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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> March, 2022**

**4th Sunday of Lent**

**Year C**

**First Communions Sunday**

**Baptisms Presentations Weekend**

### ***From the PP's Desk... Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary!***

We are joining in Pope Francis' call for all Catholics, all Christians, to consecrate ourselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. In part, the Pope's one thousand word prayer reads: "Therefore ... we solemnly entrust and consecrate ourselves, the Church, and all humanity, especially Russia and Ukraine. ... lead us now on the paths of peace. Amen."

Copies of the full prayer have been emailed out and are available on paper in the foyer. I have prayed the complete prayer myself and I know others are doing so. We will pray a part of this prayer again during our Masses this weekend.

My first reaction to Pope Francis' call was surprise because it is not obvious that I can or we can consecrate someone else to the Immaculate Heart (or anyone else) unless it is something they request. How can I consecrate Russia or Ukraine?

My second reaction was to pray, to accept the call and commit myself to shall pray and invite the whole of the parishes of St Kevin's and St Gregory's to pray this consecration. When we do this, then the whole of the Body of Christ acts and prays as one for peace and this act will have a powerful effect if we allow it to flow into our lives and actions.

I like to understand things which surprise or perplex me. There is usually a learning to be gleaned. So! How can "I" consecrate someone else? And the answer? It seems to me to be that I can't! And neither can you. What we can do is offer ourselves and others to God's mercy, and doing this through the Immaculate Heart of Mary allows us to amplify our prayer through her. In doing this, as the pope's prayer says, we entrust ourselves to God. If we think about it, as a priest celebrating the Eucharist it is not me who consecrates the bread and wine: I am acting as and for Jesus Christ.

In the case of this consecration we make today, it is the Father who consecrates us and Russia and Ukraine, through the power of the Spirit and the work of Jesus Christ. We entrust ourselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary knowing that she will clarify our prayer and draw us further into God's love and invite us to act for peace in our lives: over a billion Catholics all acting and so consecrated for peace: powerful!

*God bless, Fr Charles*

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



|                  |                  |                                                                                                           |
|------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Saturday</b>  | 5.30pm           | Mass                                                                                                      |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 8.30am & 10.00am | Mass (First Holy Communion at 10.00am)                                                                    |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 8.30am           | Adoration                                                                                                 |
|                  | 9.15am           | Mass                                                                                                      |
|                  | 1.00pm           | Needlecraft Group                                                                                         |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 9.30am           | Christian Meditation in Chapel and on zoom<br>(please contact the Parish Office to provide email address) |
|                  | 11.00am          | Adoration                                                                                                 |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 8.30am           | Adoration                                                                                                 |
|                  | 9.15am           | Mass                                                                                                      |
| <b>Friday</b>    | 9.15am           | Service of the Word with Communion & Lent Reflection                                                      |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | 5.30pm           | Mass                                                                                                      |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 8.30am & 10.00am | Mass (Baptisms at 10.00am)                                                                                |

## #GIVEBACK



We need some more volunteers please to help with reading/commentating for our Masses, particularly the 5.30pm Saturday evening and 8.30am Sunday morning ones. This is not an onerous undertaking and of course the more helpers we have the less times you'll be rostered on. Want more information? Please contact Pauline Erickson on 0407 824 638 or let Fr Charles know. Thank you to our dedicated helpers who are already a part of this ministry.

### **Collection Basket update: NO CASH? No worries! Donate with a tap!**

You can tap your plastic card or phone (eftpos or credit card) by using the terminal in the Gathering Space near the church entrance.

One tap = \$5

You can tap as many times as you wish. *Thank you all!*

(Please note: this is NOT part of our formal thanksgiving program.)



## EASTER TIMETABLE 2022

- 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



**Volunteers and ChildSafe Requirements** All of us who participate in parish life, helping with any ministry, must have a current Working with Children Check (WWCC) and must sign a Code of Conduct statement. Please check your WWCC card to see it is current and also whether you have signed the Code of Conduct. Please also with your WWCC go into your MyCheck account and ensure you have listed all your volunteer organisations including this parish. Please check with the parish office to ensure your records are up-to-date and that all documentation has been submitted. We are needing to care for our children in today's world and must follow Archdiocesan directives.

