



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

Trinity Sunday

25/26th May, 2024

Our Presider today is: Fr Isaac Zaki

From the desk of Fr Charles...

Holidays:

On Monday I leave for a long-awaited holiday for three weeks. I shall be sightseeing around SE Australia with friends, including some places I've never visited. It should be fun, and the weather is cool but fine for the most part at this time of year so ideal for hiking. Fr Isaac will be filling in for most of my duties while I am away so most daily Masses will be celebrated as usual (possibly not during the week of the Clergy Conference in early June).

I leave you in good hands: Fr Isaac, Tiziana, Ana, Nadia, and our supply priests Bishop Les and Fr Gerry. I shall miss you, but not enough to spoil the beauty I am off to discover.

Feast of the Most Holy Trinity:

As I grew up I remember homilies starting with "it is very hard to describe the Trinity" – think of a three leafed clover; think of a triangle; the most humorous attempt I remember is "Trinity: three persons in one God: but just remember: three doesn't mean three, person doesn't mean person, in doesn't mean in, one doesn't mean one and God doesn't mean God." Hopefully I can do better in my homily than being dismissive of this most wonderful feast.

My reason for raising the feast in my words for the bulletin is to highlight the change that happened in the early church: they went from talking about Jesus, talking about the Spirit; talking about the Father or God: they went from that to seeing the truth of the Trinity. Christ Jesus remains central, the Good News he proclaims remains absolute – but ... their understanding of some fundamental truths developed over time. Always consistent with the past but developing in depth and scope.

We are going through a period of development in the church in Australia: today. All the old truths remain valid. But ... very few people have ears that can hear. We are on a journey that includes becoming synodal (walking with each other and listening as we seek to understand each other, each other's views, and remain open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit); working collaboratively; working in co-responsible teams; discerning the future rather than trusting that the Parish Priest knows all the answers. Development like this led to expression of the doctrine of the Most Holy Trinity, long after the Gospels were written including only allusions to the Trinity.

If you feel a little at sea with our faith, our church at present: that's Ok: trust, remain open to God's love. And marvellous things will happen in our parish.

God bless, Fr Charles



**LAUDATO SI'
WEEK 2024**

**Seeds
of Hope**

About Laudato Si' Week

Laudato Si' Week is a celebration held annually in May to mark the anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical on caring for creation.

Sponsored by the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, this global celebration unites Catholics to listen and respond together to the cry of creation, rejoice in the progress we have made in bringing Laudato Si' to life, and intensify our efforts through the Laudato Si' Action Platform as well as other opportunities for education and action. In Laudato Si' Week 2024, let us gather in community to contemplate the wonder of creation and nurture seeds of hope for our "suffering planet" (LD 2).

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

Saturday 5.30pm Mass
 Sunday 8.30am & 10.00am Masses
 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
 10.15am Adoration
 Thursday 8.30am Adoration
 9.15am Mass
 Saturday 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, Fr Terry Kean, Teresa Paolilli, Frankie Pettinella, Margaret Enriquez, Lucia Butler, Rosanna Campagna, Fr Brendan Dillon, Greg Hodson, Brooke Evans, Anne Materazzo, Melissa Wirata, Peter Sheehan, Sharon Hibbert and Rosemarie Cameron.

Anniversaries:

Anne Strickland, Rosa Giannini, Val Byrne, John Norman, Geraldine Dalla Riva, Maureen Whyte, Julian Hunter, Vince Materazzo, Salvatore Lo Monaco, John Julian Hunter and Peter Joseph Niero, Giuseppe Sciarrone.

Feast Days this week:...

31 May

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This feast celebrates the Virgin Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth, as told in the Gospel of Luke (Luke 1:39-56), and her example of faith in God's word and sensitivity to the Spirit.

It was introduced into the Franciscan calendar by Saint Bonaventure (15 July) in the thirteenth century and was extended in 1389 to the entire Latin Church to heal the division in the Western Church of the time.

