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**Parish Office Hours:** Tue to Fri: 9am to 4pm

**Parish Priest:** Fr Gerry McKernan

**Pastoral Worker:** Mrs Rebecca Sandwell



## 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.

**18/19<sup>th</sup> May, 2019**

**Year C**

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

#### Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord,  
for he has worked wonders;  
in the sight of the nations he has  
shown his deliverance, alleluia.

#### Responsorial Psalm

I will praise your name for ever,  
my king and my God.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.  
Alleluia!

#### Response to Prayers of the Faithful

In your goodness Lord,  
hear our prayer.

#### Communion Antiphon

I am the true vine and you are the  
branches, says the Lord.  
Whoever remains in me,  
and I in him, bears fruit in plenty,  
alleluia.



## *A Big St Kevin's Welcome!*

To Fr Gerry McKernan, who has returned from his well-deserved break and a big **thank you** to Fr Noel Brady who looked after us during Fr Gerry's absence.

To the families of Years 1/2 Level at our St Charles Borromeo Primary School who are hosting our Mass this Saturday evening.

To Fulvia Gerosolimo who has returned from the Philippines to tell us about our new community Loyo and other Filipino matters.

To Fr Francis Teoh (10am only) – A Mission Of Change. From Barrenness to Self-Sufficiency. "Mission" is so different today.

We shall hear about:

- \* Nutritional programs
- \* Programs of preventive and curative medicine
- \* Development of water and agricultural resources
- \* Promotion of an integral education for every person.

# SPIRITUAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

## Adoration –

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

## Masses this week -

**Tuesday:** 11am @ Pioneer Village

**Thursday:** 9.15am @ St Charles 3/4 Level

**Friday:** 11am @ Newman's Manor

**Saturday:** 5.30pm (Vigil)

**Sunday:** 8.30am & 10.00am  
9.00am @ Holy Cross Monastery

## Christian Meditation –

Wednesdays @ 9.30am in the Parish Chapel

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

**Fifth Sunday of Easter** At this point in the Easter season it is worth stepping back to see it in perspective. We can imagine it as a great tree that thrusts its roots deep down in the soil even as its trunk and branches grow upward and outwards. The hidden roots draw nourishment from deep under the earth and fuel the visible growth of the tree. The gospel readings for the next two Sundays and for Pentecost Sunday, taken from Jesus' farewell speech to his disciples in the gospel of John, invite us on an interior journey into the depths of our hearts. It is there that Jesus makes his home in us; it is there that the Paraclete teaches us all wisdom. As with the tree, the more our faith is fed from deep within, the stronger is our desire to let love loose in the world. The stories from the Acts of the Apostles have already been taking us on an outer journey. They allow us to be present at the birth of the early Church and to accompany its first steps. Under the impetus of the Holy Spirit the Christian way begins to spread, like the branches of the tree. It starts to take shape for all to see. In Eastertide the Church drinks deeply from the well-spring of the Spirit and finds fresh inspiration for its mission in the world.

## LAST WEEK'S GIVING

Envelopes	\$ 955.00
Direct Debit/Credit Card	\$ <u>1,040.00</u>
Total	\$ <u>1,995.00 (1)</u>
Priests' Living Costs:	\$ 920.00
Number of Envelopes:	35
(1) Weekly Pledged amount	\$3,020.65

*Please contact the office if you would like to join.*

## DIARY DATES FOR MAY/JUNE:

**23<sup>rd</sup>** St Charles Borromeo Level 3/4  
St Kevin's Mass with Senior CM  
**28<sup>th</sup>** Confirmation Workshop Evening  
**29<sup>th</sup>** Confirmation Retreat Day  
**31<sup>st</sup>** St Kevin's School Feast Day Mass  
**2<sup>nd</sup>** Confirmation Ceremonies  
1.00 & 3.00pm  
**4<sup>th</sup>** Parish Pastoral Council Meeting  
**11<sup>th</sup>** Liturgy Team Meeting  
**13<sup>th</sup>** St Charles Borromeo Level 5/6  
St Kevin's Mass with Junior TG  
**15<sup>th</sup>** TGI's Youth Group Event  
Communion Commitment Mass  
**16<sup>th</sup>** Communion Commitment Mass  
**19<sup>th</sup>** Baptism Preparation Session  
**20<sup>th</sup>** St Kevin's Mass with Junior G

**Mass Count** We are now in the month of May – so counters please count the number of folk who are at Mass. Counting (numbers) sheets are on the bench in the sacristy near the money bags.

## ST KEVIN'S SOCIAL JUSTICE 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTIONS

The second collection for the month of May will be for our friends at Kadasig who co-ordinate assistance to needy communities in the Philippines including Loyo.

## [stkevinsparish.org.au](http://stkevinsparish.org.au)

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

BREAKING NEWS FROM THE  
BISHOPS CONFERENCE

Will there be a change in the governance of  
the Catholic Church?

For further insight, read the Sainsbury  
article on our parish website.

