



# ST KEVIN'S TEMPLESTOWE

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## Parish Council meeting – 5 September 2024.

**Present:** Fr Charles, Ana Saro, Peter Sheehan, John Costa, Tiziana D'Costa, Pauline Erickson, Adrian Teo, David Hi, Claudia Raiola, Carmel Shiel.

### **Apologies:** .

Meeting began with opening prayer- reflection led by Margaret Turner.

No matters arising from previous meeting.

#### **1. Questions arising from Reports**

a. Fr Charles:

Please come forward with any suggestions about what can be discussed with the children about the Mass.

b. LEL

c. St Kevin's Principal.

d. Social Justice Action:

e. Pastoral Worker

The number of aged care residents that are visited each week is about 140 per week. IT is a large part of our outreach.

People appreciated the Father's Day bookmark and chocolate on the weekend.

#### **2. Thanksgiving campaign**

a. David and Tiziana debriefed the group on thanksgiving campaign

b. Suggestion: for newcomers, ask them to support the thanksgiving. Parish welcome pack.

c. Important to explain why we need a campaign to parishioners and where the money is going.

d. Pauline will ask people who are already reading/commentating on the weekends of the campaign to see if they can help with the envelopes.

#### **3. Other items:**

a. Proposal to recognise roles of parishioners in the liturgy/running and planning of the mass.

b. Suggestion: once a month we write up a notice in the newsletter to let people who contributed to the mass/liturgy.

#### **4. Action items**

Pauline will follow up people who are rostered for the weeks during the campaign and let David know.

### **Items for parish newsletter**

The meeting took place today. For more information, see the parish website.

**Next meeting:** Thursday, 10 October 2024 – 2.30 pm. Changed the date as first Thursday of the month falls during the term school holidays.

## Lay Ecclesial Leader Report – September 2024.

### Strategic planning - vision and mission.

#### Alpha

*What is Alpha? Alpha is an opportunity for people to share a meal, ask questions about important matters of life, faith and meaning and, in the search for the answer, come to know Jesus and grow closer to God.*

We completed the May-August Alpha round early in August and received very positive feedback. The participants enjoyed the experience. It is rewarding to hear they felt they have grown in their relationship with God as a result of Alpha. Some participants have signed up to help us run the next round.

Preparations are underway for a final round of Alpha for 2024 – it will run for 9 weeks from October 9 to December 4, with a day away retreat on 16 November.

Running an Alpha program takes time and effort. We are building slowly the teams of helpers/leaders that are needed for the program to run sustainably over time. At this stage, we have a relatively small number of volunteers to run Alpha, as a result I am heavily involved in the planning and running of the program.

#### Thanksgiving campaign

I am assisting David with the promotion of the thanksgiving campaign. In particular, I am collecting feedback to the question ‘What does St Kevin’s mean to you?’ from parishioners. It’s been a privilege to hear so many positive, heart-warming comments about our parish.

#### Bible study group/prayer group

Informed by feedback from Alpha participants, I am researching options for a bible study group and a prayer group in the new year. Any ideas or suggestions are very welcome.

#### Tiziana D’Costa

### Pastoral Worker Report September-October 2024

#### **Youth Group**

The Youth Group continues to held once a month on a Saturday evening. We average 15-20 children and have a lot of fun.

#### **Play Group**

Launched on 7<sup>th</sup> October. Approx 45 old Baptism families emailed and invited. Class plans for term completed. LSO from St Kevin and St Charles will alternate with me to help run the morning.

#### **Launching St Vincent de Paul group**

I have attended 2 meetings with the St Greg's Conference. At the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting I was lucky enough to bring Adrian, Daniel, Nicole and Mary Anne. The plan is to do the training together one evening and join the St Gregs conference – which will then become the St Greg's & St Kevin's Conference.

#### **Pastoral outreach**

Continue to reach out via phone, card in mail or visit all parishioners who are unwell, lonely, getting married, having a birthday or having a baby. Very busy few weeks !!

#### **First Eucharist**

There are 16 children from my group receiving their first Eucharist on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October at the 10am mass. To assist them in preparing I have organised Charles to offer them reconciliation in my last class on Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup>. Pia Pagotto has been booked for the workshop on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Isaac has agreed to preside over a mass at the beginning of the evening. The reflection day is scheduled for today – the 10<sup>th</sup> October!!

The St Kevin's children will receive their first Eucharist on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October at the 5.30pm mass.

#### **Baptisms**

We have been lucky to have a Baptism every fortnight for the last 6 weeks. All the events seem to have gone well. We have 2 more Baptisms booked for November and none (at the moment) for December.

#### **Bookish Morning Tea**

Averaging 8-10 people attending each fortnight – a great social outlet for a lot of people.

#### **Nursing Home visits**

Currently attending 4 nursing homes a week. we have 14 nursing homes in total that we visit.

