



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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

20th/21st April, 2024

Anzac Day Mass

Baptism Presentation and Baptism Weekend

Good Shepherd Sunday - World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Our Presider today is: Fr Charles Balnaves

Thoughts from your Parish Priest:

Prayers: Assyrian Orthodox Bishop Mar Mari Emmanuel is in my prayers, our prayers, as are the others stabbed in this attack that has been called a terrorist attack. Following the Bondi Junction Westfield stabbing just a few days earlier, it is easy to become fearful. We could extend these thoughts to all involved in conflicts around the world.

A better response than to remain in fear is to do four things:

1. Recognise fear for what it is: an emotion calling us to open our hearts to God's love.
2. Pray – for those injured and their families and friends. That they will find peace, not hate.
3. Pray – for the Holy Spirit to speak into the hearts of those contemplating violence. That they will find love.
4. Look into our lives and seek where we can bring the joy of the Gospel, the positives and love of Jesus Christ. Find those times and places in our days where we can do our little bit to witness the opposite of violence: the peace, joy and love of Christ Jesus our Lord.

We can do no better than this.

So we pray with Our Lady, pondering these things in our hearts:

Hail Mary, Full of Grace, The Lord is with Thee,
Blessed art thou among women
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.
Holy Mary Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners
Now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.



God Bless, Fr Charles

Good Shepherd Sunday – World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Francis tells us:

There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull you oars into the boat, but trust him.

Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.

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.



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

Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses (Bapt & 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
	9.15am	Mass
Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses



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, Fr Brendan Dillon, Greg Hodson and Brooke Evans.

Anniversaries:

Kathleen Veronica McNamara and Mardi Doyle.

Recently Deceased:

Feast Days this week:...

25th April Anzac Day

A national day of remembrance in which we honour the courage and self-sacrifice of those who have served in all war, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. The liturgy recognises the sacrifice of the fallen, commends them to eternal life, and prays that the justice and peace which they sought to defend may dwell in our lands.

26th April St Mark

A companion of St Peter and traditionally credited with the gospel which reflects Peter's teaching and memoirs. Honoured as the founder of the Church in Alexandria.

LITURGY ROSTER

Fourth Sunday of Easter – 20th/21st April 2024

1st Read: Acts 4: 8-12 2nd 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

Fifth Sunday of Easter – 27/28th April 2024

1st Read: Acts 9: 26-31 2nd Read: 1 John 3: 18-24 Gos: John 15: 1-8

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Janet Parsons	Christine Marini	Lynne O'Brien
8.30am	Julie O'Donnell		Mary Waddick
10.00am	Vianney Shiel	Carmel Shiel	Raffaella Dinelli

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 simple, like breathing.
It is the way we can open ourselves.
In full silence of Meditation, we open ourselves to the Spirit of God in our lives.
The Word of God becomes alive and active in our hearts.
As we repeat the mantra, the **sacred word**, in your mind:
'Ma-ra-na-tha' – 'Come Lord Jesus'

Lest we forget
ANZAC DAY - 25 APRIL

Anzac Day is celebrated on 25th April

We shall commemorate this important day with Mass on Sunday, 21st 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. Refreshments will be served after Mass.

Mass will also be celebrated on Anzac Day, here at St Kevin's Church at 9.15am. All welcome.

Catholic Theological College

Sign up for one of 9 online sessions.

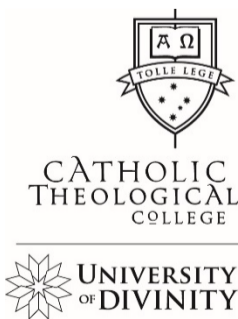
Engaging Your Faith
May 2024

Theology, Scripture, Meditation,
Spirituality, Science & Faith.

Choose what interests you from \$25 per session.

For more information and to register:

ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/



By now, all Mass volunteers should have received the new roster to begin in May and covering page with rostered dates listed. If you haven't received your email, please ring Pauline on 0407 824 638 or get in touch with the Parish Office. Thank you all for your ongoing support of our parish and offers of help.

St Kevin's Parish warmly welcomes through the Sacrament of Baptism...



Dante Tonino Rischitelli
son of Daniel and Gabriella
Little brother of Catia

Baptism Welcome

This weekend we welcome:

Brian and Stephanie
who will be introducing
Beau Leonard Clarke

to our Parish Community in preparation for his Baptism in the next couple of weeks.

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.

