



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

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

29/30th June, 2024

Our Presider today is: Fr Isaac Zaki

A word from the Lay Ecclesial Leader...

This Sunday's Gospel is about healing: physical healing but also spiritual and emotional healing. And it's about outsiders. The woman who suffers from the hemorrhage would have been an outcast because of her condition. The parents of the little girl thought it was too late for healing. This is a passage about who is 'in' and who is 'out'.


Thanks to Nick Brodie (Australian historian and writer) we can avail ourselves of Pope Francis' reflections on this Gospel passage. The Holy Father has pointed out that everyone is allowed on the Lord's path, and no one should feel as an intruder or has no right to be there. Therefore, parishes should always be a place of welcome and inclusion. Because, as the Pope says, to have access to Jesus' heart is to feel in need of healing and to trust ourselves to Him. That's true for all of us and for anyone who wants to join us. The Pope wants us to remember that Jesus has shown us the infinite mercy of God, the Father, and we are called to learn and imitate him with our words, our gazes, actions and attitudes. We are called to welcome and nurture the gift of faith wherever we may find it.

And this we do well in our parish. We all need healing; we all have a back story. Let us be for one another a glimmer of Christ's light. No one is 'in' or 'out'. All are welcome.

Blessings, Tiziana

thank you

to everyone who contributed towards our recent Coat Drive. Together we managed to literally fill a room full of beautiful warm coats and jackets.

These were proudly delivered to CatholicCare during the week. Please see the Facebook post here 

The Coat Drive comes to an end this weekend, however contributions will still be accepted for the next few days.

Thank you so much to our amazing Social Justice Team for their ideas, initiative, dedication and hard work towards making the world a better place.

And thank you to Ana Saro too for her help and support in making a difference.

We were privileged to deliver, on behalf of St Kevins Templestowe and St Gregory's Doncaster, three carloads of winter coats and jackets to CatholicCare Victoria in Dandenong today. These coats are a gift to the Asylum Seekers and Refugees who are in need this winter. A huge Thankyou to all who donated to our Winter Coat Drive. Some coats have already been gratefully accepted and worn! 🙏



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	Baptism Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses (Baptisms @ 10am)



We pray for Better Health:

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, Sharon Hibbert, Rosemarie Cameron, Dorothea (Dot) Sharkey, Alexandra Franke, Aisha Yahiat and Jane O'Brien.

Anniversaries:

Fortunata Barutta, Frank Bellomo, Joan Goold, Kevin Donnelly, John Coates, Thomas Shannon, Mike Westbrook, Marcia Standish and Jean Kavanagh.

Recently Deceased: Joseph Van Rooy

LITURGY ROSTER

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 29/30th June 2024

1st Read: Wis 1: 13-15, 2: 23-24 2nd Read: 2 Corinth 8: 7, 9, 13-15 Gos: Mark 5: 21-43

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Minister
5.30pm	Margaret Turner	Christine Marini	Anne Maguire Lawrence Ceconello
8.30am	Frank Ozzimo		Frances Bettiol Pat Rowland
10.00am	Vianney Shiel	Carmel Shiel	Lyn Murphy Frances Johnson

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 6/7th July 2024

1st Read: Ezekiel 2: 2-5 2nd Read: 2 Corinth 12: 7-10 Gos: Mark 6: 1-6

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Minister
5.30pm	Daniel Marini	Kathy Pearce	Lynne O'Brien Maryanne McNamara
8.30am	Pauline Erickson		Adrian Teo Mary Waddick
10.00am	Tony Byrne	Bernard Butler	Kaye Byrne Lyn Murphy

Feast Days this week:...

3rd July St Thomas

Thomas, called the 'Twin' was one of the twelve chosen by Jesus.

Remembered for his initial disbelief in the resurrection and his subsequent proclamation of faith upon seeing the resurrected Christ: "My Lord and my God" (John 20: 29).

An early tradition venerates him as the Apostle of India.

St Kevin's Christian Meditation,

each Wednesday 9:30am ONLINE via Zoom.

