



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

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Seafarers Sunday

20th/21st July, 2024

Our Presider today is: Fr Noel Brady

From the desk of the PP...

RCIA / Initiation of people into the Catholic Church

I am preparing to get the 2024/2025 journey underway, hopefully by September some time. Do you know anyone who might be interested in joining this journey into discovering Christ Jesus and the love and joy he brings into our lives? It's free. Please look around you and if you see or hear someone considering this option: please invite them to call me via the parish office. Or if you might like to join the team – that would be wonderful. Again, call me via the parish office.

Discernment with the Holy Spirit:

I have talked sometimes about discernment. That wonderful process where we seek to hear each other and allow the Holy Spirit space to enter into our choices, to inform us so that it is God's will, not ours that we follow. When I talk about it the process can seem simple and elegant.

I discovered recently how difficult it can be. I was asked to help two people resolve some matters. But as the conversation progressed I could find no space for resolution. The Holy Spirit did not guide me to resolution. Rather, it guided me to silence. Which perplexed me greatly! To be led to do nothing? To leave things as they were seemed insufficient. It was difficult. I wanted things repaired. But ... maybe the Holy Spirit is still working to help resolve something deeper. Seeming inaction by me in this situation perhaps opens a path for the Holy Spirit in some other way.

I encourage you to make space for discernment in your relationships and any consequential decisions. It's not magic. It often doesn't give you what you expect. It always gives what God wants.

Census:

Thank you to everyone who filled in one of the 75 or so Census Cards and the 14 who used the QR code. Well done, this puts us well on the way to being able to update our database properly.

If you haven't already filled in a card or used the QR code: please do so today. Write clearly, type accurately, fill in everything. Put your card in the white box in the gathering space.

You can fill in the card **or** use the QR code at home too – just make sure you bring the card back and put it in the box if you use a card.

God Bless, Fr Charles



SEAFARERS SUNDAY

Seafarers Sunday is an important opportunity to remember and pray for the seafarers whose tireless work in very challenging conditions benefits us all.

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health.

Today we are conducting an Appeal for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. Funds collected will be used to provide practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously.

To donate online or for more information, visit: www.stellamarisaustralia.org



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 Mass
Sunday 8.30am & 10.00am Masses



We pray for Better Health:

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, Jane O'Brien and Antonio Strangis.

Anniversaries:

Patricia Lo Giudice, Jim Baruta, Ron Herbert, Elaine Viney, Peter McNamara, Carlo & Lina Bettiol, Pietro Di Rosa and Victor Nicoli.

Recently Deceased:

Louise Margaret Fanning and Maeve Reardon

Feast Days this week:...

22nd July St Mary Magdalene

Commissioned by Christ to proclaim the good news of his resurrection to the apostles. Remembered in the East as the 'Apostle to the Apostles'.

25th July St James

A fisherman, summoned by Jesus together with his brother St John. Remembered as a favoured apostle: with St Peter and St John he was present at the transfiguration, the raising of the daughter of Jairus, and the agony in the garden.

26th July Sts Joachim and Anne

The feast honours the parents of the Virgin Mary and grandparents of the Lord.

LITURGY ROSTER

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 20/21st July 2024

1st Read: Jeremiah 23: 1-6 2nd Read: Ephesians 2: 13-18 Gos: Mark 6: 30-34

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Janet Parsons	Christine Marini	Lynne O'Brien Anne Maguire
8.30am	Pauline Erickson		Pat Rowland Frances Bettiol
10.00am	Frances Johnson	Miriam Ayoub	Lyn Robinson Tony Robinson

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 27/28th July 2024

1st Read: 2 Kings 4: 42-44 2nd Read: Ephesians 4: 1-6 Gos: John 6: 1-15

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Rachel Marini	Tasha Vercauteran	Lynne O'Brien Bredenia Raquel
8.30am	Frank Ozzimo	Ana Saro	Adrian Teo Frances Bettiol
10.00am	Bernard Butler	Liz O'Connell	Lyn Murphy Geraldine Williams

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.

We need to be recharged in so many ways and that
happens in silence.
Meditation is the way of silence because it is
the way to silence.
The mantra,
the one word that leads us to such silence,
charges all words with love.
To be silent with another is a deep
expression of trust and confidence.
To be silent with another is truly
to be with that person.

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OPEN DAY
9.00AM-10.30AM
Tuesday 13th August
Book your tour here:



Petition on prayer in parliament exceeds
its goal of 10,000 signatures

In recent weeks, Victorians were encouraged to sign a petition calling for the Lord's Prayer to be retained in the Legislative Council of the Victorian Parliament. Under the Legislative Council's Standing Orders, the petition needed 10,000 signatures by 17 June to be taken into consideration by the chamber. Exceeding this goal, the petition was presented to Parliament on 19 June with 10,912 signatures. A debate on the petition in the Legislative Council is now listed for Wednesday 31 July.



Our next **Parish Bookish Morning Tea** will be held on **Thursday, 24th July** at 10.00am and continues every fortnight.

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



Parish Census

We are running a parish census for the next few weeks.

Everyone is invited to please make sure to fill out a parish census card **or** fill out an online parish census form via the QR code provided below.

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!



▶ **Parish Census 2024**



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.

