

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

Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses
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



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

Anniversaries:

Anne Di Nardo, Gerry Barber, Leo Scaffidi, John Tyrell, Jenny Lees, Mario Rossimel, James Allen, Harryanto Susanto, Beryl Powell, Raffaella Dimase, Annito Raiola and Peter Brockwell.

Recently Deceased:

LITURGY ROSTER

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 6/7th July 2024

1st Read: Ezekiel 2: 2-5 2nd Read: 2 Corinth 12: 7-10 Gos: Mark 6: 1-6

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Daniel Marini	Kathy Pearce	Lynne O'Brien Maryanne McNamara
8.30am	Pauline Erickson		Adrian Teo Mary Waddick
10.00am	Tony Byrne	Bernard Butler	Kaye Byrne Lyn Murphy

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 13/14th July 2024

1st Read: Amos &: 12-15 2nd Read: Ephesians 1: 3-14 Gos: Mark 6: 7-13

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Pauline Erickson	Margaret Turner	Daniel Marini Lawrence Ceconello
8.30am	Jessica Bartholomeusz		Penny Teo Mary Waddick
10.00am	Miriam Ayoub	Liz O'Connell	Carmel Purdey Raffaella Dinelli

Feast Days this week:...

11th July St Benedict
Born at Norcia (Italy) about 480.

Died at Monte Cassino about 547.

After studies in Rome he became a hermit at

Subiaco, where many

sought his counsel, and

then founded the

monastery at Monte

Cassino.

Remembered for his widely

influential monastic rule,

combining work and

prayer, and for his charity

and moderation.

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.

Many of us begin meditating because we think that something is missing in our lives.

Through the journey of meditation we recover something much greater than what was lost.

We find Jesus Christ.

We follow the path to the Spring of Life.

We follow the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Meditation is our way to the right path.

We come to the full light of Christ.

We grow in our spirit.



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9.00AM-10.30AM

Tuesday 13th August

Book your tour here:



KEEP THE FIRE BURNING!
BLAK, LOUD AND PROUD

7-14 JULY 2024

Next weekend, 13/14th July, we will be celebrating the end of:

NAIDOC Week

(National Aboriginal and Islanders Day Observance Committee Week)

This is a time to honour and learn about the cultures, traditions and spirituality of Australia's First Nations people, and an opportunity for all members of the Catholic community to reflect on the contributions of Indigenous peoples to the Church and society.

What is Cultural Appreciation?

Cultural Appreciation means appreciating another culture in a respectful, sincere way that helps broaden perspectives and build cross-cultural connections.

All are welcome to come along and join us in celebrating these most exhilarating Masses.

Our Liturgy Team have worked very hard indeed to make these Masses meaningful and profound.



Our next Parish Bookish Morning Tea will be held on **Thursday, 18th July** at 10.00am and continues every fortnight.

All are welcome to join in the fun!
Looking forward to seeing you all then!!



Childsafe/Safeguarding: Are our safeguarding requirements onerous to meet? Or at least do they seem onerous? If they are or if you think they are then please let us know: email or call the office.

Yes, we expect far more than ten years ago—but once initial checks are done (yes, that can be a little tortuous), the load drops dramatically to be a routine—small effort to engender a deeply child-safe culture.



Fr Charles

A friendly reminder about parish health and safety

It is wonderful to be together again as a parish by meeting and attending Mass in person. However, the reality is that we continue to live with (new strains) of Covid-19, and seasonal colds and flu so it is important to remain vigilant about everyone's health and safety in the parish. This is a friendly reminder to sanitise your hands on entry to the Church and before Communion. Although not mandatory, mask wearing is encouraged. If you are experiencing cold and flu symptoms please remain home until you are better. The Archdiocese has lifted restrictions regarding taking communion under both species and has asked parishes to decide whether that is appropriate in their context. Upon serious consideration, we have decided that in the current public health climate it is not prudent to offer the cup during Mass. We hope this can change in the near future.

Thank you all for your cooperation.

Fr Charles & Tiziana D'Costa



**YOUR
PARISH
NEEDS
YOU**

Urgent help required please!

We are in desperate need of someone to help at 8.30am Mass as either Lector or preferably Lector/Commentator. The job is not difficult and full instruction will be provided. All age groups most welcome to join our team. Please contact Pauline Erickson on 0407 834 638 or ring the Parish Office.

Parish Census

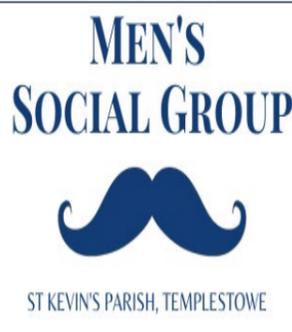
We are running a parish census from next week!

Please make sure to fill out a parish census card **or** fill out an online parish census form via the QR code provided.

The Census is very important:

1. It helps the parish leadership to understand both the practical and the spiritual needs of our community.
2. It helps with parish membership and donations/thanksgiving appeals.

We really appreciate your help!



St Kevin's Men's Social Group

It's time to get together and have fun, to rekindle connections and make new friendships.

The next St Kevin's Parish Men's Social Group is on Friday, 12th July at 7.30pm.

