



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

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8/9th June, 2024

Our Presider today is: Fr Gerry McKernan

A word from the Lay Ecclesial Leader...

We had a wonderful celebration of our patron Saint Kevin last Wednesday 3rd June. Many came to celebrate together as a community; Fr Isaac presided beautifully over the Mass. The school children and staff did a fantastic job. Special mention goes to Mrs Fulvia Gerosolimo, Religious Education Leader, for all her efforts to make the Mass a wonderful occasion for all.

While Fr Charles is away, Fr Isaac has been extra busy celebrating Masses, providing pastoral care and being the caring, warm and welcoming pastor he is. Thank you for all you do for our parish, Fr Isaac. We are truly blessed to have you.

It is only fitting that, as Fr Isaac gets to know us, we should also learn something about him and how he came to Melbourne. Below is his story, from the man himself...

Blessings, Tiziana

"I was born in Egypt into a big family that treasures family life. I have 4 brothers and 1 sister. We are all in the same business. All my brothers are married, and each has 2 children. They live together in the same large house working and supporting each other. We are blessed to have been raised this way. I was ordained a priest on the 4th September 2010. After 10 years in my ministry as an assistant priest, I became the parish priest and head of the Youth and Vocation Committee. In 2021, I asked my bishop for a break to pursue studies in Rome in youth psychology and counselling. I started to learn Italian and two months later I got a phone call from my bishop asking me to change my planes and travel to Melbourne to be Chaplin for the Coptic Catholic community. I believe that everything happens for a reason. It is providence. I was fearful of leaving my family, country, and culture to live overseas as a permanent resident.

I landed in Melbourne on the 10th of December 2023. I spent some time in St Patrick's Cathedral for orientation. On the 18th of January 2024, I was blessed to be appointed assistant to Father Charles. He does his best to make me valued, welcomed, loved and respected. I was praying that God helps me to make a good beginning, and as usual I receive more than I ever dream of or deserve.

Since I arrived in Doncaster, I have decided to make the most of what I have been given. I study Philosophy and Pastoral & Spiritual Care at the University of Divinity two days a week. I attend some courses at U3A.

More importantly, I am indebted to all the parishioners of St Gregory and St Kevin's especially Fr Charles, who help me grow in so many ways. I thank Raffaella Dinelli, Carmel Shiel, Frances Cannizzo and Claudia Raiola for all their time in helping me improve my English, and a big *thank you* to all the remarkable staff in both parishes where I receive love, encouragement and respect. I hope you know how wonderful you are. All of you are a genuine and warm family and this is such a healthy environment for everyone to experience. In the coming weeks, I am going to share with you some hints about the Coptic Catholic Liturgy.

God bless you all."

Fr Isaac

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART

This important Feast Day was last Friday 7th June.

We will celebrate this special Mass together with all the schoolchildren on Wednesday, 12th June at 10.00am here at St Kevin's Church. All welcome.



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

Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses
Tuesday	8.15am	Adoration
	9.15am	Service of the Word with Communion
	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	
	10.00am	Sacred Heart of Christ Feast Day Mass
Thursday	8.30am	Adoration
	9.15am	Service of the Word with Communion
Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses



We pray for Better Health:

Danielle Hardy, Maeve & John Reardon, Eugenia Pozzebon, Margaret Turner, Graham & Jason Gooden, Lynda O’Meara, Milda Sarzetakas, Andrew Amalfi, Ana Saro, Fr Terry Kean, Teresa Paolilli, Frankie Pettinella, Margaret Enriquez, Lucia Butler, Rosanna Campagna, Greg Hodson, Brooke Evans, Anne Materazzo, Melissa Wirata, Peter Sheehan, Sharon Hibbert and Rosemarie Cameron.

Anniversaries:

John O’Brien, Kathleen Flora McDonald, Tony Nicolopoulos, Wally Mahoney, Sue Higgins and Brian Howes.

Recently Deceased:

John Lanzon, Michael Graham Sloane and Fr Brendan Dillon.

Feast Days this week:...

11th June St Barnabas
He introduced St Paul to the twelve and worked with him in Antioch and on missionary work in the Mediterranean world. Championed the Gentiles at the Council of Jerusalem. Remembered as a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith.