# LITURGY ROSTER

## Fourth Sunday of Lent – 26/27<sup>th</sup> March 2022

1<sup>st</sup> Read: Joshua 5: 9-12 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: 2 Corinth 5: 17-21 Gospel: Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

| Time    | Commentator   | Lector          | Communion    |
|---------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 5.30pm  | Fiona Watson  | D'Costa Family  | Anne Maguire |
| 8.30am  | Frank Ozzimo  | Kirsten Collins | Mary Waddick |
| 10.00am | Carmel Purdey | Julie O'Donnell | Lyn Murphy   |

## Fifth Sunday of Lent – 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022

1<sup>st</sup> Read: Isaiah 43: 16-21 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: Philippians 3: 8-14 Gospel: John 8: 1-11

| Time    | Commentator   | Lector           | Communion       |
|---------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 5.30pm  | Janet Parsons | Kathy Pearce     | Margaret Turner |
| 8.30am  | Paul Polidano | Rebecca Sandwell | Betty Natoli    |
| 10.00am | Vianney Shiel | Lucy Halliburton | Lyn Robinson    |

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

**Anniversaries:** Maria De Luca, Ralph De Souza, Joe Malone, Rita Skubal, John Clarke, Yvonne Wilson, Nancy & Joseph Amalfi, Victor Liew and Tanya Balnaves.

**Recently Deceased:** Julie Batanta

### Communal Penance Service

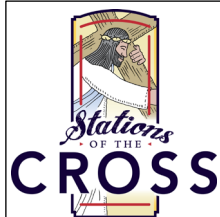
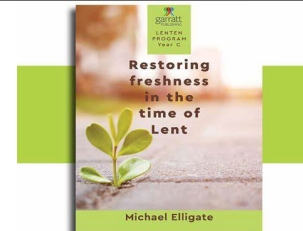
Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm

St Gregory the Great Church



Our next **Pastoral Council Meeting** is scheduled for Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> April @ 7.30pm. If you are interested in joining this dynamic team, please let Fr Charles know.

**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. Sessions will be held every Friday during Lent @ 9.15am in St Kevin's Chapel.



**Stations of the Cross** are held every Friday during Lent at 7.00pm at St Gregory the Great Church, Doncaster. All welcome.

Our next **Liturgy Team Meeting** is scheduled for Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> March @ 7.30pm. Holy Week and Easter celebrations will be planned and prepared for. Watch this space...

### **We are currently revamping our parish property keys system.**

Part of this refurbishment is changing some locks. If you have any key to Church property, please surrender it to the parish office where you will be shown the new system.



**Help Wanted!** The Holy Week 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.

Also, we are in need of volunteers to assist with Communion Ministry at our local aged care facilities. Parish Staff will help and support you. Please let Fr Charles know if you can help.



For information on our Parish  
Schools please contact:

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

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



## Responsorial Psalm

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:

Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

## Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### First Reading

Jos 5: 9-12

A reading from the book of Joshua

*The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover.*

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'  
The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

### Second Reading

2 Cor 5: 17-21

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*God reconciled us to himself through Christ.*

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.



## First Communions - Wow!

*The Parish of St Kevin's welcomes eleven lucky and delightful children to come to the Table of the Lord for the first time, this weekend.*

**Congratulations and welcome to:**

Gemma Callinan      Kaija Di Carlo  
Samuel Falkiner      Lennox Forster  
Kirra Guimbeau      Aquila Jarski  
Zahlia Jones      Abigail Locastro  
Mya Makoul      Christian Robertson  
Ralphie Yuen

## **Baptisms Welcome!**

*This weekend we welcome:*

**Leonardo and Kristy Cappellotto**

who will be introducing

**Mattea Tina Filomena**

**Joseph and Cassandra Fazzari**

who will be introducing

**Roman Joseph**

**Samuel and Veronica Mantineo**

who will be introducing

**Alanah Jade**

**Simon and Jessica Tucci**

who will be introducing

**Isla Josephine**

to our Parish Community in preparation for their Baptisms next weekend.

Celebration  
of the  
Sacrament of Baptism

