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ST KEVIN'S PARISH

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.

26/27th January, 2019

Year C

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

In his presence are majesty
and splendour,
strength and honour in his
holy place.

Responsorial Psalm

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good
News to the poor
and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear us we pray.

Communion Antiphon

Look toward the Lord and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wow – don't miss this brilliant summary of the Gospel for this year –

It is only today that we embark on our journey through the gospel of Luke. Journey is a key theme in Luke's writings. He structures his gospel around Jesus' journey from Galilee to Jerusalem where the promise of salvation comes to fulfilment. His second volume, the Acts of the Apostles, is the story of the good news going from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth.

Along the way Luke puts special emphasis on Jesus' outreach to the poor and weak, on God's mercy and forgiveness, on the importance of prayer, on the work of the Spirit, and on women. He includes many parables found in no other gospel, such as the Good Samaritan and the (so-called) Prodigal Son. At the same time Luke uniquely presents a Jesus who is severely critical of the rich and the self-righteous and radically demanding of his disciples, especially with regard to detachment from worldly wealth.

Thus we will find Luke's Jesus a disconcerting fellow-traveller, offering comforting companionship on the one hand, and uncompromising challenge on the other. But we journey with him on the way of salvation.

SPIRITUAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

Adoration –

Each weekday before Mass @ 8.30am and
7.15-8.15pm on Wednesday evenings

Masses this week -

Saturday: 5.30pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 8.30am & 10.00am
9.00am at Holy Cross Monastery

Tuesday: 9.15am @ Parish House

Thursday: 9.15am @ Parish House

Friday: 9.15am @ Parish House

Christian Meditation –

Wednesdays @ 9.30am in the Parish Chapel

Reconciliation – First Saturday of the
month @ 10.00am (or by appointment)

Spiritual Context – Framing

On either side of the quote from Isaiah in today's gospel there are very symmetrical actions. Before reading, Jesus stands, is handed the scroll and then unrolls the scroll. On completion he rolls up the scroll, hands it back and then sits down. There is a balance to every action. This framing or bracketing technique is used throughout the gospel of Luke as a cue to the audience. Whenever this framing occurs, it means that there is a very important teaching or action that occurs within the frame. On this occasion, the frame surrounds Jesus declaring his intentions for his ministry.

SUPPORTING MINISTRIES

Baptisms:

Last weekend of the month -
Presentations and Welcome. Baptism Meeting on the third Wednesday of every month.

First Sundays of the month -
Sacrament of Baptism

Funerals:

For bereavement support, please contact the Parish House on 9850 5983

Parish Tennis Club:

Social and Competition.

Please ring Paul 9846 2083

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Questions to Ponder...

- Q. In what ways can the mission Jesus claimed be seen as a mission for all Christians?
- Q. Who are the people in your community who are really trying to bring about this mission?
- Q. How do / can you contribute to this mission?
- Q. Why was it significant that Jesus returned to Nazareth to begin his ministry?
- Q. Why was the inclusion of 'set the downtrodden free' such an important addition to the Isaiah text?

Schools' Commissioning Mass and Welcome to Prep Families Mass Saturday 9th February @ 5.30pm

Mass is part of the celebration of our refurbished Church. This Mass is also the occasion of our community's welcome to families starting this year at our schools. Third (and perhaps most importantly) at this Mass we shall commission our parish groups and teachers to serve the reign of God in 2019. Let us start the school year well. All of this will be followed by a BBQ.

LAST WEEK'S GIVING

Envelopes	\$ 545.00
Direct Debit/Credit Card	\$ <u>1,040.00</u>
Total	\$ <u>1,585.00 (1)</u>
Priests' Living Costs	\$ 930.00
Number of Envelopes	35
(1) Weekly Pledged amount	\$3,020.65
<i>Please contact the office if you would like to join.</i>	

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What's new in our website this week...

- Article by John Falzon entitled "We Need to Redefine Exclusion"
- An article from Living into 'Laudato Si' entitled "The Philippine Bishops Lead the Way"
- An inspiring article from "Gentle Hands"
- More information on the Lenten Planning Day

LITURGY ROSTER

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 2nd/3rd February 2019

1st Read: Jeremiah 1: 4-5, 17-19 2nd Read: 1 Cor 12: 31-13: 13 Gospel: Luke 4: 21-30

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion	Welcomers
5.30pm	Peter Howes	Tasha Vercauteren	Ann Maguire Bredenia Raquel Lucy Halliburton	
8.30am	Paul Polidano	Rebecca Sandwell	Betty Natoli Mary Waddick Peter Waddick	
9.00am	Des Thornton	Marie Reichert	Dianne Flannery Margaret Mangan Peter Norman	Maria Robson
10.00am	Vianney Shiel	Liz O'Connell	Jo Ridgeway Pat Rowland Carmel Shiel	

We pray for Better Health: Lysele Jeux, Yvonne Wilson, Natalie Salvo, Alex Williamson, Fr Kevin Hennessy, Br John McMahon, Elaine Close, Salvatore Scaffidi, Wilma Barrow, Susan Turner and Pauline Maloney.

