



# 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

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2024

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

### Words from Fr Charles...

#### Holidays:

I, well I and my friends from the USA, had a fantastic time. The weather was cool but not freezing, and clear, for all except one day when we were driving from Canberra to Sydney, and it poured (very stressful for the driver and doubly for one passenger).

Can you believe I have never been to the 12 Apostles or Bay of Martyrs before and have never done walks in the northern parts of the Grampians or visited Wilsons Promontory or paid for the 'ringside seats' for the penguins. This meant that I was able to share the delight of my friends in becoming acquainted with a little bit of Australia.

One of my friends has a delight in photography and kept waxing lyrical about the shades of green and the brilliance of flowers and the amazing shadows: everything was new. Her way of seeing the world is different from mine—complementing the sorts of ways I see things. What a grace for us both—growing in our appreciation of the delights presented to us by God's grace.

Our time in Canberra and Sydney was equally remarkable, with the highlight for me being quiet evening rambles around the neighbourhood, seeing things in a new light (the gloaming, the dusk and the dark that follows) and allowing discussion of all sorts of matters of little importance and great importance. Delightful indeed!

My time away has been truly regenerative for me. But I did miss you and am glad to be back. Back into the bustle of busy, busy parish life.

#### Business Manager:

Mr David Hii started with us on Wednesday 18th June. He will work two days St Greg's / one day St Kevin's each week. His task is multi-faceted but primarily to ensure that these parishes operate as effectively as possible to support us in achieving our vision of being parishes that bring people to Jesus. We will introduce him further as time goes on.

**It is a great pleasure to me to be back with you.**

*God bless, Fr Charles*



to our wonderful and hard-working Parish Priest, Fr Charles Balnaves who celebrates his 72<sup>nd</sup> birthday on Wednesday, 26th June.

All are invited and welcome to attend a special Birthday Morning Tea Celebration after the 10.00am Mass on Sunday morning 30<sup>th</sup> June.



#### ALSO

to Fr Charles on the occasion of his 9th Anniversary of Ordination to Priesthood on Thursday, 27th June.

**Happy Birthday and Congratulations Fr Charles!**

**Thank you for all that you do for us and for our parishes.**

## Feast Day Celebrations



Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> June is the feast day of St John the Baptist. Mass will be celebrated at St Gregory the Great Church Doncaster at 9.00am

Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> June is the feast day of Ss Peter & Paul. Mass will be celebrated at St Gregory the Great Church Doncaster at 9.00am.

All welcome.





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	8.30am	Adoration
	9.15am	Mass
Saturday	5.30pm	Baptism Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses (Baptisms @ 10am)



We pray for Better Health:

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, Rosemarie Cameron, Dorothea (Dot) Sharkey, Alexandra Franke, Aisha Yahiat and Jane O'Brien.

Anniversaries:

Kevin Conway, Geraldine McDonald, Jan Loft, Patricia Porter, Frank Dunn, Brian O'Connell, Mary Borg, Bruce Robertson, Peter O'Donoghue and Marco Raiola.

Recently Deceased: Agazio (Gus) Morello

Feast Days this week:...

24<sup>th</sup> June St John the Baptist  
*It celebrates the holy birth of the greatest of all prophets; the one who leapt for joy in his mother's womb, who prepared the way for Christ, announced his presence, and baptised him in the Jordan River.*

28<sup>th</sup> June St Irenaeus  
*Among the first theologians of the Western Church. Remembered for his fidelity to apostolic tradition and traditionally venerated as a martyr.*

29<sup>th</sup> June Ss Peter and Paul  
*It commemorates the martyrdoms of Peter the 'chief of the apostles' and Paul the 'apostle to the Gentiles'. Remembered for their faith, their courage and heir leadership during the difficult days of the birth of the Church.*

LITURGY ROSTER

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024  
1<sup>st</sup> Read: Job 38: 8-11 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: 2 Corinthians 5: 14-17 Gos: Mark 4: 35-41

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Janet Parsons	Kathy Pearce	Maryanne McNamara Daniel Marini
8.30am	Paul Polidano		Mary Waddick Pat Rowland
10.00am	Carmel Purdey	Liz O'Connell	Carmel Purdey Geraldine Williams

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 29/30<sup>th</sup> June 2024  
1<sup>st</sup> Read: Wis 1: 13-15; 2: 23-24 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: 2 Corinth 8: 7, 9, 13-15 Gos: Mark 5: 21-43

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Margaret Turner	Christine Marini	Anne Maguire Lawrence Cecconello
8.30am	Frank Ozzimo		Frances Bettiol Pat Rowland
10.00am	Vianney Shiel	Carmel Shiel	Lyn Murphy Frances Johnson

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.