#### **Community Cupboard**

Amazing ongoing support for Ami – the mum with 2 autistic boys. She comes every second Monday and I provide her with groceries and some cash for petrol, bills etc. she is so very grateful and appreciative to our parish community.

#### **Safeguarding**

Tweaked the Self Assessment tools with the suggestions from Charles and have resent to Charles and David to have a look over. When they are happy I will submit to CAM.

## **St Kevin's School Report 04/09/2024**

### **Visual Arts Show**

We launched into the first day of the Visual Art Show 2024 today (Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September). It all looks so amazing! Gladys has done an amazing job teaching the students and supporting them to create unique pieces of art. The staff have supported Gladys and worked hard to achieve a super presentation of creativity! All welcome

to attend Thursday 3:45pm - 7:30pm & Sunday 11am-12:30pm.

### **Camp 3&4, 5&6**

The Year 3 & 4 students are preparing for the 2024 Sleepover at the end of Term and the 5 & 6 students are preparing for Phillip Island Adventure Park.

This is a great opportunity to build cooperative skills and get to know each other better.

### **Il Cammino de Santiago (The Way of St James) Pilgrimage**

The last week of the September holidays and the first week of Term 3, I will be participating in a pilgrimage 'Il Cammino de Santiago' (The Way of St James) with North Eastern and Southern Principals from Melbourne Archdiocese of Catholic Education. There are 19 principals taking on this pilgrimage

### **Vision for instruction**

We are all working on the practice of retrieval. One of Rosenshine Principles is Daily reviews.

The Daily Review consolidates students' understanding and develops their fluency in essential understandings for literacy and numeracy sessions. It also ensures that students have the prerequisite skills for the day's lesson. The Daily Review adds to students' confidence by ensuring that previously taught skills and concepts are reviewed in a sequenced and planned way. The Daily Review should be delivered for approximately 8 to 10 minutes just prior to the new learning.

### **Top building roof repair**

There has been some water damage in the top building where the Year 2-6 learning spaces are situated.

This has been reported to MACS and it is being investigated.

### **100 Days of Prep**

Congratulations to our amazing PREP 2024 Students, Staff and Families! Friday was such a special day for everyone and the Prep Teacher Sienna was so creative with their ideas on how to celebrate using as many 100 day connections! From being dressed up as 100 year olds to making necklaces with 100 fruit loops to flip the coin to get to 100. The preps even made birthday crowns with 'Happy 100 days!'

### **End of Day and Transition Routines**

We have been working on Routines for the End of Day and Transition Routines.

This is to ensure safety and clarity at times when movement is Unavoidable

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## Business Manager Report

### Thanksgiving Campaign to Support St Kevin's Parish

#### 1. Previous Campaign Review

The last Thanksgiving Campaign was a mini campaign in **2006** during **Fr Chris Toms' time**.

#### 2. Envelope Distribution

Thanksgiving envelopes will be based on the **104 households** from the Census 2024.

**Action:** **David** has updated the list to include **34** ongoing givers, donors, and those not listed in the Census 2024 to ensure they receive envelopes.

#### 3. Timeline Plan

##### a. Lead-Up Week (Week of 30th September)

Campaign materials will arrive from the Archdiocese.

**Action:** **Fr. Charles** will sign all pledge letters.

**Action:** **David, Frances and Nadia** will arrange the thanksgiving envelopes alphabetically in **2 boxes** in the church foyer for easy pickup.

**Action:** **Frances/Nadia** will prepare a collection box for completed envelopes.

**Action:** **David** will ensure **100** pledge cards (Catch-All cards) from Archdiocese plus **Census Card 2024** are available for those without envelopes.

**Action:** **David** will coordinate with **Fr. Charles and Tiziana** to inform the parishioners about our current ministries and upcoming projects for the Parish.

**Action:** **Frances** will create a **pie chart** that details the expenses and revenues for transparency.

**Action:** **David/Tiziana** will roster **volunteer(s)** to assist parishioners in finding their envelopes after Mass.

**Action:** **Tiziana** will be creating a **poster and slices** to promote our Thanksgiving Campaign. The theme is **“What does St Kevin's Parish mean to you?”**

##### b. Weekend 1 (Saturday 5th October/Sunday 6th October):

**Action:** **Fr. Charles** will celebrate the **530 PM Mass on Saturday, 5th October**, and the **830 AM and 10 AM Masses on Sunday, 6th October**, to brief

parishioners about the Thanksgiving Campaign and the parish's financial reliance on donations.

The campaign is an opportunity for ongoing givers/donors to renew or review their donations, not to add to their existing pledges. **To include a thank you note in the envelopes for our ongoing givers and donors, expressing our gratitude for their generous support of the Parish.**

The parish depends entirely on **donations and investment incomes**; it does not receive financial support from the **Archdiocese or Vatican City or the government**.