Anniversaries: Gerard Selleck, Jacob Cheong, Patricia Wood, Roger Anthony Cheng, Men Kong Cheng and Jenny Henderson.
Recently Deceased: Crofton (Croft) Uniake and Andreas (Andy) Sugeng

Fr Ray Sanchez is coming!

Please take note that the wonderfully engaging Passionist Priest, Fr Ray Sanchez, will be giving us a series of talks to continue updating our faith. The week begins on Sunday, 24th February at 7.30pm with a Session at Holy Cross Monastery entitled:

“The Family and How We Communicate”.

The next day, Monday, 25th February, beginning with an Anointing Mass here at St Kevin’s Church at 9.15am, the next Session will be conducted entitled:

“Grief, Loss, and the Mystery of Human Suffering”

The Sessions are held on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Please note that the weekday morning Sessions will be preceded by Mass at 9.15am and will be repeated at Holy Cross Monastery in the evening at 7.30pm, however, the Sessions at Holy Cross Monastery will *not* be preceded by Mass.

A brief summary of his week’s retreat is on the noticeboard and in our website.

More Questions to Ponder...

Q. In light of Paul’s image of the body, I see my parish as

- the hand
- the foot
- the mouth
- the ears
- the elbow
- the neck
- the womb

Q. The hardest task Jesus had was

- “to bring good news to the poor”
- “to proclaim liberty to captives”
- to give sight to the blind
- “to set the downtrodden free”
- “to proclaim the Lord’s year of favour”

Q. I feel God “has anointed me” to...

Farewell Brother Michael McManus On Saturday, 2nd February, after the 5.30pm Mass, we shall celebrate a Potluck Farewell Dinner for our dear Br Michael. The evening promises to include enlightened discussion regarding East Timor to where Br Michael is returning. All are welcome to join us.



Inspirational Quotes From Christian Meditation Network

The way of meditation is simple. It is the time *to be* with God. You are not asking, “What is happening now?” “Am I enjoying this?” “What am I getting out of this?” During this time of *being*, I leave myself, my thoughts and plans aside. You cannot say your mantra for three minutes and then stop to see what happened. You learn to say the sacred word from the beginning to the end, every day. Set the word free in your heart. Do not control it. Say the word, patiently, and *be*.

Pope Francis has declared 8th February to be the World Day of Prayer Reflection and Action against Human Trafficking for the Universal Church.

He chose this day because it is the feast day of St Josephine Bakhita, patron saint of Sudan and of Trafficked People.

St Josephine Bakhita was kidnapped as a child from Africa and sold into slavery in the Sudan and in Italy before being freed and becoming a Canossian Sister. We are all most heartily invited to attend the Vigil Mass to celebrate the Feast of St Josephine Bakhita and to mark the International Day of Prayer, Reflection and Action Against Human Trafficking. Mass will be celebrated:

Time: 7.30pm Date: Thursday 7th February 2019

Place: St Patrick’s Cathedral

Celebrant: Archbishop Peter A Comensoli

RSVP/Inquiries: justice@cam.org.au

Fr Gerry will be attending and will be leaving the Parish House at 6.45pm. If you would like to join him, please let him know.

The Lenten Jesus: Discerning the Way Planning Day for the Season of Lent and Holy Week Saturday, 16th February, 10am-3.30pm Catholic Leadership Centre, East Melbourne

On the first Sunday of Lent we meet Jesus in the wilderness – and we are offered the opportunity to join with him on a Lenten pilgrimage. Come and join us for the 2019 Lent and Holy Week planning day which will include keynote presentations, as well as a range of workshops to assist parish liturgy teams to deepen their understanding of the Season and how to lead their communities during this significant time in our liturgical calendar.

Liturgy Committee Folk – have you enrolled yet?
Of course, this Planning Day is open to all interested parties, no matter whether you are a member or not. More information is on the noticeboard and our website.

Joan Chittister is an outspoken advocate of justice, peace and equality — especially for women world-wide — and has been one of our visionary spiritual voices for more than 30 years.

Here follows some of her quotes:

The genius of holy communication lies in listening to a problem before we decide to fix it without really understanding it. Then, as Scripture says, “the last evil is worse than the first.” Or as Louise von François writes, “We never listen when we are eager to speak.”

Everyone needs someone who cares enough to hear them through, to support them as they take their next moves through life.

Listening isn’t just about helping someone else. It is also about being willing to learn from someone else. As Plutarch says, “Know how to listen and you will profit even from those who talk badly.”

To be a good listener, it is necessary to ask the right questions. Then, of course, we must have the patience to permit the other person to answer them.

To feel unheard is one of life’s greatest deprivations. Which is why solitary confinement can be so painful, so inhumane. Only by stretching ourselves to speak the real truth can we ever really grow beyond ourselves.