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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.

27/28th July, 2019

Year C

First Communion Weekend Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in
his house;
he himself gives might and strength
to his people.

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, on the day I called for help,
you answered me.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which
makes us God's children,
and in that Spirit we call God
our Father.

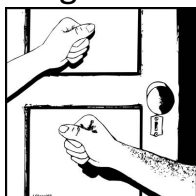
Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Loving God please hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.



First Communions - Wow!
*The Parish of St Kevin's welcomes
twelve lucky and delightful children
who come to the Table of the Lord for
the first time this weekend.
Congratulations and welcome to:*

(Saturday evening)

Mila Di Carlo

Grace Forster

Adam Inan

Sibella Lettieri

Archie Polan

Oscar Thompson

Alannah Tierney

Alexander Tsafkopoulos

Alannah Venkataya

Claudia Zampichelli

(Sunday morning)

Alysha Lee

and

Oscar Simonovski

CatholicCare Weekend Appeal

This weekend is the CatholicCare Sunday Appeal. Donations from our parish community will help CatholicCare to ensure that those in need in our community can continue to access vital counselling services, emergency relief, transitional housing and educational support. If you don't have your donation with you, please take an envelope home and return it directly to CatholicCare. Thank you for your generosity.

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 Parish Chapel

Thursday: 9.15am in the Parish Chapel

Friday: 9.15am in the Parish Chapel

Saturday: 5.30pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 8.30am & 10.00am

9.00am @ Holy Cross Monastery

DIARY DATES FOR JULY/AUGUST:

27th 1st Communion Mass @ 5.30pm

28th 1st Communion Mass @ 10.00am

TGI's Teens Group @ 4.30pm

30th Liturgy Team Meeting @ 7.30pm

1st Mass with St Kevin's Senior CM

3rd 1st Communion Mass @ 5.30pm

4th 1st Communion Mass @ 10.00am

6th Pastoral Council Meeting @ 7.30pm

8th Mass with St Kevin's 4/5D

Mass with St Charles Preps

15th Assumption Mass with St Kevin's

20th Mass @ Mercy Place @ 11am

Christian Meditation – **PLEASE NOTE** Meditation will be held at 9.15am on Wednesday morning due to a Funeral in the Church at 10.30am. Thank you.

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

A "Thank You" Card from Caritas

Dear Friends of Caritas Australia

On behalf of Caritas Australia, our First Australia and international partners, we thank you for your ongoing support of the work of Caritas Australia through Project Compassion 2019 – 100% Hope.

We work with communities around the world to bring them hope, and support them to create a sustainable future. We can only do this because of the support that you, and other communities throughout Australia, show to the common good and human dignity, and the solidarity you demonstrate with the poorest of the poor.

Thank you very much for your generosity, and please accept our sincere gratitude and best wishes for you all,

Alicia, Gwen, Jim, Megan, Melissa and Nicole
Caritas Australia, Melbourne Team.

Historical Context – Stone for bread

The stone/bread, snake/fish and scorpion/egg comparisons seem a little far fetched to us, but would have made perfect sense to a 1st Century Palestinian audience. The flat, brown stones around Lake Galilee look very similar to the flat bread that was baked in the area. The 'snake' may refer to a sea-snake – an eel – which might be caught up in a fisherman's nets but was regarded as unclean by the Jews. The poisonous scorpions of the region are very pale in colour and when curled up at rest could be mistaken for an egg.

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

- "St Ignatius Feast Day on 31st July" by Andrew Hamilton.
- "Jack Baptised Himself" by Julie Perrin.
- "Chittester Censorship and an Adult Church" by Patty Fawkner.
- Helpful instructions on how to produce the woollen squares needed to produce blankets (in the "St Kevin's Community" tab, then click on "Get Involved").

LAST WEEK'S GIVING

Envelopes	\$ 484.00
Direct Debit/Credit Card	\$ <u>1,040.00</u>
Total	\$ <u>1,524.00 (1)</u>
Priests' Living Costs:	\$ 640.00

Number of Envelopes: 28

(1) Weekly Pledged amount \$3,020.65

Please contact the office if you would like to join.

LITURGY ROSTER

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 3rd/4th August 2019

1st Read: Ecclesias 1: 2; 2: 21-23 2nd Read: Colossian 3: 1-5, 9-11 Gospel: Luke 12: 13-21

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion	Welcomers
5.30pm	Peter Howes	Margaret Turner	De-anne McAdams Ann Maguire Bredenia Raquel	St Charles Family
8.30am	Mike Westbrook	Paul Polidano	Betty Natoli Mary Waddick Peter Waddick	Cannon Family
9.00am	Ken Sharpe	Michael Doyle	Christine Flannery Dianne Flannery Margaret Mangan	Maria Robson
10.00am	Michael Lynch	Liz O'Connell	Raffaella Dinelli Jo Ridgeway Pat Rowland	St Charles Family

We pray for Better Health: Kaye Ohara, Frank Connellan, Tess Uniake, Jane O'Brien, Randal Waddell, Don Tynan, Tony Tome, Christine Knights and Adrian Wilson.