Recording of "A Night on the Camino De Santiago"

A video recording of the Social Justice Action live Zoom presentation on 17 April of "A Night on the Camino De Santiago" is available on the Parish Website Home page and Social Justice Webpage. The presentation by SJA member Lawrence Ceconello thoroughly describes his powerful 2023 'Camino walk' and experience - physically, mentally and spiritually, and also includes exquisite photos and videos of his experience. The Zoom session was chaired by St Kevin's Parish Social Justice Action Convenor John Costa.



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 (presentation starts at around the first ten minutes).

- John Costa SJA

Invitation for Online Rosary in May

As the month of May approaches, we would like to invite your parish to join us in online prayer to mark the traditional time for Marian devotions. Catholic Mission will host the recitation of the Rosary every day (from Monday to Friday) in May, and we invite our friends, supporters and collaborators from around the country to join in.

More information can be found on the poster on the noticeboard in the Gathering Space.

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. 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.



Our next Parish Bookish Morning Tea will be held on **Thursday, 2nd May** 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!!



Tolerance, Understanding, Social Justice, Listening to one another - and 'Synodality'

There's no need to repeat multiple reports, informed or otherwise, of horrifying and alarming recent events in Sydney, adding to even more alarming and horrifying longer-standing events in parts of the world. Not all these are physical, but otherwise manifested in harmful attitudes and behaviours of some governments, Institutions, enterprises, organisations, communities, individuals, not to mention multinationals. At times the latter seem beyond control of national governments, well illustrated in the global arena of social media where damaging false information is especially harmful and difficult to correct. However in exercising our faith and mission in support of fairness, justice, equality and support for those in need, there's much we can do collectively. A very encouraging recent example of working together 'synodally' was our recent **joint submission** by the Parish Pastoral Councils of St Kevin's and St Greg's Parishes (available to all) to a Melbourne Archdiocese Consultation, on the final phase of the 'Synod on Synodality' in October, basically inviting us to suggest how we can collectively make 'synodality' work across our Church - Renewing our Church for the times in which we live by working **together**. As "Reconciliation Week" approaches we are advised in advance (details shortly) of an 11am Mass at The Aboriginal Catholic Ministry to mark 'Sorry Day' and the beginning of that week. - **John Costa, SJA**



For information on our Parish Schools please contact:

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St Charles Borromeo Primary School
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Responsorial Psalm

The stone rejected by the builders has become
the cornerstone.

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 4: 8-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

This is the only name by which we can be saved.

The opening of today's reading is bold and brief. In a few words, Luke attests to the agency of the Holy Spirit and Peter calls us to attention along with the Jewish authorities. The occasion for his speech – "an act of kindness to a cripple" – is alluded to but not explained. Luke has reported the healing earlier, in Acts 3:1-10, a passage that is never heard on a Sunday. It's for this cure and their preaching that Peter and John are called to account, just as Jesus was in Luke 20:1-12. In each case, it's the religious authorities, not the people, that demand an answer.

In his speech Peter repeats what is a recurring refrain in Acts, that Jesus died at the hands of human beings but was raised by divine power. This slogan-like assertion serves well in the apostolic preaching, but leaves modern questions about human responsibility unanswered.

Peter is at pains to attribute the cripple's cure to "the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth," meaning the power of the risen Lord. His use of Psalm 117/118:22 – "the stone that was rejected ... has become the cornerstone" – is one of several such instances in the New Testament, including one by Jesus himself (Lk 20:17). Today it recurs in the responsorial psalm.

Peter is addressing a Jewish assembly, but his final assertion – that people can be saved only by the name of Jesus Christ – throws down the gauntlet to the Roman emperor as well.

Second Reading

1 John 3: 1-2

A reading from the first letter of St John

We shall see God as he is.

In the majestic prologue to his gospel, John wrote of the Word that "his own people did not accept him. But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God" (1:12). These contrasting themes of rejection and adoption reappear in today's short passage from John's first letter. There are other connections with the fourth gospel. In 13:33, Jesus addresses the disciples as "my little children." And in 16:3, he warns them of rejection by those who "have never known either the Father or myself."

Another feature of today's text is its depiction of the Christian life as both "now and not yet." Already believers are children of God, but what they will become "has not yet been revealed." This tension between present and future is common to both Testaments. In Romans, for example, Paul writes that the baptised have become children of God (8:16) but the glory ahead remains "as yet unrevealed" (8:18). There's further common ground between John and Paul. Both insist that it is by God's gift, not by our efforts, that we are children of God. In sum, these few verses condense teaching that is treated at length elsewhere. The wording is simple and clear, and the message full of encouragement, apart from its passing reference to the world's denial.

Safeguarding: Fr Isaac and I recently attended 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

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.
The Archdiocese is committed to the safety, wellbeing and human dignity of children, young people and adults.