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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.

20th/21st April, 2019

Year C

Easter Sunday

***Easter Blessings! Easter Joy! Easter Hope!
Easter Peace! Easter New Life***

All this and more does Easter bring.

No wonder we need at least fifty days each year to take it all in!

What is the essence of Easter for you?

Is it any of the above blessings?

They seem to be especially needed this year, for our Church and our society are "in dark and difficult times", but I find this phrase I also wrote in 1997.

Perhaps the 2 Easter Gospels (John 20/1-9 and Luke 24/1-12) sum up our faith – we believe, before we understand completely.

Upon believing, we spend the rest of our lives contemplating our mystery of faith.

Celebrate the
resurrection of
our Lord!

Happy
EASTER



Nadia Bolzonello, Liza Jansz,
Rebecca Sandwell and Fr Gerry
McKernan wish you all the Easter
grace that you need and even more.

*Thank
You*

Our parish owes huge votes of thanks to the many, many people who applied their energy, talents, wisdom and skills to help each one of us celebrate this Easter Triduum to the full.

Thank you for your hundreds of hours of dedicated work.

(Fr Gerry)

SPIRITUAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

Adoration –

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

Masses this week -

Tuesday: 9.15am in the Chapel

Thursday: 9.15am in the Chapel

Friday: 9.15am in the Chapel

Saturday: 5.30pm Commitment Mass

Sunday: 8.30am

10.00am Confirmation Commitment Mass

Christian Meditation –

Wednesdays @ 9.30am in the Parish Chapel

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

DIARY DATES FOR APRIL/MAY:

24th St Kevin's School Holy
Week/Easter Liturgy

26th St Kevin's School Anzac Day Service

27th Confirmation Commitment Mass

28th Confirmation Commitment Mass

16th St Kevin's Mass with Middle C/4/5D

18th TGI's Youth Group

Vigil Mass hosted by

St Charles Borromeo Level ½

23rd St Charles Borromeo Mass with
Level 3/4

St Kevin's Mass with Senior CM

28th Confirmation Candidates Retreat
Day and Workshop in the
evening

2nd Confirmation Ceremonies

For Reflection... Lent is over and the Easter season of joy and celebration has begun.

How will you keep this season? "Why do you seek the living one among the dead?"

How is God calling you to embrace the Good News of the new life of the Resurrection?

Is the basic feeling in the Gospel:

a) confusion?

b) hope?

c) uncertainty?

d) joy?

Plenary Council Joint Statement Our parish has joined with 34 other parishes to put out an agreed Statement based on key issues identified from parish submissions to the Plenary Council. Last Saturday, 60 people met at Catholic Theological College. 5 parishes organized the meeting: Parkville, Templestowe, Kilmore, Cheltenham and Grovedale & Torquay. Peter Sheehan from our parish analysed and presented the key themes from 15 parish and 7 individual submissions to the Plenary Council. The meeting, over 2 hours, discussed the value of putting out a common Statement, what was missing from the key issues identified, and individually rated the key issues. The meeting agreed that putting out a joint statement was worthwhile, as the submission process of the Plenary Council does not allow for a collective input from a diocese. A drafting group has been formed. The next steps are to complete the analysis of the key issues identified from the meeting and the parish submissions and to prepare a draft Statement by 30 April. This will then be sent to each participating parish to discuss and seek endorsement through a parish meeting between 1 and 13 May. The Statement will then be finalised and sent by 15 May to the Plenary Council Secretariat and the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

LAST WEEK'S GIVING

Envelopes	\$ 770.00
Direct Debit/Credit Card	\$ <u>1,040.00</u>
Total	\$ <u>1,810.00 (1)</u>
Priests' Living Costs:	\$ 899.00
Number of Envelopes:	37
(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...