LITURGY ROSTER

The Most Holy Trinity – 25/26th May 2024

1st Read: Deut 4: 32-34, 39-40 2nd Read: Romans 8: 14-17 Gos: Matthew 26: 16-20

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Lucy Halliburton	Hannah Halliburton	Lawrence Ceconello Maryanne McNamara
8.30am	Paul Polidano		Pat Rowland Frances Bettiol
10.00am	Vianney Shiel	Carmel Shiel	Raffaella Dinelli Geraldine Williams

Corpus Christi – 1/3 June 2024

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Daniel Marini	Tasha Vercauteran	Lawrence Ceconello Bredenia Raquel
8.30am	Miriam Ayoub		Frances Bettiol Mary Waddick
10.00am	Bernard Butler	Vianney Shiel	Geraldine Williams Lyn Murphy

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.
 In meditation,
 we become aware of God's Presence:
 not 'out there' but as an inner experience.
 We live in this Presence more sure,
 more hopeful, stronger.
 God is the soil in which we
 are planted.
 Our faith cannot be shaken even
 in events that seem like a
 huge cyclone.
 We cannot be uprooted once we are on this pilgrimage.
 We always draw closer and stronger to Jesus,
 to his goodness, compassion and injustice.

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OPEN DAYS
 9.00AM-10.30AM

Tuesday 28th May
 Thursday 6th June
 Wednesday 12th June
 Tuesday 18th June
 Tuesday 13th August

Book your tour here:

NOW MORE THAN EVER
 NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2024
 27 MAY – 3 JUNE #NRW2024 RECONCILIATION.ORG.AU

National Reconciliation Week – 27 May – 3 June 2024

About the theme

The National Reconciliation Week theme for 2024, **Now More Than Ever**, is a reminder to all of us that no matter what, the fight for justice and the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will —and must —continue.

In case we didn't notice it, the week of 16 -24 May was Refugee Week!

Last year at our invitation Sr Brigid Arthur of the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project addressed a well-attended St Kevin's Parish Social Justice Action online Forum (around 50 from our and some other neighbouring Parishes) on the Project, and the issues it advocates for, and asylum seekers it caringly supports with the help of volunteers.

Sr Brigid recently turned 90 and is showing no signs of slowing down in her extraordinary work, firmly based on our faith values and its human care for others. On Wednesday I and many other accepted an invitation from Sr Brigid to attend a presentation by the Human Rights Law Centre, and discussion, on the current situation concerning recent associated High Court decisions, and proposed legislation - The Migration Amendment (Removal and Other Measures) Bill 2024. The Bill was introduced in Federal Parliament in March, but voting on the Bill has been delayed. Between now and the next federal election a year or so away there is likely to be much discussion on immigration, refugees, asylum seekers, infrastructure, and more. St Kevin's Parish SJA will endeavour to continue to provide updates and opportunities for local discussions - *John Costa, SJA*

Alpha begins on Thursday 30 May – thank you for your interest!

Thank you to everyone who enquired about Alpha, have telephoned the office, and have confirmed your attendance. It's been wonderful to see so much interest and goodwill. Registrations are closed now for the May round which begins next week. If you are interested in Alpha, please let me know, I'm happy to chat any time. We plan to run Alpha again later this year. *Tiziana D'Costa*

Tiziana D'Costa



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 people who are at Mass. Counting sheets are provided on the bench in the sacristy near the money bags.



Our next **Parish Bookish Morning Tea** will be held on **Thursday, 30th May** at 10.00am and continues every fortnight.

Please feel free to come to the Parish house and have a browse of the library and stay for a chat and a cuppa!!



Maintenance / Leaks

Keeping our buildings in good condition is an on-going challenge. Most recently, the monthly cleaning of the gathering space gutters stopped (inexplicably), and we got a minor flood through into our toilets.

