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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.

17/18th August, 2019

Year C

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Reconciliation Commitment Weekend

Entrance Antiphon

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your
anointed one;
one day within your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, come to my aid!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice,
says the Lord;

I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon

With the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption.



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Welcome to this weekend when each one of us is invited to reflect on the place of reconciliation in our lives. Who most needs reconciliation/forgiveness in my life? We ask too:

- Which is harder – to forgive others or to forgive yourself?
- How do you show you are sorry?
- How does it feel to say sorry?
- Think of an occasion when someone has said sorry to you. How did that affect you?
- Where does the Sacrament of Reconciliation fit into your life?
- What is an example of community sin?

Australia's Number one (and richest) prize for a biography is yours to borrow in the Parish Library. Have you read "No Friend But The Mountains?" This is a brilliant (yes emotionally difficult) read and one that any Australian over 18 needs to read. Borrow it today or better still – buy a copy before Tuesday.

This week, Tony Robinson and Fr Gerry spoke to our senior students in our primary schools and asked for their ideas to establish an environment group here at St Kevin's. In early September, you will see the fruits of their work and then you'll be invited to start our group!

SPIRITUAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

Adoration –

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

Masses this week -

Tuesday: 11.00am @ Mercy Place

Thursday: 11.00am @ Ashby Aged Care

Friday: 9.15am @ St Kevin's Chapel

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)

DIARY DATES FOR AUGUST/SEPT:

17th 1st Reconciliation Commitment Mass
TGI's Youth Group Session

18th 1st Reconciliation Commitment Mass

20th Mass @ Mercy Place @ 11am

21st Baptism Preparation Meeting

22nd Mass @ Ashby Aged Care @ 11am

24th St Kevin's Middle Level Mass

25th TGI's Teens Group Session

31st Baptism Mass

1st Father's Day
Baptism Mass

4th First Reconciliation Retreat Day
and Workshop Evening

Plenary Council

Last Saturday, 10th August a group of parishioners attended a diocesan meeting about the next phase of preparation for the Plenary Council.

The next phase involves prayerful processes of group discernment about how we all can implement the themes identified in the first phase, both locally and nationally.

That is, how can the Catholic Church community – both locally and nationally - be:

- A missionary and evangelising community
- A community that is inclusive, participatory and synodal
- A community that is humble, healing and merciful
- A prayerful and eucharistic community
- A joyful, hope-filled and servant community
- A community open to conversion, renewal and reform.

By way of introduction, Fr Kevin Lenehan, from Catholic Theological College, described how the Church, from its very beginning, has had to deal with deep division as new issues and situations arose.

Ms Lana Turvey-Collins, from the Plenary Council Facilitation Team, described the process of prayerful communal discernment a suggested guide for local communities to use.

In the coming weeks and months, through to March next year there will be invitations to join in group discernment (not debate) about how to be the church described above – and through this process to act locally and to provide suggestions for national writing groups.

LAST WEEK'S GIVING

Envelopes	\$ 491.00
Direct Debit/Credit Card	\$ <u>1,040.00</u>
Total	\$ <u>1,531.00 (1)</u>
Priests' Living Costs:	\$ 850.00
Number of Envelopes:	29
(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...

- Plenary Council Snapshot Report 1 – Missionary and Evangelising. Clicking on these snapshots may provide explanations on how the Council came to decide on the six themes.
- Plenary Council's Final Report for Phase 1.

LITURGY ROSTER

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time – 24/25th August 2019

1st Read: Isaiah 66: 18-21 2nd Read: Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13 Gospel: Luke 13: 22-30

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion	Welcomers
5.30pm	Janet Parsons	D'Costa Family	Maryann McNamara Lynne O'Brien Bredenia Raquel	Middle Level Mass
8.30am	Kirsten Collins	Rebecca Sandwell	Betty Natoli Frank Ozzimo Paul Polidano	Volunteer Family
9.00am	Helen Norman	Ken Sharpe	Christine Flannery Dianne Flannery Peter Norman	Maria Robson
10.00am	Carmel Purdey	Liz O'Connell	Mary Calleja Betty Natoli Pat Rowland	Ciriani Family

We pray for Better Health: Kaye Ohara, Jane O'Brien, Randal Waddell, Don Tynan, Tony Tome, Christine Knights, Adrian Wilson, Bella Cullen, Madeleine Hill, Caroline Muscat, the Curmi Family and Salvatore Scaffidi.