- An article written by Stephanie Dowrick entitled: "More Death Than Life In The Christian (and secular) Right"
- Past and Present Parish Newsletters
- Information on TGI's Youth @ Teens Group

LITURGY ROSTER

Second Sunday of Easter – 27/28th April 2019

1st Read: Acts 5: 12-16 2nd Read: Apocalypse 1: 9-13, 17-19 Gospel: John 20: 19-31

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion	Welcomers
5.30pm	Carmen Childs	Le Gall Famly	Lucy Halliburton Maryann McNamara Bredenia Raquel	Skadiang Family
8.30am	Kirsten Collins	Rebecca Sandwell	Betty Natoli Frank Ozzimo Paul Polidano	Jurin Family
9.00am	Des Thornton	Margaret Mangan	Pat Bond Christine Flannery Dianne Flannery	Maria Robson
10.00am	Julie O'Donnell	Johnson Family	Mary Calleja Betty Natoli Ton Whelan	Cirianni Family

We pray for Better Health: Fr Kevin Hennessy, Br John McMahon, Salvatore Scaffidi, Susan Turner, Marie Reichert, Kaye Ohara, Frank Connellan, Tess Uniake, Jane O'Brien and Randal Waddell.

Anniversaries: Esther Ronay, Paolo Mazzetti and Patricia Mary Tan

Recently Deceased: Pauline Maloney

Project Compassion –

Please return, by next Sunday, your boxes/envelopes to the basket on the Gathering Space table.



One answer to the question

What have you learnt?

“Whenever I’m in a big

hurry, the person in front of me isn’t.”



Photos for Facebook...

During the Easter Triduum, we will be taking a few photos for reflection by the parish and for the parish Facebook page. If you would prefer for your image NOT to be used in this way, please let Fr Gerry know afterwards.

Confirmation Commitment Masses

will be held on the weekend of 27/28th April. Come along and support and pray together with our parish families as our children continue along their faith journey.

SYMBOLS FOR THE EASTER VIGIL

Wood for the Fire The celebration of the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night begins with an Easter fire outside the Church. This wood will be used in the fire. Fire is a symbol of the powerful presence of God – the light burning in the midst of our darkness.

The Easter Candle The flame for our Easter Candle will be lit from the fire. The flame of the candle will remind us that Christ, the light of the world, has risen from the dead and has shattered our darkness. Our own small candles will be lit from this great candle. At our Baptism we were presented with a candle and were invited to keep the light of Christ burning brightly.

Jug of water The water in the jug will be blessed at the Eater Vigil as our water of baptism. The whole community will be sprinkled with this water as a sign of our own Baptism. It symbolises the water of the Red Sea through which God’s people escaped from slavery to freedom.

In addition to all of the above, let us not forget the Word of God, Bread, Wine, simple table and people.

For information on our Parish Schools please contact:

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St Charles Borromeo Primary School
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Inspirational Quotes From Christian Meditation Network

The Kingdom of heaven is with us now. We are open to it because, as St Peter says, we must be alive in the Spirit and become fully alive in the life of God. The way of meditation is a way of learning to die to ourselves and our limitations. It is learning to do this today, now; not just when we reach heaven. It is not a matter of finding a way to get through our Christian life. Instead, the New Testament talks of always growing; expanding our heart into the life of the Spirit. We are planted in God through baptism; we grow new shoots for the rest of our lives.



ANZAC DAY - Why is Anzac Day important?

While Anzac Day is set to coincide with the anniversary of the landing in Gallipoli, the day itself is not meant to be a commemoration of the event, but rather the qualities that Australia established for itself there. On Anzac Day, we recognise the courage, mateship, skill, and perseverance of those who have served, fought, and given their lives in the military. On Anzac Day, we show love, honour and support for those who fought to enable freedom for people all over the world, but were not able to make it home.



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Our children and climate change

• What are we telling our kids about climate change?

• What can they tell us?

• How can we together face the climate challenge with honesty, compassion, courage and action?

7.15pm – 9.30pm • Thursday May 9, 2019

Manningham Civic Centre • 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster

Join
the Q&A
with Special
Guests