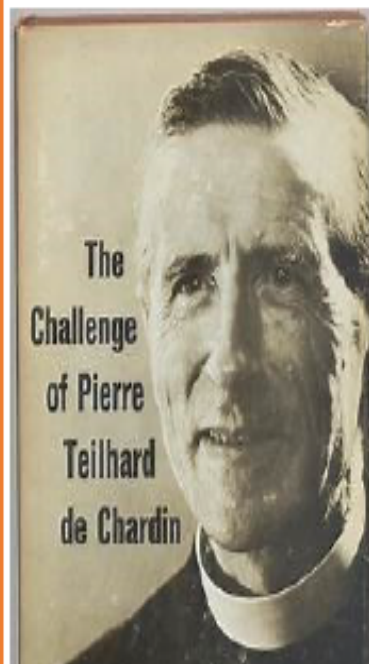
If you happen to have any sitting at home that nobody uses/wants any more, please consider donating them towards our parish playgroup.

Thank you all.

Faith Engaging the World

Teilhard: Visionary Scientist

Here Faith & Science Meet



The
Challenge
of Pierre
Teilhard
de Chardin

Come together to share in a Video,
Pizza, Wine & Discussion

The life of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, a French Jesuit - paleontologist - visionary, suppressed by his Jesuit order for advocating evolution is revealed in a drama of personal awakening, a search for meaning, scientific adventure, unresolved conflict with authority, and human love.

In "*Teilhard: Visionary Scientist*," a documentary from American broadcaster PBS, four key ideas emerge from the life and mind of Fr. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955): evolution, integration, fire and passion.

"Someday, after we have mastered the winds, the waves, the tides, and gravity, we shall harness for God the energies of love. And then for the second time in the history of the world, we will have discovered fire." de Chardin.

Friday 16 August at 6.30pm

\$10 entry donation to cover Pizza & Wine

**The Gathering Space - Mary Mother of the Church Catholic Parish
4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe**

**For catering purposes please book by sending an email
to our Parish Office Ivanhoe@cam.org.au or phoning 9926 2310**

FUTURE EVENTS:

Friday 18 October

'The Stones Cry Out' The story of Palestinian Christians with a follow up talk by Bishop George Browning, Bishop Emeritus of Canberra and Goulburn.

Friday 15 November

'The Letter - a message for our earth' The Pope, the Environmental Crisis, the Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor.



New Vicar General for the Archdiocese of Melbourne

Following the joyful news of Fr Joe Caddy's appointment as Bishop-elect for the Diocese of Cairns, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli has announced the appointment of Very Rev Anthony (Tony) Kerin EV JCL—currently Episcopal Vicar for the Eastern Region, Episcopal Vicar for Life, Marriage and Family, and Parish Priest of Box Hill—as the new Vicar General for the Archdiocese of Melbourne. You may remember him as the Celebrant of our Confirmation Masses here at St Kevin's over past years. He will commence in the role on 5 August.

For information on our Parish Schools please contact:

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Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS FOR THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Jeremiah 23: 1-6

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The remnant of the flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.

In the early years of Israel's settlement in the Promised Land, leadership was exercised by spirited individuals called judges. When the people clamoured for a king, the prophet Samuel warned them about the consequences (1 Sam 8). Sure enough, many kings proved themselves false and faithless. Their failure to live up to the ideal of being trustworthy shepherds for the people ultimately led to the catastrophe of the exile in Babylon.

Jeremiah's oracle, spoken in God's name, begins with their condemnation but quickly becomes a word of great encouragement. God will bring home the exiles who have been scattered abroad, will make them prosper, and provide them with true shepherds. The metaphor then changes from shepherd to branch, meaning a shoot from the royal tree of David. This future monarch will be wise and honest and will rule with integrity. Which historical figure Jeremiah may be referring to is unclear, but his prophetic words came to have messianic meaning. Christians identify Jesus as this ideal king.

The reading thus falls into three parts – the diatribe against the false shepherd-kings, the assurance of return and rule by true shepherds, and the promise of a future king who would be divinely blessed.

Second Reading

Ephesians 2: 13-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Christ, our peace, has made us one.

Our readings from the letter to the Ephesians began last week with its long and rich opening prayer. That's followed by another beautiful prayer (1:15-23) assigned to the feast of the Ascension. Today we advance into the second chapter. Paul's theme is the unification of Gentiles and Jews, made possible by Christ's death on the cross. No longer are they separated by the observance or non-observance of the Law. They become one single Body in Christ. There's a subversive tone to Paul's repeated reference to peace. As a Roman citizen, Paul knew full well that peace was attributed to the person of the emperor, as the famous phrase "pax Romana" implied. Instead he credits Christ repeatedly with the gift of peace and unity, achieved ironically by his rejection and crucifixion.

This peace is for those "who were far away" and those "who were near at hand." Paul draws on the prophet Isaiah here (57:19). Isaiah was referring to Jews at home and in exile; Paul applies his words to Jews and Gentiles who are now united in a body in which ethnic and religious markers have rendered irrelevant.

Meet just two recently arrived Refugees from Gaza (with Voice extract from ABC TV, 17 July 2024)

Jeremiah's First Reading this weekend speaks complexly of the Promised land. That was long ago: At the Islamic College in Brisbane, new arrivals to the city are being welcomed at a school community around some traditional Palestinian food, and a chance to get to know one another through shared experiences. This is just one story. Shahrazad Hasera and Nidal her young son were in Surat when the bombing started. On the same day another one her son's friends died. "There was bombing on a field where they were playing. Nidal's friend was hit in the head by shrapnel. They were standing right next to each other. The ambulance came and took Nidal's friend. He was not dead, but was completely paralysed. I was so frightened and worried for my son Nidal, because he wasn't showing any emotions. He wasn't crying. He seemed emotionless and very hardened."...It's so easy for us far away to become detached from such disturbing daily realities for so many people in other places, but it's important not to. - **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.