Open to men of any age (older teenagers are welcome with their guardian) - parishioners and non parishioners alike. All welcome. Invite a friend, relative or neighbour along. Socialising in person is good for our wellbeing! Share food, drinks, chat and mingle - the footy will be playing in the background.

Venue is St Kevin's Church Gathering Space at 7.30pm.

To assist with costs, suggested donation is \$8 - BYO alcoholic drinks. Supper provided.

Please register your interest by emailing Tiziana D'Costa tiziana.dcosta@cam.org.au or ring the office on 03 9850 5983.



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.

Well done to our hard-working craft group ladies who gather weekly to produce warm, woollen items to distribute freely to the needy in our community. Here below is a grateful letter we received recently from Br Harry Prout from the Olympic Village Exodus Community:



273 Liberty Parade, Heidelberg West,

Re: Fabulous knitters

Terry and Christine Maher visited us yesterday and delivered another lot of beautifully knitted items! And some collector stamps and envelopes from a kind donor.

On Wednesdays, we have a weekly Drop In and lunch. About 40 local people attend for hospitality, catch up and delicious lunch. At today's event, I have already shown off some of the knitting and guests are making suggestions as to who in the community might appreciate a blanket.

There were a lot of comments about the time, care and thoughtfulness that has gone into creating these beautifully knitted items! It is difficult to convey the admiration and appreciation that our community have for you at St Kevin's: and gratefulness that you continue to include us.

Thank you – and if I am able to take pictures or record comments from those who receive a blanket, or the lovely knitted jumper and matching beanie, I will pass them on.

Be assured your kind and generous work will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you!

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

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,
pleading for his mercy.

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS FOR THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Ezekiel 2: 2-5

A reading from the book of Ezekiel

The people are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst.

The holiness of God and the wilful resistance of Israel are core themes in the book of the prophet Ezekiel. The gulf between the Divine Other and mere mortals is epitomised by the way Ezekiel is addressed repeatedly as "son of man" or "mortal one." Nonetheless he is commissioned to speak God's word to the exiles in Babylon.

Today's short reading gives us a snapshot of his task. The Israelites to whom he is sent are accused of being rebels. They have been in revolt for generations and are defiant and obstinate. These are serious allegations, but the passage gives no clue as to how this rebelliousness has been manifest or what consequences they have suffered as a result.

In effect it is an abstract of the prophet's mission which is to summon the people to repentance, conversion and fresh allegiance. There is no guarantee of success. They may or may not listen, but they will have no excuse, because it will be clear that a prophet bearing God's word has been sent among them.

After the introductory sentence, the reading is God's address to Ezekiel, solemnly commissioning him.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 12: 7-10

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

I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

Two whole chapters – eight and nine – of 2 Corinthians are devoted to Paul's earnest attempt to persuade the community to give generously to his Jerusalem collection. The next four chapters are so different in tone and topic that a number of scholars consider them a separate letter. Paul embarks on a lengthy and polemical defence of his apostolic authority, using a range of rhetorical weapons like anger, sarcasm and irony. No wonder the lectionary is content to include just one excerpt from this diatribe.

None of this background is conveyed by the chosen text. It begins with an unexplained reference to extraordinary revelations that Paul has experienced. In the preceding verses he has resorted to boasting about visions and revelations he has received. He then changes tack, presenting a counter-argument. Far from being strong, he claims to be beset by weakness. He turns this into an asset rather than a liability, though what he means by "a thorn in the flesh" remains unclear to this day. He rounds out this element of his strident defence with a memorable saying: "For it is when I am weak that I am strong."

Bishops Approve Mass Of The Land Of The Holy Spirit (Edited Extract from ATSI Resource Kit 2024)

Australia's Catholic bishops have formally approved a liturgy that integrates Aboriginal languages and cultural elements, titled the Mass of the Land of the Holy Spirit (Missa Terra Spiritus Sancti). This approval occurred at the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference's recent plenary meeting in Sydney, earmarking the Mass for exclusive use in the Diocese of Broome, Western Australia. This decision paves the way for the Mass to be submitted to the Vatican's Dicastery for Divine Worship for official recognition, a process known as "recognitio." This liturgy not only preserves the Sacred Elements of the Catholic Faith but also celebrates the unique cultural contributions of Aboriginal Communities to the Church's life in Australia. It serves as a powerful example of how the Church seeks to foster an environment of inclusivity and respect for the diverse Spiritual and Cultural dimensions of all its members -

John Costa, SJA

Long time past active parishioner (knitter) to St Kevin's Parish suddenly loses rental home to developer, needs urgent assistance

The last thing a gentle retired lady in her 80s needs amidst a housing crisis is sudden loss of her small rented unit in Croydon to a developer. Months of continual effort by our Parish knitting Group and Social Justice Action with multiple Croydon Agents, Vinnies, other Charities and various Special Housing Need groups have been unsuccessful. Right now she is distressingly packing to move, with nowhere to go. Our numerous collective attempts to contact Sacred Heart Parish in Croydon by phone, Email, and even Letter, plus one Mass attendance to request placement of a short notice in their Newsletter have not even received the courtesy of a return call. The lady is a fine person, in good health and able to afford modest rental, but now feeling afraid and desperate. If anyone in our Parish has any thoughts or possible ways to help, even temporarily, our Parish Office, Knitting or SJA Group would very much love to hear from you.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

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