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**Parish Priest:** Fr Charles Balnaves



## 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.

**26/27<sup>th</sup> February, 2022**

**Year C**

**First Communion Weekend**

**Baptism Presentation Sunday**

**Project Compassion Weekend**

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

***Our Presider today is:* Fr Charles Balnaves**

### ***From the PP's Desk...***

**War!** Who would have thought we could have yet another war and one with such global possibilities for destabilisation. Yet another war! There are currently about two dozen wars around the world, most of which we don't hear about, many of which have been continuing for years and years, none of which has really done good. Let us pray for a change of heart in all that enables an end to war everywhere but particularly at this moment in Ukraine. Our prayers do make a difference!

### **Ash Wednesday / Lent / Easter:**

Lenten rules are as normal: fasting and abstinence on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and following your way of penance, of showing your desire to grow in love of Christ, your efforts of prayer/fasting/almsgiving throughout this journey.

I am way behind on getting all the normal things organised that have been common in the past during Lent and leading to Easter. If you used to help Fr Gerry organise things during Lent/Easter please step forwards, call me, call the parish office. I need people to help organise me and make sure the details are done, especially if you've done it before. I hope most things that have happened in previous years will happen this year.

**Stations of the Cross** will happen on Friday evenings @ 7:00 pm at St Gregory the Great.

**Project Compassion** materials are available.

Surrender! It would seem that the word "Lent" has its roots in the lengthening of days during Spring. This year, as we once again enter on our journey towards and into the mystery of Jesus Christ's passion, death and resurrection let us move through prayer and mindfulness and into surrender: not giving up but giving ourselves over into God's love to call us and guide us and nurture us as we undertake our Lenten observances of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

***God bless, Fr Charles***

# What's happening in our Parish this week?...

<b>Saturday</b>	5.30pm	First Holy Communion Mass
<b>Sunday</b>	8.30am & 10.00am	Mass (First Holy Communion at 10.00am)
<b>Tuesday</b>	8.30am	Adoration
	9.15am	Mass
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.30am	Christian Meditation in Chapel and on zoom (please contact the Parish Office to provide email address)
	<b>*** 10.30am &amp; 7.30pm Ash Wednesday Masses ***</b>	
	1.00pm	Needlecraft Group
<b>Thursday</b>	8.30am	Adoration
	9.15am	Mass
<b>Friday</b>	9.15am	Service of the Word with Communion
<b>Saturday</b>	5.30pm	First Holy Communion Mass
<b>Sunday</b>	8.30am & 10.00am	Mass (Baptism at 10.00am)



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

<i>Angela Andronis</i>	<i>Bridget Bearzatto</i>
<i>Diaz Carbonara</i>	<i>Michael Cirianni</i>
<i>Orlando Crescia</i>	<i>Sebastian Cursio</i>
<i>Sienna Guerra</i>	<i>Maeve Holt</i>
<i>Elliott Huber</i>	<i>Poppy Keenan</i>
<i>Aliyah Lee</i>	<i>Mira Menon</i>
<i>Marcus Montuoro</i>	<i>Felix Toscano</i>
<i>Arianna Tsiotinas</i>	<i>Susanna Twining</i>
<i>Renee White</i>	<i>Sophia Zammit</i>

## **Baptism Welcome!**

*This Sunday we welcome:*  
**Brian and Stephanie Clarke**  
 who will be introducing  
**Jordan Dean**  
 to our Parish Community in preparation for his Baptism next weekend.

Celebration  
 of the  
 Sacrament of Baptism



## **Did you forget to bring cash for the collection basket? No worries!**

You can tap your plastic card (eftpos or credit card) by using the terminal in the Gathering Space – next to the holy water dispenser. One tap = \$5 – you can tap as many times as you wish. *Thank you all!*



## **EASTER TIMETABLE 2022**

2<sup>nd</sup> March: **Ash Wednesday**

Masses @ 9am & 6pm – St Gregory the Great, Doncaster

Masses @ 10.30am & 7.30pm – St Kevin's, Lower Templestowe

7<sup>th</sup> April: **Communal Penance Service** at 7.30pm – St Gregory the Great, Doncaster

9/10<sup>th</sup> April: **Palm Sunday** – Masses as per usual

14<sup>th</sup> April: **Holy Thursday** Mass at 7.30pm (with Fr Chris Monaghan)

15<sup>th</sup> April: **Good Friday** – Stations of the Cross @ 10am – St Gregory the Great  
 – Passion of our Lord @ 3pm – St Greg's and St Kevin's

16<sup>th</sup> April: **Easter Vigil** Masses @ 6.30pm – St Greg's 8.30pm – St Kevin's

17<sup>th</sup> April: **Easter Sunday** Masses @ 8.30 and 10.00am



## LITURGY ROSTER

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 26/27<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

**1<sup>st</sup> Read: Ecclesiasticus 27: 4-7 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: 1 Cor 15: 54-58 Gospel: Luke 6: 39-45**