Funds raised will cover the levy to the Archdiocese and daily church operating expenses and **the cost of running each ministry**.

**Action:** **Commentator** to request the parishioners to pick up his/her envelopes.

**c. Weekend 2 (Saturday 12th October/Sunday 13th October):**

**Action:** **Fr. Gerry** will celebrate the **530 PM Mass on Saturday, 12th October and 830 AM and 10 AM Masses on Sunday, 13th October**, to brief parishioners about the Thanksgiving Campaign, the parish's financial reliance on donations and deliver a friendly reminder to the parishioners to pick up his/her envelopes.

**Action:** **Tiziana** will brief **Fr. Gerry** about the Thanksgiving campaign.

**Action:** **Nadia** will mail out any uncollected envelopes.

**d. Weekend 3 (Saturday 19th October/Sunday 20th October):**

**Action:** **Fr. Charles** will celebrate the **530 PM Mass on Saturday, 19th October, and the 830 AM and 10 AM Masses on Sunday, 20th October**, to inform parishioners about the Thanksgiving Campaign and deliver a friendly reminder to the parishioners to return the completed envelopes.

**e. Parish Office Processing (Week of 21st October):**

**Action:** **Nadia** will call donors to collect credit card details and allocate envelope numbers.

**Action:** **Nadia** will input data into **Pacem**.

**Action:** **David** has confirmed with **Daniel Wise, the Fundraising Officer from the Archdiocese**, the types of assistance that he can provide at our parish:

1. **Data entry into the provided Excel spreadsheet.**
2. **Direct input of pledges into the Pacem system.**

**Daniel Wise will be available by phone and email. Additionally, Lilie from Pacem will be on hand to address any specific issues related to the Pacem system.**

**f. Follow-Up Weekend (Saturday 26th October/Sunday 27th October):**

**Action:** **Fr. Charles** will deliver appreciation notes and remind those who have not yet returned their pledge cards to do so.

- **There will be no second collections during the 3 weeks of the Thanksgiving Campaign.**
- **Special Collection for Catholic Missions Appeal** will be conducted in the week of **Saturday 26th October/Sunday 27th October.**
- **Fr. Charles** will inform the parishioners about **the outcome** of the Thanksgiving Campaign as soon as possible.

## **St Kevin's Parish Social Justice Action 5 Sept. 2024 Report to PPC Meeting**

### **1. St Kevin's Parish Second Collections.**

Amongst all else this will have been a year heavily focused on fundraising Campaigns, the recent Archbishops Campaign, the forthcoming Parish Thanksgiving Campaign, and the scheduled Parish 2<sup>nd</sup>

Collections. Following this PPC Meeting today the SJA group will review the Parish 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection campaign and current & future associated planning and handling arrangements.

## **2. Engagement with special needs**

i). Updating the situation of an elderly former (and very active) Parishioner desperately seeking accommodation in the (preferably) Croydon area having been given notice to leave her rented accommodation, parishioners (including some from St Greg's) have been forthcoming and very helpful with offers of temporary accommodation, offers of some financial support, helpful suggestions, and very much goodwill and moral support. Along the way we have also laboriously engaged with numerous agencies specialising in such needs. Despite all that extensive effort, the actual shortage of suitable housing has so far not resulted in suitable accommodation. This highlights the already well known dire position for those seeking reasonably accessible accommodation. Luckily for her, delays in the sale process to date have allowed her to temporarily remain in her rented unit. This need is continuing, however the lady concerned has been deeply moved and encouraged by all the support she has nevertheless received from our Parishes.

ii). The migrant family recently seeking a no longer needed sewing machine to make family clothes they can't otherwise afford to purchase were delighted and very thankful for the machine that was kindly offered by a parishioner after last weekend's Parish Newsletter.

## **3. Future SJA events and ongoing 'communication' arrangements**

Today's SJA meeting will further consider and progress possible SJA events and communication focus areas previously canvassed by the group

## **4. Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement**

We will continue to focus on and support this significant document in the Parish over the period ahead, while also recognising an unfortunate omission in this document.

The Statement's First Paragraph quotes Pope John XXIII's Encyclical *Pacem in Terris* making "an impassioned plea not only to the Church but to all people of goodwill for an end to war and the banning of nuclear weapons". However it makes no mention of the UN Treaty on the Prohibition on Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) which Pope Francis has given so much support: The "courageous vision" of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons "appears ever more timely," Pope Francis says in a Message for the First Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW).

He said further that "A world free of nuclear weapons is necessary and possible" (Vatican News). During his visit to the UN in New York Pope Francis also spoke powerfully on this significant Treaty. The Australian Government is one of just a few major economies (also including the United States) that so far haven't endorsed the Treaty.