



# St Kevin's Catholic Parish



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## 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.

Year B

Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Baptism Weekend  
CatholicCare Appeal Weekend

4/5<sup>th</sup> May, 2024

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

### *From the desk of our PP...*

#### **Parish Pastoral Council Meeting:**

We had a good Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) meeting last Thursday.

Everyone had read the reports beforehand so we just spoke to the major points that needed clarification / discussion.

We had a near full complement present: The members by virtue of their positions in the parish are: Fr Charles, Fr Isaac, Tiziana D'Costa and Ana Saro as parish staff, and then our School Principals Gabee Leone and Miranda Zuzic, and in addition to them are John Costa, Adrian Teo, Pauline Erickson, Margaret Turner, Carmel Shiel and Claudia Raiola, with an apology from Peter Sheehan. A marvellous group of people, with open minds, and willingness to work in a synodal way, walking together under the light of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you to each of these members who have committed to help grow our parish into the future as a wonderful welcoming people of Christ Jesus, open to the whole community in which we exist.

I am most blessed to be your shepherd!

#### **Business Manager:**

We received seven applications for this role. After careful review we narrowed this down to four who will be interviewed next Tuesday. Please keep us in your prayers as we seek to choose the right person for the role: with a lot of work and great help from the Holy Spirit.

#### **Safeguarding:**

There will be a regional safeguarding gathering at St Kevin's on May 14th at 11 am. This will introduce the new Safeguarding Policy and Code of Conduct: You will I am sure be already aware of these as you will have taken or at least glanced at them in the Gathering Space.

*God bless, Fr Charles*



### **This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal (previously held during the month of August).**

CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential. Your generous donation will help the most vulnerable members of our community – those facing unemployment and homelessness, those experiencing mental health challenges, families struggling with relationship problems, people in hospitals and prisons, newly arrived refugees, and those experiencing grief and trauma. Please donate to CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your compassion and generosity will help the most vulnerable and marginalised in our community. You can donate using the appeal envelope available, donate online at [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au) or call (03) 9287 5513. All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible.

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

Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses (Baptism & 1 <sup>st</sup> Eucharist 10am)
Tuesday	8.15am	Adoration
	9.15am	Mass
	1.00pm	Needlecraft Group
Wednesday	9.30am	Meditation – via zoom only – all welcome.
	Please contact the parish office so we can send you the link	
Thursday	10.15am	Adoration
	8.30am	Adoration
Friday	9.15am	Mass
	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses



### We pray for Better Health:

Danielle Hardy, Maeve & John Reardon, Eugenia Pozzebon, Margaret Turner, Graham & Jason Gooden, Lynda O'Meara, Milda Sarzetakas, Andrew Amalfi, Ana Saro, Tracey Tucker, Fr Terry Kean, Teresa Paolilli, Frankie Pettinella, Margaret Enriquez, Lucia Butler, Rosanna Campagna, Fr Brendan Dillon, Greg Hodson, Brooke Evans, Anne Materazzo, Melissa Wirata and Peter Sheehan.

### Anniversaries:

Gerry Mangan, Roberto Milanes, Mario Gerosolimo, Maria Di Cosmo, Rosa Giannini, Lucy Molony, Silvana La Greca Angela Hernet, Maureen Catherine Trezise and Zac Shiel.

### Recently Deceased:

### Feast Days this week:...

#### 10<sup>th</sup> May St John de Avila

Born in Spain, John was sent at the age of 14 to the University of Salamanca to study law. He later he studied philosophy and theology before his ordination as a diocesan priest. After John's parents died and left him as their sole heir to a considerable fortune, he distributed his money to the poor. In 1527, he traveled to Seville, hoping to become a missionary in Mexico. The archbishop of that city persuaded him to stay and spread the faith in Andalusia. During that time, he developed a reputation as an engaging preacher, a perceptive spiritual director, and a wise confessor. John was not afraid to denounce vice in high places, he was investigated by the Inquisition but was cleared in 1533.