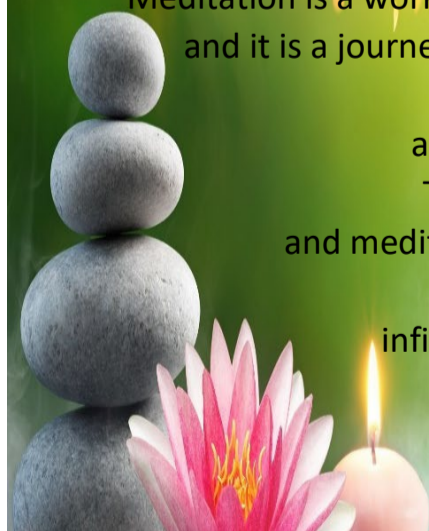
Open to all parishioners including members of the wider community. Why not try it?

Contact the Parish House for the online link.

All welcome.

Meditation is a work of healing, a work of growing, and it is a journey in which we leave all behind, even division and sadness, and travel into the unity of God.

The basis of our division is fear, and meditation is the way of discovering infinite love in our own hearts, infinite love that casts out all fear.



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OPEN DAY

9.00AM-10.30AM

Tuesday 13th August

Book your tour here:

VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR MEN

Saturday 6 July, 10am-4pm
Carmelite Monastery, Kew

The Vocations Office invites all men discerning a vocation to a day retreat. The day will include talks on the Priesthood and discernment as well as time for prayerful reflection.

RSVP by Wed 3 July at:
vocations@cam.org.au



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE
OF MELBOURNE



Our next **Parish Bookish Morning Tea** will be held on **Thursday, 4th July** at 10.00am and continues every fortnight.

Please note the change of date!
Looking forward to seeing you all then!!



Keep the Fire Burning: Strong in Faith

Next weekend, 6/7th July, we will be celebrating:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) weekend

This is a time to honour and learn about the cultures, traditions and spirituality of Australia's First Nations people, and an opportunity for all members of the Catholic community to reflect on the contributions of Indigenous peoples to the Church and society.



All are welcome to come along and join us in celebrating these most exhilarating Masses.

Our Liturgy Team have worked very hard indeed to make these Masses meaningful and profound.



Due to Fr Charles' ill-health, we are not proceeding with our planned birthday morning tea celebration on Sunday morning.

A huge **thank you** to Fr Isaac for making himself available to celebrate all of our Masses this weekend.

Childsafe/Safeguarding: Are our safeguarding requirements onerous to meet? Or at least do they seem onerous? If they are or if you think they are then please let us know: email or call the office.

Yes, we expect far more than ten years ago—but once initial checks are done (yes, that can be a little tortuous), the load drops dramatically to be a routine—small effort to engender a deeply child-safe culture.



Fr Charles

A friendly reminder about parish health and safety

It is wonderful to be together again as a parish by meeting and attending Mass in person. However, the reality is that we continue to live with (new strains) of Covid-19, and seasonal colds and flu so it is important to remain vigilant about everyone's health and safety in the parish. This is a friendly reminder to sanitise your hands on entry to the Church and before Communion. Although not mandatory, mask wearing is encouraged. If you are experiencing cold and flu symptoms please remain home until you are better. The Archdiocese has lifted restrictions regarding taking communion under both species and has asked parishes to decide whether that is appropriate in their context. Upon serious consideration, we have decided that in the current public health climate it is not prudent to offer the cup during Mass. We hope this can change in the near future.

Thank you all for your cooperation.

Fr Charles & Tiziana D'Costa

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

William Andrew Garas

Son of Andrew and Stephanie

Little brother of Georgie

and

Benjamin Rui Grasso

Son of Robert and Clarissa

Little brother of James

and

Leo Viola

Son of Philip and Jasmine

Little brother of Chloe



**MEN'S
SOCIAL GROUP**



ST KEVIN'S PARISH, TEMPLESTOWE

St Kevin's Men's Social Group

It's time to get together and have fun, to rekindle connections and make new friendships.

The next St Kevin's Parish Men's Social Group is on Friday, 12th July at 7.30pm.

Open to men of any age (older teenagers are welcome with their guardian) - parishioners and non parishioners alike. All welcome. Invite a friend, relative or neighbour along. Socialising in person is good for our wellbeing! Share food, drinks, chat and mingle - the footy will be playing in the background.

