as he takes you through the origins, history and culture that surrounds this legendary pilgrimage to the shrine of the apostle St. James, in the cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in northwest Spain. The Camino de Santiago is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a global treasure, attracting many thousands of seekers, adventurers, and pilgrims from all over the world each year, with each individual taking on their own challenge, be it spiritual, physical or psychological. There are various routes but ours will be the Via Podiensis, from the French town of Le Puy En Velay to St. Jean Pied De Port at the foot of the Pyrenees mountains, which he completed in May 2023. The Camino de Santiago is not just a path or a walking trail, but a transformative journey that enriches mind, body, and soul. This (free) online ZOOM EVENT is from 7:30pm-8:30pm on Wednesday 17th April 2024. REGISTRATION is essential, at <https://www.trybooking.com/CQMXU> Full details on Parish website SJA page.



### Friends of St Kevin's (Known & Unknown)

Our Parish Pastoral Council Charter says of our Parish Vision that: *"St Kevin's Templestowe is a Catholic community called by God and trusting in Jesus. We aspire to care for and connect with the wider world and to be hospitable and generous so that all may live life to the full"*.

Part of that includes our 2nd Collection donations. We are currently collecting for the "Opening the Doors Foundation" - Keeping Koori kids in an education of their Choice. We recently received appreciation letters from St Vinnies for \$514 towards their recent special Flood Appeal. We similarly received appreciation for the TWO Philippine Elementary Schools we now support (Loyo and Mantayupan) for which we collected \$1,726 for over the Christmas Period. Recipients mostly don't know us personally but do know us by name, and express appreciation. Focus on the wider world is very much part of our Mission, especially in our now 'Synodal church'. Next Wednesday from 7:30pm - 8:30pm SJA member Lawrence Ceconello will share experience online of his personal 'Camino' journey. **Registration essential** via a link over to the right  or on the website SJA page. **John Costa SJA**

### Excellent recent McKinney Lecture by Sr Brigid Arthur now available free online

*"What is happening to Asylum Seekers in Australia These Days"* Video via a Link on our Parish website Social Justice Action page or

[https://www.youtube.com/live/xhVrJ\\_n\\_s1s?si=uVfVH8vce6liQ7S8](https://www.youtube.com/live/xhVrJ_n_s1s?si=uVfVH8vce6liQ7S8)

(presentation starts at around the first ten minutes).

- John Costa SJA

### Are you a business manager looking for work? Do you know someone who is?

St Kevin's and St Gregory the Great's parishes are looking for a business manager 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 position is ongoing - part-time; twenty-one hours per week. Split of time is St Gregory's 60%; St Kevin's 40%.

For the position description, please visit the St Kevin's website <https://www.stkevinsparish.org.au/>; contact the parish office on 03 9850 5983 or email [templestowe@cam.org.au](mailto:templestowe@cam.org.au). Hard copies are also available in the gathering space.

For further information, please contact Fr Charles Balnaves on 0417 319 556.

Applications close on Monday, 22 April 2023.



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

Lord, let your face shine on us.

## Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Hear our prayer.

### REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### First Reading

##### Acts of the Apostles 3: 13-15. 17-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*You have killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.*

By restoring a lame beggar to lively health, Peter has amazed the crowd. He immediately sets about instructing them lest they misunderstand what has happened. The miracle is not his doing, but God's. This assertion serves as a springboard for a lengthy proclamation of the good news.

In the short section that we hear, Peter insists that God is the principal actor in the drama of Jesus' death and resurrection. All is in accord with the divine plan, and all has been accomplished by divine power. Nonetheless the people have played a part by their complicity in Jesus' condemnation and death. Peter both accuses and excuses them for this. Now their task is to acknowledge guilt and repent.

In these few verses Peter raises complex questions about divine and human agency that continue to daunt believers. At the same time he highlights the unique importance of Jesus, naming him in turn as servant, the Holy One, the Just One, and the prince of life. His final focus on the need to repent may seem downbeat, but it bears the promise of complete forgiveness.

#### Second Reading

##### 1 John 2: 1-5

A reading from the first letter of St John

*Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.*

Having begun our series of readings from 1 John with an extract from its last chapter, we return to an early part of the letter. From today the readings progress through the chapters in their original order.

Today's text gets off to an arresting start: "I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning." This abrupt statement of intent is softened both by the use of the affectionate term "children" and by what follows. John assures his community that Christ has taken the whole world's sin away and continues to be our advocate. Elsewhere in John the role of advocacy is attributed to the Paraclete (eg Jn 14:16.26).

It seems that some people are claiming a knowledge of God that allows them to live as they please. John is categorical. The evidence for knowing God (a knowing that means being in a loving personal relationship) is keeping the commandments. Later in the letter, in a verse we will hear on the Fifth Sunday, John explains what these commandments are: believing in Jesus and loving one another (3:23).

Like the letter as a whole, this reading has the character of an address by a teacher or spiritual director.

### Safeguarding:

Fr Isaac and I spent most of Thursday at a Clergy Day focussed on two new documents and along side them a third:

1. Integrity in our Common Mission: National Code of Conduct for those exercising pastoral ministry in the dioceses of the Catholic Church in Australia.
2. Safeguarding & Wellbeing of Children & Young People Policy.
3. Safeguarding Children and Young People: Code of Conduct.

The first document marks the first time that the Catholic Church in Australia has developed a common national code of conduct for all of us: lay and ordained and religious—a code grounded in the Gospels, the life of Jesus, the Catholic Social Teaching that helps us understand appropriate behaviours.

The other two documents relate to Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable people. They are updated versions of the policy and code you are familiar, modified to allow for changes in legislation and simplification of language. All three documents are available on the parish website and hardcopies are available in the Narthex.

The most challenging part of the day was working through three case studies. One dealt with a parish priest and keeping appropriate boundaries when financially. A second was about parishioners being overbearing with a parish employee and investigated their responsibilities to behave appropriately. The third was grounded in effective youth group leadership: being enthusiastic and engaging without breaching good practice in caring for children.

Take a copy the documents, read, ponder: tell me your thoughts.

*God bless, Fr Charles*