Anniversaries: Joachim Cheng Kai On, Jean Pierre Yon and Micheline Cotillon (1)
Recently Deceased: Graham "Polly" Farmer, Bruno Orlandi (friend of Bruno Dinelli) and Frank "Bluey" Adams.

SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST KEVIN'S

During August the second collection will go towards the fight against **Human Trafficking**.

In the words of Pope Benedict, human trafficking is a "crime against humanity" and a form of slavery which is "unfortunately increasingly widespread, which involves every country, even the most developed, and touches the most vulnerable people in society: women and young girls, children, the disabled, the most poor, whoever comes from situations of familial or social disintegration."

In 2019, there are 21 million human victims worldwide.

Needlecraft Sessions Thanks to incredibly generous wool donations by Brian and Pauline Donovan, we are able to keep our sessions continuing each Wednesday in our Gathering Space at 1pm. All are very welcome to join this fun group!

ST KEVIN'S TEMPLESTOWE – *Celebrating our Parish Volunteers!!* Past, Present and Future

A **celebration Mass** will be held on **Sunday, 15th September at 10.00am** to recognise the magnificent contribution made by so many wonderful volunteers who enhance both our spiritual and community needs.

All are welcome to participate whether you are in one of our Parish Groups or you are simply helping others in making a positive difference for someone who may need that extra support eg home visitations.

We would like to share the story of volunteers in the parish and will be preparing a small video presentation for all to see. What have you experienced in giving/receiving in the parish that has made a difference? Would you like to share that story with us? Or perhaps you have a favourite quote that you like to live by.

(Your contributions can be anonymous if you prefer). In one month's time, we shall be providing sign-up sheets and asking for your participation in helping to make our parish even more welcoming and vibrant. There will be a special morning tea after Mass and we would welcome your support in bringing a plate. Remember the date - **Sunday 15th September at 10.00am.**

For information on our Parish Schools please contact:

St Kevin's Primary School
Phone: 9273 9999

St Charles Borromeo Primary School
Phone: 9842 7634



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.

Environmental Awareness Mass

On **Sunday, 8th September**, we will be celebrating this special Mass incorporating the voices of our schoolchildren from our primary schools. They will be putting their views into artform which will be displayed in our Parish Church one week prior to the Mass. Look out for these special items!

Parish Pastoral Council

Would you like to play a part in promoting the Church's mission to live and communicate the love and values of Christ in the world around us? Then come and join our Parish Pastoral Council! We meet once a month on the first Tuesday and you can help to make a big difference!

Inspirational Quotes From Christian Meditation Network

The great test of meditation is: Are we growing in love? In patience? Are we growing in understanding and compassion? For some of us this takes a long time. We struggle with our ego. But it does not matter how long it takes. The only thing that matters is that we are on the journey. The journey is a journey away from self, away from egoism, away from selfishness, away from isolation. It is a journey into the infinite love of God. Every morning and every evening we are like children. We receive from God the gifts of simplicity and joy.

Racism - Everyone seems to be in such a hurry to scream 'racism' these days. A customer asked, "in what aisle could I find the Guinness?" The shop assistant asks, "are you Irish?" The guy, clearly offended, says, "yes I am. But let me ask you something, if I had asked for Italian sausage, would you ask me if I was Italian? Or if I had asked for German Bratwurst, would you ask me if I was German? Or if I asked for a kosher hot dog would you ask me if I was Jewish? Or if I had asked for a taco, would you ask if I was Mexican? Or if I asked for Polish sausage, would you ask if I was Polish?" The shop assistant says, "No, I probably wouldn't". The guy says, "well then, because I asked for Guinness, why did you ask me if I'm Irish?" The clerk replied, "Because you're in Bunnings".

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Next event is a

Movie Night

We can't wait to see you again at this fun event on Saturday,
17th August,
6.45pm-8.45pm.
For all in Years 5-8.

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FOR TEENS

TGI'S TEENS GROUP

Our next gathering is on Sunday 25th August,
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 for more info.
All Years 9-12 students welcome