



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

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

15/16th June, 2024

Our Presider today is: Fr Isaac Zaki

A word from the Lay Ecclesial Leader...

When my children were small, during car trips, they would inevitably ask 'are we there yet?' This was usually pretty early on in the trip, say in the first 20 minutes of a two-hour car journey. As small children, they did not have a conception of time. Typically, I encouraged them to be patient, to trust that the journey would be pleasant, and that the destination was worth waiting for.

In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to a fruitful harvest. We are called to be the farmers who sow the seed night and day. We do not know when the harvest will come; but we need to have faith and keep sowing. There's no point asking, 'are we there yet'? Because sowing for the kingdom of God is a steady and constant process. We may never even see the fruit of what we sow. But there will be fruit, even from unexpected places. As Jesus says, even the smallest mustard seed can grow into the biggest shrub.

Parish Office News

We welcome a new staff member this week, our Business Manager, Mr David Hii. David will be the Business Manager for St Kevin's and St Gregory the Great Parishes. David comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and experience. Please make him feel welcome.

We welcome back Fr Charles from leave this week and extend a very heartfelt *thank you* to Fr Isaac for stepping in during his absence. This includes driving to and from the clergy conference on the Mornington Peninsula last week to preside over the Sacred Heart Mass on Wednesday and a funeral on Friday. Thank you, Fr Isaac!

Blessings, Tiziana

Hour of Grace Eucharistic Adoration

*Spend a moment in front of Blessed Sacrament
with hymns and worships*

**Every 3rd Sunday of the
month after 5PM Mass**

Schedule for 2024:

18 Feb, 17 Mar, 21 Apr, 19 May, 16 Jun, 21 Jul

**St Gregory the Great Church
71 Williamsons Rd, Doncaster**

Info: Vera - doncaster@cam.org.au



HOLY TRINITY COMMUNITY

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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	
Thursday	8.30am	Adoration
	9.15am	Mass
Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses

We pray for Better Health:

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, Greg Hodson, Brooke Evans, Anne Materazzo, Melissa Wirata, Peter Sheehan, Sharon Hibbert, Rosemarie Cameron, Dorothea (Dot) Sharkey and Alexandra Franke.

Anniversaries:

Monique Daisy Chong, John Dickenson, Fortunata Butta and Kevin Cheng Shou Kong.

Recently Deceased:

Feast Days this week:...

21st June St Aloysius Gonzaga

Devout and ascetical from the time of his childhood in a family of Italian nobility. Pursued a religious vocation as a Jesuit against enormous family opposition. Remembered for his youthful ideal of perfection and his determination to achieve it.

22nd June Ss John Fisher and Thomas More

Remembered for their wide learning, for their devotion to the Church, and for their uncompromising integrity and courage. An opportunity to celebrate all the English martyrs, Catholic and Protestant, of the Reformation era. Coming from every walk of life, people rich and poor, married and single, women and men died on the scaffold, perished in prison, or suffered harsh persecution for their faith.

LITURGY ROSTER

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – 15/16th June 2024

1st Read: Ezekiel 17: 22-24 2nd Read: 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10 Gos: Mark 4: 26-34

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Tasha Vercauteran	Bredenia Raquel	Margaret Turner Lynne O'Brien
8.30am	Tiziana D'Costa		Penny Teo Pat Rowland
10.00am	Carmel Purdey	Frances Johnson	Lyn Robinson Tony Robinson

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 22nd/23rd June 2024

1st Read: Job 38: 8-11 2nd Read: 2 Corinthians 5: 14-17 Gos: Mark 4: 35-41

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Janet Parsons	Kathy Pearce	Maryanne McNamara Daniel Marini
8.30am	Paul Polidano		Mary Waddick Pat Rowland
10.00am	Carmel Purdey	Liz O'Connell	Carmel Purdey Geraldine Williams

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.

Meditation is not separated from all our other activities.

It is the essential regular activity which helps to give life to all else that we do.

It is positive.

It is not empty or time that is 'lost'.

We enter into the presence of God.

We experience the importance of persevering in our journey to the 'mountain of God'.

It is a worthwhile commitment.

On Wednesday, 19th June, Fr Charles will be celebrating a St Kevin's children Grades Prep/1 Mass.

All our parish community are invited and welcomed to join us to pray for them, and all the students and staff of our school community.

Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am.



St Charles Borromeo
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OPEN DAYS

9.00AM-10.30AM

Tuesday 18th June

Tuesday 13th August

Book your tour here:




A letter to Clergy and Laity of the Archdiocese of Melbourne

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli recently returned from a pilgrimage of solidarity to the Holy Lands of Israel, the Palestinian Territories and Lebanon. In a letter to the clergy and laity of the Archdiocese, he says the pilgrimage 'allowed for significant opportunities in prayer, engagement and learning through that part of the world where, in the past, Christ walked and ministered, and where, today, the great Abrahamic religions and historical cultures live side-by-side, in very complex, and presently tragic ways'. In all this tragic complexity, he says, 'there are nonetheless signs of hope, actions of goodness and people of welcome and hospitality.'

This letter is available from the Archdiocesan website or printed copies are available from the table in the Gathering Space.



Our next **Parish Bookish Morning Tea** will be held on **Thursday, 27th June** 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!!



Have you noticed people missing from our Masses?