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Fiona Watson	Chelsea Soklevski	Bredenia Raquel
8.30am	Kirsten Collins	Pauline Erickson	Frank Ozzimo
10.00am	Frances Johnston	Lucy Halliburton	Margaret Mangan

**First Sunday of Lent – 5/6<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

**1<sup>st</sup> Read: Deuteronomy 26: 4-10 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: Romans 10: 8-13 Gospel: Luke 4: 1-13**

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Peter Howes	The D'Costa Family	Margaret Turner
8.30am	Frank Ozzimo	Paul Polidano	Betty Natoli
10.00am	Vianney Shiel	Liz O'Connell	Lyn Robinson

**We pray for Better Health:** Jan Dalton, Jane O'Brien, Maria & Werner Beismer, Michael & Mardi Doyle, Angelina Amalfi, Fr Brendan Dillon, Mike Westbrook, Jill Hodson and Fiona Watson.

**Anniversaries:** Claude Natoli, Len Saunders, Marlene Shirley Crawl and Bede Header.

**Recently Deceased:**

## World Day of Prayer Services 2022

**Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**

### Donvale Presbyterian Church

5 McGowans Road (Cnr Springvale Road)

Donvale

10.00am

Speaker: Ms Naomi Chua from AMES  
where she works with  
Afghan refugees

### St Bishoy & St Shenouda's

**Coptic Orthodox Church**

1-9 Prospect Road, Bulleen

8.00pm

Speaker: Isaiah from "Just Voices"  
a program of Jesuit  
Social Services

From England, Wales and Northern Ireland – Theme: 'I know the plans I have for you'.  
All welcome

Inquiries: 0438 034 739

### ***ST KEVIN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM***

**If you would like your child/ren to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation,  
First Communion or Reconciliation this year, the time to act is now!**

Registrations are currently being accepted for students to receive these Sacraments this year. Please ring the Parish Office on 9850 5983 (Tuesday-Friday 9am-4pm) or email: [templestowe@cam.org.au](mailto:templestowe@cam.org.au) or check out our website for further information.

### **Covid Safety**

At long last we have received guidelines from our Archdiocese as to further easing of restrictions. These include:

- Face coverings no longer being mandatory within Churches or workplaces.
- QR Code check-ins to Churches and workplaces no longer being required. This includes if you'd like to stay and have a cuppa after Mass or the celebration of a Baptism.
- There are no longer vaccination requirements nor any requirement for Marshals to check vaccination statuses for attendees at Churches for weddings, funerals or general worship.
- No limits on participants or density requirements.
- **Ash Wednesday** – The Blessing of Ashes can take place but will be distributed by sprinkling over the head.

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For information on our Parish  
Schools please contact:

**St Kevin's Primary School**  
Phone: 9273 9999

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

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## Responsorial Psalm

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

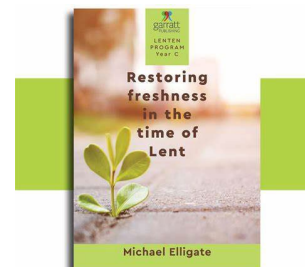
Shine on the world like bright stars;  
you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

## Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear us we pray.

## Lenten Program for 2022

This year, our Friday morning Communion Service will be modified to incorporate a **Lenten Reflection Session** week by week with Communion embedded in the Session. This will help us to prepare for the very sacred season of Easter. Week 1 will commence on Friday @ 9.15am. In the meantime make sure to keep your Friday mornings clear!



## St Kevin's Parish Submission

### "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission"

In March 2020, Pope Francis announced that the theme for the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in October 2023 would be "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission". Synodality means 'walking together on a path'. We are walking together as a parish and together with other Catholics in Australia and around the world to discern and find a way forward. Pope Francis has invited all Catholics to take part in this consultation process which happens at a diocesan level.


A working group from our parish has prepared a draft submission for the Archdiocese. The Archdiocese will then make a submission to the Synod of Bishops.

In Australia the process of 'walking together' has already begun with the Plenary Council. Our draft submission relies on the hard work we did in preparation for the Plenary Council meetings.

The draft submission is on the website [www.stkevinsparish.org.au/whats-happening/](http://www.stkevinsparish.org.au/whats-happening/)  
Please have a look and if you have any feedback, email it to [templestowe@cam.org.au](mailto:templestowe@cam.org.au).

To be considered feedback must be received by **5 pm on Tuesday 8 March 2022**.

Thank you.

 **Caritas** We are entering the  
AUSTRALIA Season of Lent.  
Please make sure you collect your  
Project Compassion box before  
you leave today.

**Our Archbishop** has written a letter to us all regarding the unfolding crisis in the Ukraine. It is on the noticeboard in the Gathering Space for you to read.

## Help Wanted!



The Easter Season is fast approaching and as we enter into this extremely busy time of the Liturgical Year, we are asking for some assistance please with our Easter Ceremonies.

If you are not planning time away this Easter Season, please consider being involved in your parish this year, even if it is in a small way – every little bit helps! Please call Julie O'Donnell on 9850 4373 or Fr Charles on 9850 5983 for more information or indeed to express your desire to offer any support. Thank you.