13th June St Anthony of Padua
At first an Augustinian priest and scholar, then became a Franciscan to do missionary work in north Africa but this was thwarted by illness. Instead, he became a teacher of theology and a brilliant popular preacher in southern France and Italy. Remembered and loved as an inspired preacher, a servant of the poor, and a worker of miracles.

LITURGY ROSTER

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 8/9th June 2024

1st Read: Genesis 3: 9-15 2nd Read: 2 Corinthians 4: 13 – 5: 1 Gos: Mark 3: 20-35

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Janet Parsons	Margaret Turner	Maryanne McNamara Lawrence Cecconello
8.30am	Pauline Erickson		Adrian Teo Paul Polidano
10.00am	Jessica Bartholomeusz	Miriam Ayoub	Lyn Murphy Carmel Purdey

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – 15/16th June 2024

1st Read: Ezekiel 17: 22-24 2nd Read: 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10 Gos: Mark 4: 26-34

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Tasha Vercauteran	Bredenia Raquel	Margaret Turner Lynne O’Brien
8.30am	Pauline Erickson		Penny Teo Pat Rowland
10.00am	Carmel Purdey	Frances Johnson	Lyn Robinson Tony Robinson

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.

The basic question is: “Who am I?”
“What can I do?”
“How can I experience the love of God?”
Meditation helps us experience
answers to these questions,
not in words,
but in stillness and silence.
Not through reading about meditation,
nor talking with others about it but through active
participation in meditation do we come to know that God
is love *in our own heart.*

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OPEN DAYS
9.00AM-10.30AM

Wednesday 12th June
Tuesday 18th June
Tuesday 13th August
Book your tour here:

A letter to Clergy and Laity of the Archdiocese of Melbourne

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli recently returned from a pilgrimage of solidarity to the Holy Lands of Israel, the Palestinian Territories and Lebanon. In a letter to the clergy and laity of the Archdiocese, he says the pilgrimage ‘allowed for significant opportunities in prayer, engagement and learning through that part of the world where, in the past, Christ walked and ministered, and where, today, the great Abrahamic religions and historical cultures live side-by-side, in very complex, and presently tragic ways’. In all this tragic complexity, he says, ‘there are nonetheless signs of hope, actions of goodness and people of welcome and hospitality.’

This letter is available from the Archdiocesan website or printed copies are available from the table in the Gathering Space.



Our next **Parish Bookish Morning Tea** will be held on **Thursday, 13th June** 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!!

This Thursday, 13th June is the Feast Day of St Anthony of Padua.

St Anthony of Padua's life is what every Christian's life is meant to be; a steady courage to face the ups and downs of life, the call to love and forgive, to be concerned for the needs of others, to deal with crisis great and small, and to have our feet solidly on the ground of total trusting love and dependence on God.



Have you noticed people missing from our Masses?

That is to say, have you noticed regular friends/Mass-goers are not attending Mass?

It might be an idea to contact them and find out if they're ok, and why they're not joining us any more.

Perhaps we can help to reassure them and encourage them, so that their confidence in attending Mass returns.



When coming to Church, please make sure you don't park too close to the Church building.

We need to ensure safe and clear passage for emergency vehicles should the need arise.

With Winter well and truly upon us, let us be mindful of ourselves and others as we progress through this infectious season (covid, flu, etc).

Perhaps our care with masks and sanitising will help to keep ourselves and others safe.

Thank You –

To Joshua Napoli and Cassandra Bade and their families who donated the beautiful flowers for our Church. They celebrated a wedding recently and wanted to giveback to our parish community.

Also, a huge shout out of thanks and gratitude to Romy. Romy has donated over 150 squish melloes (stuffed toys). These will provide joy and comfort to children everywhere through CatholicCare, St Vincent De Paul and Missionaries of Charity.