Venue is St Kevin's Church Gathering Space at 7.30pm.

To assist with costs, suggested donation is \$8 - BYO alcoholic drinks. Supper provided.

Please register your interest by emailing Tiziana D'Costa tiziana.dcosta@cam.org.au or ring the office on 03 9850 5983.



The Parish of St Kevin's Templestowe is looking to commence a new playgroup for babies and toddlers. To help us get started, we are seeking donations of clean, age appropriate toys in good working order.

If you happen to have any sitting at home that nobody uses/wants any more, please consider donating them towards our parish playgroup.

Thank you all.

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

I will praise you, Lord,
for you have rescued me.

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, graciously hear us.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS FOR THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

[Wisdom 1: 13-15; 2: 23-24](#)

A reading from the book of Wisdom

It was the devil's envy that brought death into the world.

There's general agreement that the book of Wisdom emerged from the scholarly Jewish community in the Egyptian city of Alexandria, probably not long before the birth of Jesus but possibly even during his lifetime. It's a masterly blend of Jewish tradition and Greek philosophical thought. This cross-fertilisation provided Jews with an impressive resource that gave Jewish faith and practice respectability.

Today's short passage homes in on death and immortality. The stirrings of Jewish belief in life after death were late in coming. Here it is expressed briefly and in a way that raises as many questions as it offers answers. The origin of death is attributed to underworld powers, Hades and the devil, not to God. This dualistic view of the world pits God and life against death and the devil. What is meant by "the devil's envy" is unclear. It may refer to the serpent in the Garden of Eden or to Cain's jealousy of Abel.

Of all the things God created to live, humankind was made in God's own image. Immortality, however, is not an intrinsic attribute of the human soul, as the Greek philosophers argued, but God's gift to the righteous (though this is not stated in the reading itself). This perspective is distinctly Jewish.

The poetic and philosophical character of this reading may make it difficult for the assembly to grasp.

Second Reading

[2 Corinthians 8: 7. 9. 13-15](#)

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

Your abundance should supply their want.

Paul's second letter to the Corinthians is a complicated work. Its varied topics and changes of mood have prompted scholars to surmise it is a composite of several letters. While it's useful to be aware of these debates, what matters for today's reading is the context. It isn't made clear in the passage itself that Paul is appealing to the Corinthians to give generously to a collection for the impoverished community in Jerusalem.

He employs diverse strategies to win their support. He flatters them by acknowledging their wealth of gifts. He follows this with a heavyweight argument invoking the example of Christ "who became poor for your sake" (cf. Philippians 2:6-11). Then he shows how reasonable he is. He's not asking them to disadvantage themselves. It's all about balance, exemplified by God's gift of the manna in the desert which gave each one just enough for their daily need.

There's more at stake than the amount of money Paul persuades the Corinthians to give. He's wanting them to recognise that the faith with which they have been blessed originated in Jerusalem. At the same time, he is seeking the Jerusalem community's endorsement of his mission to the Gentiles. Paul is promoting a vision of Church that transcends conventional boundaries.

Readings and Commentaries (edited from 'Sunday Readings' for this weekend)

"Were Paul's letters read out when the community gathered to break bread in memory of Jesus? If so, one might invoke today's reading to justify appealing for money at Mass. In one of the earliest accounts of the Eucharist, that of Justin Martyr around the year 155, we read: "The wealthy who so desire give what they wish, as each chooses; and what is collected is deposited with the president. He helps orphans and widows, and those who through sickness or any other cause are in need, and those in prison, and strangers sojourning among us; in a word, he takes care of all those who are in need." This has a local focus. In asking the Corinthians to give financial assistance to the community in Jerusalem, Paul's thinking is global.....This may not be at the forefront of our minds as the routine Sunday collection is taken up, but helps give meaning." The following words from a recent appreciative Caritas letter to our parish also gives global meaning. "...Because of your support during Project Compassion, countless lives have been transformed: your support has helped provide clean water to those in desperate need, improved healthcare access, supported young mothers in gaining the skills to build a better future for their families and contributed to educational initiatives that create brighter futures for generations to come". Every little helps, like the Parish Warm Clothes Drive for refugees

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.