Do you know someone who might commit to get up on the roof once a month (safely) and check and clear the gutters: it takes only half an hour but it needs to be done 'religiously' or things go wrong.

Fr Charles

Social Justice Action

St Kevin's Parish, Templestowe

WINTER COAT DRIVE



MAY 25 - JUNE 30

WE ARE COLLECTING WARM CLEAN COATS, JACKETS AND JUMPERS FOR REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS IN NEED

THIS IS THE FUNDAMENTAL GOSPEL ISSUE OF OUR TIME



Drop off:
St Kevin's Church or Parish Office
26-44 Herlihys Road, Lwr Templestowe
St Gregory the Great Church
71 Williamsons Rd, Doncaster.
Queries: Carmel Purdey
carmelpurdey@gmail.com



Asylum Seeker Support

On Monday, 3rd June we celebrate

St Kevin's Feast Day

A special commemorative Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday morning, 5th June 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

Responsorial Psalm

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS FOR THE MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

First Reading

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

The Lord himself is God in heaven above and on earth below: there is no other.

Moses' solemn words to the Israelites invite them into a vast panorama, stretching from the dawn of creation, through the exodus from Egypt to an open future in which 'you and your children may prosper and live long in the land.' Moses is intent on reminding the people of the identity and power of the one true God. To this God alone are they called to pledge faithful allegiance.

He highlights God's own word, first evoking the creation story with which the book of Genesis begins. Through the six active days of creation God spoke and elements of the world came to be, culminating in the birth of humankind. God spoke again 'from the heart of the fire' on Mt Sinai and gave the Israelites the Law, the Torah, by which they were to live. Now Moses summons them to take this word to heart, for 'The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other.'

This reading sums up the astonishing revelation that led ancient Israel to believe in one and only one God, beyond naming and human imagination yet passionately involved with the world.

Second Reading

Romans 8:14-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

You have received the Spirit that makes you God's own children, and in that Spirit we call God: Father, our Father!

The good news conveyed by this short passage from Romans is Trinitarian. It declares that as children we can address God as 'Abba, Father'. We are co-heirs with Christ and moved by the Spirit. This snapshot of our Christian identity is heart-warming, yet its import may be obscured by our sensitivity to the exclusive language of the Jerusalem Bible lectionary.

More contemporary translations like the NRSV avoid the use of the words 'son' and 'sons'. It may seem perfectly apt to replace these with 'children', but it should be noted that this choice does entail some loss. The linguistic connection with Jesus as 'Son of God' is diminished, as is the sense of privilege given to the baptised as it was to sons in ancient times.

What Paul writes to the Romans echoes what Jesus said to his disciples after he had washed their feet: 'I shall not call you servants any more...I shall call you friends' (Jn 15:15). It also alludes to the risen Lord countering his disciples' fear with greetings of peace (eg Jn20:19-21).

My neighbour took his life rather than face homelessness. Will Anyone bother to notice?

(Edited extracts from Sue Williams, The Age, 14 May 2024).

We lost one of our neighbours the other day. He climbed over the balcony railing and threw himself from the top floor of his apartment building onto the ground below. He'd been in that unit for 23 years and was a regular sight to all of us living in the little cluster of towers in Sydney's Kings Cross, as he sat on a chair on his open balcony, watching the world go by ... But last week, the world no longer passed by; it stopped right at his door. His nine-level building of 35 cheap rented studios, he learnt, is about to be torn down and redeveloped into a flashy new one of just 12 luxury three-bedroom apartments. He was set to be evicted, and homeless. This is the real face of the housing crisis: a middle-aged, lonely man, battling to survive on a low income, who felt he'd run out of options. This neighbourhood was his home, everyone he knew and everything he did was here ... What options can we in St Kevin's parish offer those in need? Do we notice those in need? We know an elderly lady and former Knitting Group member, now in Croydon, in urgent need of rental accommodation - **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.