Social Justice Action

St Kevin's Parish, Templestowe

WINTER COAT DRIVE



MAY 25 - JUNE 30

WE ARE COLLECTING WARM
CLEAN COATS, JACKETS AND
JUMPERS FOR REFUGEES AND
ASYLUM SEEKERS IN NEED



THIS IS THE FUNDAMENTAL GOSPEL
ISSUE OF OUR TIME



Drop off:

St Kevin's Church or Parish Office
26-44 Herlihy's Road, Lwr Templestowe
St Gregory the Great Church
71 Williamsons Rd, Doncaster.
Queries: Carmel Purdey
carmelpurdey@gmail.com



Asylum Seeker Support

MEN'S SOCIAL GROUP



ST KEVIN'S PARISH, TEMPLESTOWE

The next **St Kevin's Men's Social Group** takes place on **Friday, 14th June @ 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. \$8 donation suggested to cover costs. For catering purposes, please ring the parish office on 9850 5983, or email Tiziana at tiziana.dcosta@cam.org.au

SPECIAL GUESTS

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Friday 14 June 2024
6-9pm

CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP CENTRE
576 VICTORIA PARADE, EAST MELBOURNE

Join us for an unforgettable evening for high school students, offering a unique opportunity to encounter Jesus with adoration, worship, reconciliation, fellowship, food (dinner provided), and, of course, a whole lot of fun!



REGISTER
by 7 June 2024
trybooking.com/CROHT

Parents/guardians will be required to 'sign in' and 'sign out' their children on the day.

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For information on our Parish Schools please contact:

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St Charles Borromeo Primary School
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Responsorial Psalm

With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Hear us, O Lord.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS FOR TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Genesis 3: 9-15

A reading from the book of Genesis

I will make you enemies of each other: your offspring and her offspring.

The story of "the Fall" in the book of Genesis – the choice of the first man and woman to succumb to the serpent's tempting and eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden – had an enormous impact on Christian theology and catechesis. Nonetheless it is never heard on a Sunday. The nearest we have to it is today's account of the consequences of their disobedience. There's shame, fear and blame-shifting for the human beings and a curse for the serpent, along with the hint of a future showdown.

The story is a masterpiece of simplicity and subtlety. After all this time it remains open to a variety of interpretations. The reference to conflict between the serpent and the woman has been understood to imply the ultimate triumph of good over evil. A long-standing Christian interpretation identifies the woman as Mary and her offspring as the Redeemer.

The reading falls into two parts. The first is the drama and dialogue involving the Lord God, the man and the woman. It has all the energy and tension of a courtroom scene. The second is the Lord's solemn curse on the serpent.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4: 13-5: 1

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

We believe, and therefore we speak.

Readers and hearers alike may find this passage from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians perplexing. There are several reasons for this. In the first place it is an excerpt from a longer section in which Paul reflects on the trials of his mission. Without that background the reading begins rather obscurely.

The point of the short quote from Psalm 115/116 – "I believed, and therefore I spoke" – is not immediately clear.

Further on, Paul draws on Greek philosophical ideas that contrast the inner self with the outer self, the visible with the invisible, and the temporal with the eternal. He also assumes Jewish thinking about how present afflictions lead to ultimate glory. None of these streams of thought are worked into a neatly developed argument. We have more of a messy garden than a manicured lawn.

In spite of all this, Paul's message is clear enough. He's wanting the Corinthians to share in his conviction that trials and tribulations are temporary and can't compare with the glory that is sure to come. This conviction has been forged in the cauldron of his own struggles and setbacks. It's a hard-won lesson that he's keen for the Corinthians to be encouraged by.

Thanks St Kevin's Parishioners for your kindness

Throughout the year our parishioners contribute kindly to St Kevin's Parish selected 2nd collections, and those who benefit from these always express appreciation to us which we need to share with you. Recently they include Chaplaincy Sunday supporting Chaplains in Hospital, Prisons and Youth Justice Centres, for which we raised \$662.75. For CatholicCare over two weekends \$1,210.90 was raised supporting people at various stages of life including children and youth, individuals, families, refugees and asylum seekers, and over the whole of lent for Project Compassion we raised \$5,079.19, prompted by weekly videos for various groups of peoples in need around neighbouring countries. We will continue keeping everyone updated so we progressively know who we're able to help, always receiving appreciation messages in return. As you know and at this progressively colder time of the year Social Justice Action (SJA) is currently also supporting CatholicCare by collecting no longer needed warm clean coats, jackets and jumpers for refugees and asylum seekers. You may drop these off at St Kevin's Church or Parish office. Thanks again.

On another topic, if you missed the recent excellent one hour online presentation to our Parish "So Many Good Works" by Vinnie's Lynne Tull, it's available online via our website Home Page **or** SJA page -

John Costa, SJA

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

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