Anniversaries: Vincenza & Rosario Venuto, Jim Baruta, Ron Herbert (1) and Anunziato & Joan Venuto.

Recently Deceased: Elaine Viney, Patricia Lo Giudice and Peter McNamara.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's unlikely that the name Anicia Faltonia Proba is familiar to many churchgoers. A wealthy Roman noblewoman, she fled to Africa in the year 410. Two years later, the great St Augustine wrote her a letter (#130) on the subject of prayer. It may be his most well-known letter. Along with other teaching Augustine commented on the Lord's Prayer. Here are a few snippets.

"We need words to help us recollect ourselves and see what we are asking for, not to make us support that the Lord must be given information or swayed by words".

"When we say, 'Thy kingdom come,' which will certainly come whether we wish it or not, we arouse our desire for that kingdom, that it may come for us...".

"When we say, 'Give us this day our daily bread,' we mean by 'today' this present time. We are asking either for sufficiency ... or for the sacrament of believers".

These are just tiny tidbits. The whole letter offers much more food for thought, it's worth reading in full.

Questions to Ponder...

1. If I had been in Abraham's place I would have
 - a. been glad God was punishing the wicked.
 - b. hesitated about bargaining with God.
 - c. counted the just women and children along with the men.
 - d. prevented the messengers from investigating Sodom.
 - e. doubted I was speaking to God.

2. Would God find fifty just people in our parish?
 - a. Definitely.
 - b. Maybe.
 - c. I doubt it.

What commitment would you like to make as a response to today's gospel?

Our Needlecraft Volunteers are putting a call-out for knitted/crocheted squares which are then sewn together to produce blankets for the needy in our community. These can be made at home or even better, join us at our Needlecraft Sessions which are on held on Wednesdays in our Gathering Space at 1.00pm. Thank you to all who already contribute. The blankets so far have already gratefully made a big difference.

For information on our Parish Schools please contact:

St Kevin's Primary School
Phone: 9273 9999

St Charles Borromeo Primary School
Phone: 9842 7634

The next **Liturgy Team Meeting** is this coming **Tuesday night, 30th July @ 7.30pm** in the Parish House. All are welcome – truly – not just a song!

Music, Music... The 4th Australian National Music Conference is coming to Melbourne from October 1st-3rd celebrating liturgical music. Every Australian composer in the country will be present, plus two special guests – details are on the noticeboard or better visit www.apmn.org.au to view the full program.

Archbishop Comensoli invites you to his presentation of the pallium by the Apostolic delegate – 7pm Thursday, 1st August at St Patrick's. The pallium is a woolen scarf that the Pope gives to Archbishops to symbolize their connection with the Bishop of Rome.

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FOR TEENS

TGI'S TEENS GROUP

Our next gathering is on Sunday 28th July, 4.30-7.30pm. A great way to keep in touch with friends, reconnect with old ones and make new ones! Contact the team at tgiyg17@gmail.com or call 9850 5983 to let them know you're coming or for more info.

All Years 9-12 students welcome

Inspirational Quotes From Christian Meditation Network

Truth is revealed in both the body and the spirit. The first thing we learn to do when we begin to meditate is to sit very still. The spine should be upright. More demanding is stillness of the mind. In meditation we are not thinking about God, imagining, comparing, judging or checking. We are still and learning to be with God. We recognise God as love simply by uncovering the love that is God in our own hearts.

TGI'S

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Thank you!

to Trish and Adrian Wilson who have now retired from their positions in our TGI's Youth Group. A Founding Member, Trish's invaluable knowledge and experience helped make our Youth Group the success that it is today. From "Kitchen Fairy" to event organizer and everything in-between Trish was a very important part of our team.

Adrian's welcoming/security persona gave us all peace of mind and freedom to focus on our youth. His true gift of hospitality is a blessing to our Parish Community.

Thank you Adrian and Trish for all your help, hard-work and support during this time. You both will be missed but we are also pleased that you will be enjoying your well-deserved retirement.

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Uniting global voices to promote gender equality in the Catholic Church.

A new generation of Catholics are questioning the Church hierarchy and its response to a changing world and emerging problems, such as sexual and power abuse. Many questions are coming from deeply faithful Catholic women who are asking why the Church is so slow in recognising their value and opening decision making roles to them; roles that incorporate their faith, charisma, expertise and education into structures of authority at all levels.

With over 1.2 billion Catholics worldwide and over of them women, we must ask why there are so few female decision-makers in the Catholic Church.