# LITURGYROSTER

Sixth Sunday of Easter – 25/26<sup>th</sup> May 2019

1<sup>st</sup> Read: Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: Apoc 21: 10-14, 22-23 Gospel: John 14: 23-29

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion	Welcomers
5.30pm	Janet Parsons	Margaret Turner	Maryann McNamara Lynne O'Brien Bredenia Raquel	Skadiang Family
8.30am	Kirsten Collins	Rebecca Sandwell	Betty Natoli Frank Ozzimo Paul Polidano	
9.00am	Michael Doyle	Helen Norman	Dianne Flannery Margaret Mangan Peter Norman	Maria Robson
10.00am	Carmel Purdey	Liz O'Connell	Mary Calleja Lyn Murphy Betty Natoli	Cirianni Family

**We pray for Better Health:** Salvatore Scaffidi, Susan Turner, Marie Reichert, Kaye Ohara, Frank Connellan, Tess Uniake, Jane O'Brien, Randal Waddell, Jo Ridgeway, Don Tynan, Tony Tome and Christine Knights.

**Anniversaries:**

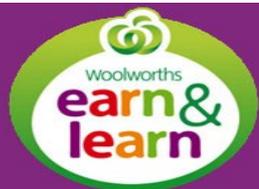
Graham Lewis Morrison (1<sup>st</sup>)

**Recently Deceased:** Ron Polidano (Paul's brother) and Michael Williamson (Dorothy Speaker's brother)

***Give hope by giving generously to the Chaplaincy Sunday Appeal 2019, Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> May***

This weekend is Chaplaincy Sunday.

You are invited and encouraged to take home the envelopes this weekend and return them next week with your donation.



**It's back!**

Earn 1 sticker for every \$10 you spend.



Our parish is once again coming together to assist our schools collect stickers from Woolworths Supermarkets which will then be swapped for new school equipment eg art and craft supplies, sports gear, teaching aids and more.

This year, St Kevin's Primary School will also be thoughtfully donating some of this equipment to their sister school in the Philippines – Loyola.

So let us join forces and collect these stickers (can be dropped off at the parish office) so we can make a large and highly appreciated collection for other primary schools who are even more



***Questions for Reflection...***

- 1) The phrase in the first reading that most relates to my life is:
  - a. "put fresh heart into".
  - b. "encouraging them to persevere".
  - c. "experiencing many hardships".
  - d. "appointed elders".
  - e. "prayer and fasting".
  - f. "passed through, reached, went down to".
  - g. "assembled the church".
  - h. "gave an account".
  - i. "stayed there ... for some time".
  - j. "commended to the grace of God".
- 2) A sign for me that God is with us is
- 3) "Now I am making the whole of creation new"
  - a. excites me.
  - b. makes me wonder what else could change.
  - c. refers to a world of peace and harmony.
  - d. means God is working through us to change the world.
  - e. encourages me to wait until God is finished.

For information on our Parish  
Schools please contact:

**St Kevin's Primary School**  
Phone: 9850 4609

**St Charles Borromeo Primary School**  
Phone: 9842 7634

*Congratulations!*

### **Inspirational Quotes From Christian Meditation Network**

The Christian life is the ever deeper exploration of the truth that God loves us and that Jesus dwells in our hearts, in the deep centre of our being. Even more amazing is to know that we dwell in the heart of Jesus. The mind cannot understand this. Only the heart can know it because it is the knowledge that comes only in love. We know ourselves loved and so we love. Meditation is concerned with this circle of love. In faith there is a new beginning to the eternal dance of *being-in-love*.

**To our wonderful Parish Priest, Fr Gerry McKernan,  
who celebrates 48 years of ordination on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May.**

**Well done Fr Gerry and thank you for all that you do for us and our parish.**

#### **CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP LECTURE SERIES:**

#### **FORMING DISCIPLES FOR MISSION – A SCRIPTURAL LENS**

**Wednesdays 22 and 29 May, 7–8.30pm**

**(registration and light refreshments from 6.30pm)**

**Mercy Lecture Theatre, Australian Catholic University, 115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy**

This year's series will focus on scripture, offering participants a survey of key books, themes and figures from our biblical tradition. Guided by some of the country's leading biblical scholars, participants will explore a range of topics from creation through to the prophetic movement, the Lukan narrative and key figures in the formation of the early Church. Guest speakers include: Dr Chris Monaghan CP and Dr Rosemary Canavan.

Topics include: God-with-us Christ-centred identity

Cost: \$20 per session. Registrations: at [www.trybooking.com/BBRXJ](http://www.trybooking.com/BBRXJ)

Enquiries: Suzanne Hermon [evangelisation@cam.org.au](mailto:evangelisation@cam.org.au)



#### **Mass for Expectant Mothers**

The Life, Marriage & Family Office warmly invites all expectant mothers and their families to the Mass for Expectant Mothers. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 11am.

Registrations can be made online at [www.cam.rg.au/lifemarriagefamily](http://www.cam.rg.au/lifemarriagefamily) or alternatively by contacting: 9287 5587 or [lmf@cam.org.au](mailto:lmf@cam.org.au). Please note that registration closes on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> May. Expectant mothers who register will receive a small token of recognition.

#### **A Prayer for the People of Sri Lanka who are still dealing with the aftermath of the attacks a few weeks ago.**

Dear Lord,

In this world of violence, how can we speak your word?  
Where crushed and broken bodies lie, the darkness of evil consumes, deep chasms of broken trust, and fathomless abyss of division and hatred.

How can we speak the words of love?

We pray for the suffering of Sri Lanka,  
Bring light Lord Jesus and bring hope amidst the destruction, walk alongside, reach out your hand, wipe the tears and heal the wounds.

Be in every caring touch,

And let them hear your words of love.

Through the transforming love of Christ

Amen