God's love is given to all of us freely and generously.  
God's love flows in our hearts like a mighty river.  
But, like Martha in the gospel story,  
we are all so busy about many things.  
We are so easily distracted away from  
meditation yet if we persist faithfully in  
practicing meditation we can bring our  
restless wandering minds to  
stillness opening ourselves to the  
gifts of God.  
Let's make the time to receive  
these gifts.

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

CatholicCare  
VICTORIA  
Strengthening families & communities

Asylum Seeker Support

ST CHARLES BORROMEO PRIMARY SCHOOL  
230-234 SERPELLS RD, TEMPLESTOWE  
[www.scbtemplestowe.org.au](http://www.scbtemplestowe.org.au)  
Tel: 9842 7634

OPEN DAY  
9.00AM-10.30AM  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August  
Book your tour here:





Our next **Parish Bookish Morning Tea** will be held on **Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> July** at 10.00am and continues every fortnight.



Please note the change of date!

Looking forward to seeing you all then!!

### **Baptisms Welcome**

*This weekend we welcome:*

**Andrew and Stephanie**

who will be introducing

**William Andrew Garas,**

**Robert and Clarissa**

who will be introducing

**Benjamin Rui Grasso, and**

**Philip and Jasmine**

who will be introducing

**Leo Viola**

to our Parish Community in preparation for their Baptisms next weekend.

Celebration  
of the  
Sacrament of Baptism



### **Desperately Seeking..... Volunteers**

CO.AS.IT., through its Visitation Program, offers friendship and social support to elderly and socially isolated Italians. The organisation is currently looking for Italian speaking individuals who are willing to volunteer one hour per week to visit an elderly person who is lonely and in need of some companionship.

By assisting an elderly person on a social level, you have the chance to make a difference to someone's life. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or would like to know more about the program, please call the Regional Coordinator Tania Barbaro on 0481603702

Please note, we require that the Volunteer be fully vaccinated against Covid19

# **VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR MEN**

**Saturday 6 July, 10am-4pm  
Carmelite Monastery, Kew**

The Vocations Office invites all men discerning a vocation to a day retreat. The day will include talks on the Priesthood and discernment as well as time for prayerful reflection.

RSVP by Wed 3 July at:  
[vocations@cam.org.au](mailto:vocations@cam.org.au)



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE  
OF MELBOURNE

### **CERCHIAMO VOLONTARI - URGENTE!**

Il Comitato Assistenza Italiani (CO.AS.IT.) di Melbourne, cerca persone di lingua italiana per visitare circa 1 ore alla settimana anziani Italiani che sono isolati e bisognosi di amicizia.

Visitare una persona isolata può dare tanto significato sia per la persona che riceve che per chi dà! Ma anche dà l'opportunità a persone che sanno parlare l'italiano di essere collegati con la lingua e la cultura italiana.

Se siete interessata/o chiamate la coordinatrice regionale Tania Barbaro sul 0481603702

Si prega di notare che richiediamo che il Volontario sia completamente vaccinato contro il Covid19

### **Join the YCW Veterans Support Group**

Any Member of St Kevin's Parish who are returned Veterans and were members of the Young Christian Workers (YCW) back in the 60's and 70's are invited to join the Veterans Support Group. The group's objective is to help revive the YCW Camp at Phillip Island. The Group is just starting out and they are keen to hear from anybody that holidayed at the camp or is interested in helping get it back to its former glory so that it can be used by Returned Veterans for short stays.

If you are interested, please contact the Secretary as per details below.