That is to say, have you noticed regular friends/Mass-goers are not attending Mass?

It might be an idea to contact them and find out if they're ok, and why they're not joining us any more.

Perhaps we can help to reassure them and encourage them, so that their confidence in attending Mass returns.

With Winter well and truly upon us, let us be mindful of ourselves and others as we progress through this infectious season (covid, flu, etc).

Perhaps our care with masks and sanitising will help to keep ourselves and others safe.

Desperately Seeking..... Volunteers

CO.AS.IT., through its Visitation Program, offers friendship and social support to elderly and socially isolated Italians. The organisation is currently looking for Italian speaking individuals who are willing to volunteer one hour per week to visit an elderly person who is lonely and in need of some companionship.

By assisting an elderly person on a social level, you have the chance to make a difference to someone's life. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or would like to know more about the program, please call the Regional Coordinator Tania Barbaro on 0481603702

Please note, we require that the Volunteer be fully vaccinated against Covid19

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 Herlihy's Road, Lwr Templestowe
St Gregory the Great Church
71 Williamsons Rd, Doncaster.
Queries: Carmel Purdey
carmelpurdey@gmail.com



Asylum Seeker Support

CERCHIAMO VOLONTARI - URGENTE!

Il Comitato Assistenza Italiani (CO.AS.IT.) di Melbourne, cerca persone di lingua italiana per visitare circa 1 ore alla settimana anziani Italiani che sono isolati e bisognosi di amicizia.

Visitare una persona isolata può dare tanto significato sia per la persona che riceve che per chi da! Ma anche da l'opportunità a persone che sanno parlare l'italiano di essere collegati con la lingua e la cultura italiana.

Se siete interessata/o chiamate la coordinatrice regionale Tania Barbaro sul 0481603702

Si prega di notare che richiediamo che il Volontario sia completamente vaccinato contro il Covid19



When coming to Church, please make sure you don't park too close to the Church building.

We need to ensure safe and clear passage for emergency vehicles should the need arise.



The Swag

Quarterly Magazine of the National Council of Priests of Australia

Upon leaving Church today, please make sure you pick up your free copy of "The Swag" magazine. Always a good and interesting read.

PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING

Fr Charles' Birthday

23 JUNE, SUNDAY
AFTER 10.30AM MASS

ST GREGORY THE GREAT DONCASTER

Cake and coffee/tea provided.
Please be mindful of food intolerance or allergies.
Parents and carers are requested to supervise their children at all times.

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

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS FOR ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

[Ezekiel 17: 22-24](#)

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

I have made the small tree great.

This oracle from the prophet Ezekiel appeals to our visual imagination. The divine voice invites us to picture a seedling of cedar being planted on the top of a high mountain. There it thrives until it becomes a towering tree. A multitude of birds finds shelter in its outspread branches. In sketching this scene so simply yet vividly for us, Israel's Lord communicates his sovereign power.

The challenge for both reader and assembly is to make sense of a text that has no context. Even those who tune in quickly to its evocative style are likely to find themselves puzzled. The curious who check it out will find that this short reading concludes a kind of parable that takes up the whole of chapter 37 in the book of Ezekiel. It's a complex piece of story-telling that interprets how Jerusalem was overrun by the Babylonians around the year 587 BC. God is the key player in the drama, along with the king of Babylon, the kings of Judaea and the Pharaoh of Egypt, none of whom are named. It's a story of the inter-play of divine and human agency.

None of this background is provided for the praying community. The reason for the reading's selection will only become clear when the gospel story of the mustard seed is read.

Second Reading

[2 Corinthians 5: 6-10](#)

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

Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.

Paul's reflections on the trials and struggles of his apostolic mission have led him to view them in the light of the glory to come. In today's passage he uses a spatial rather than a temporal metaphor. It is based on seeing heaven as our true homeland. Our earthly life is thus one of exile. While in exile on earth, we walk by faith; when we reach our destiny, we shall see.

Paul unites heaven and earth by declaring that, wherever we are, we are full of confidence and are determined to please God. This reference to pleasing God gives rise to another image, that of "the law court of Christ," where we will be judged for the good or bad things we have done.

Paul's mind is so fertile that it is easy to be disoriented by the flow of his ideas. Today's reading is short but busy.

Mark's Seeds

As today's familiar Gospel reading from Mark describes, mustard seeds are thrown on some land, and somehow over time sprout of their own accord. When a crop appears, a harvest is ready to be reaped, or left to wither. This relates well to the Mission our faith calls us to carry on. Throwing seeds is the easy part, following up is harder. Our Parish provides many opportunities to follow up, not only by donating money, although that clearly helps, but also by simple practical activities of various kinds, doing what we can personally and collectively to help those in need, homeless, abused, without opportunity, and forgotten, and to stand for equality and justice. Being conscious of the many needs around us is a good start, and there are many opportunities for doing this by reading widely, including within our Parish. In a small way Social Justice Action attempts to help through Parish Newsletters and Website. How often do we read the Newsletter after Mass or visit the regularly updated Website? More directly, those able to assist are welcome to join in St Kevin's Social Justice Action events, and other Parish groups, to help ensure that seeds which sprout aren't allowed to wither. A *Synodal Church for all of the People of God in our Parish and Archdiocese working together*, is a wonderful new opportunity to do what the very early Church did, if it can *again come to pass*

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.