## LITURGY ROSTER

### Sixth Sunday of Easter – 4/5<sup>th</sup> May 2024

1<sup>st</sup> Read: Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: 1 John 4: 7-10 Gos: John 15: 9-17

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Daniel Marini	Bredenia Raquel	Margaret Turner Lynne O'Brien
8.30am	Pauline Erickson		Frances Bettiol Pat Rowland
10.00am	Tony Byrne	Bernard Butler	Kaye Byrne Tony Whelan

### The Ascension of the Lord – 11/12<sup>th</sup> May 2024

1<sup>st</sup> Read: Acts 1: 1-11 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: Ephesians 1: 17-23 Gos: Mark 16: 15-20

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Daniel Marini	Margaret Turner	Maryanne McNamara Lawrence Ceconello
8.30am	Jessica Bartholomeusz		Adrian Teo Mary Waddick
10.00am	Miriam Ayoub	Frances Johnson	Lyn Murphy Raffaella Dinelli

### St Kevin's Christian Meditation,

each Wednesday 9:30am ONLINE via Zoom.

Open to all parishioners including members of the wider community. Why not try it?

Contact the Parish House for the online link.

All welcome.

Just imagine: you are sitting in the dark.

Each time you say your **mantra**,

it is like lighting a small candle.

It does not make a big difference.

But the light grows each time

we meditate.

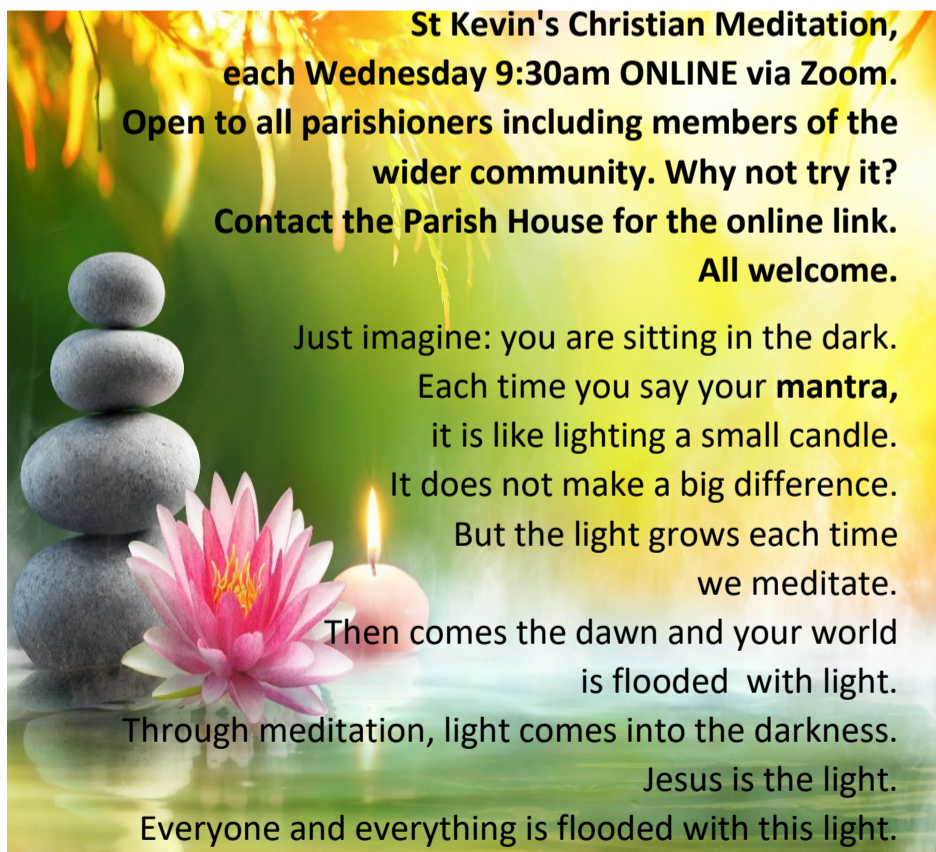
Then comes the dawn and your world

is flooded with light.