John Sheehan is a current Service Member at Box Hill RSL

John F Sheehan, Secretary Veterans Support Group

E : [sheehanjf46@gmail.com](mailto:sheehanjf46@gmail.com) Ph : 0409 473 682



The Parish of St Kevin's Templestowe is looking to commence a new playgroup for babies and toddlers. To help us get started, we are seeking donations of clean, age appropriate toys in good working order.

If you happen to have any sitting at home that nobody uses/wants any more, please consider donating them towards our parish playgroup.

Thank you all.

Veterans of the armed services who are former members of the Young Christian Workers (YCW) movement in the Archdiocese of Melbourne are entitled to financial benefits under a patriotic fund established by the YCW in 1949. The fund includes coverage of former YCW members who were in the armed services in the 1960s and early 1970s. If you are, or know of, a Veteran who was involved in the YCW, or you know of a Veteran who may have been involved in the YCW, please contact Brian Lawrence at [brianlawrence@optusnet.com.au](mailto:brianlawrence@optusnet.com.au)

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

Give thanks to the Lord,  
his love is everlasting.

### Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer.

#### REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS FOR THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

##### First Reading

###### Job 38: 1. 8-11

A reading from the book of Job

*Here I have set the boundaries of the sea.*

The book of Job is long (forty-two chapters), cosmic in scope, poetic in form, and profoundly challenging in thought. Rather strangely, the Sunday lectionary contains only two very short extracts, one on the 5th and the other on the 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time in Year B. Today's passage comes from late in the work. After thirty-seven chapters of scene-setting, lamenting, questioning and human debating, at last God speaks.

In the few verses that we hear, God throws down the gauntlet to Job. The reading provides no background or context for God's words and the reason for its selection will not become clear until the gospel is read. This puts the assembly at a great disadvantage. Those who are familiar with the book will know that Job has been questioning why he, a perfectly innocent man, should suffer so abominably. God's reply is not an answer to Job's questions but an emphatic affirmation of divine power and majesty. In this fragment, God speaks of the authority with which the chaotic energy of the sea has been contained. It is but one instance in a litany of divine activity that testifies to God's omnipotence and to human beings' incapacity to grasp the mystery of God. No wonder that, in verses we do not hear, this powerful poetic onslaught reduces Job to silence (40:4-5).

##### Second Reading

###### 2 Corinthians 5: 14-17

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

*All things are made new.*

It may not be apparent from the lectionary text, but Paul is in the process of vigorously defending himself from criticism of his apostolic ministry. He does this here by arguing that he is operating on the basis of a completely new principle, the self-sacrificing love of Christ. This has immense implications both for him and for others. For him, because it determines how he understands his ministry; for others, because it entails nothing less than a re-creation of their whole being.

He wants everyone to do what he has done, namely to abandon conventional standards of judgement that rely on appearance and worldly norms ("the standards of the flesh"). Now what matters is to live for Christ in a new mode of existence, made possible by participating in Christ's selfless dying and being raised to life. Paul would have been familiar with the prophet Isaiah's oracles that announced God's work of making all things new (eg 65:17). This has been accomplished in Christ. These are encouraging and inspiring words from Paul.

#### A Record 120 million people forcibly displaced globally

From a CathNews NZ report last Monday, the United Nations has reported a record-breaking **120 million people** are currently living forcibly displaced by war, violence and persecution. Revealed by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) on 13 June, this alarming figure underscores a growing global crisis. The UNHCR attributed the surge in displacement to ongoing conflicts in regions such as Gaza, Sudan, and Myanmar. The displaced population now mirrors the population size of Japan. "Conflict remains a very, very big driver of mass displacement" stated UN refugee chief Filippo Grandi. At the end of 2022, 117.3 million people were displaced, and this number grew to 120 million by April 2023. This marks a significant increase from 110 million the previous year, continuing a 12-year trend of rising displacement figures. Reflecting on his eight-year tenure, Grandi noted that the displacement numbers have more than doubled. He called it "a terrible indictment on the state of the world". Let's not forget Christ's mission for each one of us to love others, seek justice, and do what we can to care for those in need.

*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.