Through meditation, light comes into the darkness.

Jesus is the light.

Everyone and everything is flooded with this light.



St Charles Borromeo  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### OPEN DAYS

9.00AM-10.30AM

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August

Book your tour here:



### Ever wondered what happens to all our beautifully handmade, bespoke blankets and beanies?

The parish of St Kevin's is very proud indeed of our Craft Group Ladies who work fervently throughout the year to provide warm blankets and beanies to the following organisations:

- \* Missionaries of Charity Fitzroy and Timor
- \* St Kilda Mums
- \* Exodus Community
- \* Sacred Heart Missions St Kilda
- \* Parish Nursing Homes
- \* Beanies for Charity
- \* Sick Parishioners

Would you like to join us? We meet every Tuesday afternoon @ 1.00pm in the Church Gathering Space.

No experience necessary! – on the job training provided!





## Safeguarding

**WWCC/ Code of Conduct:** Please make sure you keep your Working with Children Check up to date. Sadly, I've had to sign off on removal of two people from rosters recently due to their not having up-to-date checks. These checks can seem like a vast imposition of an unreasonable government or archdiocese: they are not! They are a piece of the jigsaw of our witness and willingness to be consciously competent in looking to keep our children and others safe from harm in all ways reasonable. **Fr Charles**

## Alpha: you are welcome to join.

We are beginning the next Alpha Experience on Thursday May 30th 7:00—8:30 pm for 11 weeks with a retreat day on Saturday July 13th. Everyone is welcome to express interest in participating: so please call the office and put forward your name. We are limited in how many people we can have participate in each experience of Alpha (16 or 24 depending on who is willing and able to help lead the nights), so it is possible that your interest may have to wait until the next Alpha to be fulfilled. Yes I plan, we plan, that Alpha will be an ongoing effort in the parish. It has its limitations, but it is an effective experience to help all of us become more deeply aware of Jesus and who Jesus is for us (and doubly for those who are not baptised).

Experience elsewhere shows that most people come to Alpha because of a personal invitation (as opposed to this sort of notice in the bulletin), so most people coming will probably be invited personally but it is not exclusive: please, express your interest. A limit we are imposing at present is on the number of people from other parishes who can come along. We want to build the experience and the leadership base in St Greg's and St Kevin's before we start being more open beyond our parishes. **Fr Charles**

## MEN'S SOCIAL GROUP



ST KEVIN'S PARISH, TEMPLESTOWE

The next **St Kevin's Men's Social Group** takes place on **Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> May @ 7.30pm in the Church Gathering Apace**. Open to men of any age (older teenagers are welcome with their guardian) - parishioners and non-parishioners alike. All are welcome. Invite a friend, relative or neighbour along. Supper is provided. BYO alcoholic drinks. \$8 donation suggested to cover costs. For catering purposes, please let the parish office know of your attendance on 9850 5983, or email Tiziana at [tiziana.dcosta@cam.org.au](mailto:tiziana.dcosta@cam.org.au)



### Parish Mass Count

As we have now entered the merry month of May it is time for our Annual Mass Count. Please consider assisting with counting the number of Mass attendees.

Counters are requested to count the number of folk who are at Mass. Counting sheets are provided on the bench in the sacristy near the money bags.

This information is then forwarded to the Melbourne Archdiocese. It is a process in which we are able to maintain an up-to-date picture of Mass attendance in the Archdiocese, both in our parishes and migrant community centres.

This annual count taken in May is important for our pastoral planning activities and allows for comparisons to be made across the years.

St Kevin's Parish warmly welcomes through the Sacrament of Baptism...



**Beau Leonard Clarke**  
son of Brian and Stephanie  
Little brother of Jordan



Congratulations to  
**PHOENIX HARRISON**  
who comes to the table of the Lord  
for the very first time this



Our next **Parish Bookish Morning Tea** will be held on **Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> May** at 10.00am and continues every fortnight.



## Pizza & Wine Night

11th of May, Saturday  
St Gregory the Great Parish

All parishioners and friends are warmly invited to a pizza and wine social gathering on Saturday, 11th of May after the 6.00pm Mass.

There are sign-up sheets on the table in the foyer. Please add your name if you would like to come to this celebration so we can cater for the appropriate number.

## Healing Service

With Fr Brendan Maria, CSE and Sisters of Daughters of Carmel

Come and join us for Eucharistic Adoration with intention of healing and healing prayer ministry

**SUNDAY,**  
**19 MAY 2024**  
**5.45-7.00 PM**

(after 5PM Sunday Mass)  
there will be refreshments after service

St Gregory the Great Church  
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For information on our Parish Schools please contact:

**St Kevin's Primary School**  
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## Responsorial Psalm

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

## Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, graciously hear us.

### REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### First Reading

[Acts of the Apostles 10: 25-26. 34-35. 44-48](#)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.*

There are two events in Acts, the importance of which Luke highlights by recounting them at length three times. One is Paul's transforming experience of Jesus on the road to Damascus, the other is a double conversion – the conversion of the Roman centurion Cornelius to Christ and that of Peter to the Gentiles. It's this two-fold conversion that we hear about today. In spite of its importance, the Sunday lectionary contains no account of this event that prompts Peter's enlightenment.

The text for today homes in on the mini-Pentecost event in which the Holy Spirit is poured out on Peter's non-Jewish audience, triggering tongues and praise. By refusing to let Cornelius reverence him when he arrived Peter had made it clear that this was going to be all God's work. The order in which faith, baptism and Spirit are given varies greatly in the episodes Luke records. On this occasion baptism "in the name of Jesus Christ" follows the gift of the Spirit. After the drama, Peter stays on, demonstrating plainly that in this new era social and religious barriers had been overcome and table fellowship was possible. The mission to the Gentiles had begun.

This is a dynamic reading filled with both human and divine action.

#### Second Reading

[1 John 4: 7-10](#)

A reading from the first letter of St John  
*God is love.*

In last Sunday's reading, John told his community there were two commandments, to believe in Jesus Christ and to love one another. He went on to explain what that first commandment entailed; now he unpacks the second. At the very heart of today's text, John condenses the whole of the biblical saga in three short words, "God is love."

The essence of his teaching is clear. God is love and loved us first. That love has been revealed to the world in God's Son. The Son's saving death has freed us from sin. In consequence, we must love one another. Unlike the apostle Paul, who may well have been tempted to offer a theological explanation of how the Son's sacrifice "takes our sins away," John is content to simply state the case.

Apart from the fleeting shadow of those who fail to love, and who therefore have never known God, the entire reading is full of light. It is suffused with the love that gives life – God's love, the Son's love, our love.

## "I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything"

Nice words (from this weekend's gospel according to John), but what do they mean? Well perhaps I now make something worthwhile known to you that indicates I regard you as friends. So what I have to say friends is that we are given as many opportunities to recognise the disadvantaged people living in our midst, as opportunities to help, to the extent that we reasonably can amidst other needs. Among others there's a group doing this by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, hope, joy and compassion. We all know of Vinnies, but what are the underlying values driving their many good works? We know some of what they do, but they do many different good things according to needs and times. Vinnies Lynne Tull has kindly accepted our invitation to share **"So Many Good Works"** with us via ZOOM on **Thursday 16 May 2024, from 7:30pm to 8:30pm**. From the comfort and warmth of our own home we can learn little more about others less warm and comfortable. A little later on our 2nd Collections will in turn support St Vincent De Paul. So without even having to help directly we'll have a better understanding of how our thoughtful donations actually do help. Booking is ESSENTIAL. It's easily done online via the Parish website Social Justice Page, or from the QR code on nearby brochures, or request assistance.

- John Costa, SJA

**Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.**

The Archdiocese is committed to the safety, wellbeing and human dignity of children, young people and adults.

Online DETAILS and/or REGISTRATION for the St Kevin's Parish SJA Vinnies "So Many Good Works" ZOOM event on 16 May from 7:30pm - 8:30pm as separately described above.

Details/Registration code:

