



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

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

17/18th August, 2024

Our Presider today is: Fr Noel Brady

From the Desk of the Parish Priest...

Archbishop's Campaign 2024

Thank you for your generosity in all aspects of our parish life: social justice, parish / parish priest support; archdiocesan needs. Generosity in giving your time, your gifts and where needed your money. I apologise for any impression that I or the Archbishop don't recognise your existing generosity.

Certainly Archbishop Peter has put a big effort into promoting his Campaign. We are assisting him and I have asked that we present a strong case for supporting the Archdiocese and I consider that the needs of the Archdiocese are indeed important. The Archbishop and I do ask that you discern generously what you are able to give to his collection for Archdiocesan needs, and to consider a regular donation.

However! The discernment and the choice of how much to give is entirely up to you.

PS: there will be several less second collections in future as they are amalgamated into this one.

Alpha/RCIA/Bible Study/Prayer Groups

An Alpha participant came to me and said, with enthusiasm: Father, we need to put up a sign "Now is the time! We need Jesus! Give Alpha a go."

What a wonderful and graced moment – to hear the power of the Holy Spirit coursing through the words. I agree, of course, Alpha is amazing to help us ground our intentional discipleship for Christ Jesus. Alleluia!!

We are in the process of planning our future Alpha experiences and of beginning some other things to take this faith experience further or help you enrich / deepen your faith. Getting started with the Rite for Christian Initiation for Adults will happen soon and also I hope beginning a Bible Study series. I am hoping to get our various parish prayer groups to start intentionally praying for parish growth, capacity to bring people to Jesus. There are many other possibilities.

Weeds???

I was doing some weeding recently and pulled out a weed and Fr Isaac stopped me and said "no, that's an edible plant" and proceeded to snap off a shoot and eat it enthusiastically (and with no ill effects). It occurs to me as I struggle to keep ahead of the rapid growth of weeds, plants I don't want, in my garden, that it is very, very easy to throw out good plants because I am closed in my thinking.

It got me wondering if I am open enough to the breadth of difference and variability and love that exists among you who make up our communities. It is so easy to make people un-welcome by the turn of a shoulder or the twist of a lip or a word ill-considered.

Approaching and welcoming everyone is a trait of Christ Jesus – he astounds us every time he approaches an outsider in whom assume no value and Jesus gives them pride of place.

Yes, we are disciples who love and follow Jesus. That moment with Fr Isaac over a weed just got me thinking a little more and to be perhaps a little more careful to love others. Maybe that is all of us.

God bless, Fr Charles.

Archbishop's Campaign

The 2024 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. These ministries are outlined in the Campaign brochure which you will find on the Church seats and in the Gathering Space. Gifts of \$2 or more are tax-deductable. Tax-deductable donations go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund which supports the Corpus Christi College Building Fund, the Priests Retirement Foundation, John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, University of Divinity Building Fund as well as Catholic community agencies and service organisations through annual grants. Non-tax-deductable donations go to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund and support seminarian formation and evangelisation ministries. Please review the campaign material and prayerfully consider pledging a recurring monthly gift to help us continue to strengthen the Christian faith and address the needs of God's people. Tear-off pledge cards are attached to the campaign envelopes in the Church. You can also make a gift online at melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign or via the QR codes on the campaign materials. You are invited to give generously to this important campaign.

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:

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, Jane O'Brien, Bernard Mohar, Angelina Amalfi, Alexander, Felipe, Anne, Izabella Fantin and Carmel Purdey.

Anniversaries:

Joachim Cheng Kai On, Jean Pierre Yon, Micheline Cotillon, Graham "Polly" Farmer, Bruno Orlandi, Frank "Bluey" Adams, Vincenza Venuto and Josef (Joseph) Taouk.

Recently Deceased:

Feast Days this week:...

20th August St Bernard

Remembered as a most influential churchman, his inspirational leadership, and his devotion to the humanity of Christ and to the Blessed Virgin.

21st August St Pius X

Remembered for his poverty and for his promotion of liturgical participation, especially of frequent communion, to which he admitted young children.

22nd August The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Taken up into glory, Mary became queen of heaven and earth.

24th August St Bartholomew

Preached the gospel in India and in Armenia, where he was martyred.

LITURGY ROSTER

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 17/18th August 2024

1st Read: Proverbs 9: 1-6 2nd Read: Ephesians 5: 15-20 Gos: John 6: 51-58

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Margaret Turner	Christine Marini	Maryanne McNamara Daniel Marini
8.30am	Jessica Bartholomeusz		Adrian Teo Pat Rowland
10.00am	Carmel Purdey	Bernard Butler	Lyn Robinson Tony Robinson

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time – 24/25th August 2024

1st Read: Joshua: 1-2, 15-18 2nd Read: Ephesians 5: 21-32 Gos: John 6: 60-69

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Lucy Halliburton	Hannah Halliburton	Bredenia Raquel Lynne O'Brien
8.30am	Pauline Erickson	Erika Castro	Pat Rowland Frances Bettiol
10.00am	Frances Johnson	Miriam Ayoub	Raffaella Dinelli Carmel Purdey

DINNER WITH THE ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE, PETER COMENSOLI

Friday, 30th August at Moonee Valley Racecourse

7.00pm for a 7.30pm Start. \$160 per person

Join the Knights of the Southern Cross Victoria to celebrate the 24th annual Archbishop's Dinner. The dinner is held each year to raise funds for the Priests Support and Education Fund. This fund was established by the Knights of the Southern Cross to assist in the funding and education of seminarians and the post-ordination education of priests.

Guest speaker: Adjunct Professor Natasha Michael

Adjunct Professor Natasha Michael has trained internationally in Palliative Care. She completed a fellowship at the National Cancer Centre in Singapore, was awarded an MSc from Kings College in London and a PhD from the University of Notre Dame Australia. Her research interest is in the area of Cancer Pain, the importance of individual values and communication in decision making and the psycho-existential aspects of patient care. She is a member of the National Advisory Group of the Little Sisters of the Poor and a Non Executive Director with Villa Maria Catholic Homes.

Compere: Mr Bryan Martin OAM

Bryan Martin has been involved in the thoroughbred industry for more than 40 years and has recently retired as one of Australia's most prominent race callers. He has raced racehorses for more than 30 years with Lindsay Park, Colin Alderson, Lee Freedman, Bart Cummings and John Symons. Bryan has extensive experience in managing racing syndicates. He has called races in every state of Australia, as well as New Zealand, New Guinea, Hong Kong, Dubai, Japan and Canada.

Parishioners can contact David Perrin on 9842 4951 to arrange bookings.



Our next



Parish Bookish Morning Tea will be held on **Thursday, 29th August** at 10.00am and continues every fortnight.

All are welcome to join in the fun!

Looking forward to seeing you all then!!



Position Vacant here at St Kevin’s Parish

We are seeking a musician with excellent music ability and relevant qualifications to play music (Yamaha Clavinova keyboard) and lead the congregation in singing during Mass.



We are looking for a musician whose values align with our parish values. They must be excellent musicians and willing to get the congregation involved in singing. At 10 am Sunday Mass and on special occasions, a small group of parishioners stand at the front, around the keyboard player, and sing to help the congregation join in the singing. The musician is expected to work with this group of singers and on their own. Since its inception as a parish, St Kevin’s has always had a lot of music in the liturgy and the congregation is used to singing.

The musician will work in collaboration with our Director of Music. Knowledge of Catholic liturgy is highly desirable but not absolutely essential.

Commitment:

- 2 hours per month at weekends (Saturday evening/Sunday morning) - \$80-90 per hour – with the possibility of more hours subject to demand.
- One hour meeting per month at \$30 per hour. Travel expenses can be negotiated.

One-year fixed term - renewable (3 months' probation).

For further information, please contact Tiziana D’Costa at Templestowe@cam.org.au; or by ringing: 03 9850 5983.

To apply, please send a cover letter and a copy of your resume to templestowe@cam.org.au by 6 September 2024.



URGENT VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

In English	In Italian
<p>CO.AS.IT. through the Visitation Program offers friendship and social support to elderly and socially isolated Italians. The organization is currently looking for Italian speaking female individuals in the East who are willing to volunteer one hour per week to visit an elderly person who is lonely and in need of some companionship.</p> <p>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</p> <p>Please note, we require that the Volunteer be fully vaccinated against Covid19.</p>	<p>CO.AS.IT attraverso il Programma di Visita a domicilio, offre amicizia e supporto sociale agli anziani e agli italiani socialmente isolati.</p> <p>L'organizzazione è attualmente alla ricerca di donne di lingua italiana nella zona East disposte a fare volontariato per un'ora alla settimana per visitare una persona anziana che è sola e ha bisogno di compagnia.</p> <p>Assistendo una persona anziana a livello sociale da l'opportunità di fare la differenza nella vita di qualcuno ma anche da l'opportunità a persone che sanno parlare l'italiano di essere collegati con la lingua e la cultura italiana. Se sei interessata a diventare volontaria o desideri maggiori informazioni sul programma, ti preghiamo di contattare la Coordinatrice Regionale Tania Barbaro al numero 0481603702.</p> <p>Si prega di notare che richiediamo che la volontaria sia completamente vaccinato contro il Covid-19.</p>



The crafty fingers of the knitting group have been very busy this Winter -producing a vast array of blankets, beanies, toys and jumpers. The demand for our beautiful wares is very high but so is the cost of the wool!! To raise money, the Craft Ladies have put together a few examples of their wares for sale - please take a look and make a start on your Christmas shopping! 😊



Statement from Archbishop Peter A Comensoli on prayer in Parliament

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli has released a statement following a debate in the Legislative Council of Victoria’s Parliament on 31 July on the practice of reciting the Lord’s Prayer in Parliament each sitting day. Both major political parties in Victoria have agreed on retaining the practice. Archbishop Comensoli writes:

“It is pleasing that both major political parties in Victoria are now agreed on retaining the practice of reciting the Lord’s Prayer in the Victorian Parliament each sitting day.

This is a great outcome, which shows the value of people of faith standing up respectfully and being heard.

Following the letter to parliamentarians that I signed together with religious leaders of various faiths in May, nearly 11,000 people from communities across Victoria signed a petition calling on Parliament not to remove the Lord’s Prayer.

Many others also wrote letters and emails to their local members of Parliament sharing their support.

With this support and the nearly 11,000 signatures, the petition qualified for a debate in the Legislative Council, which took place on 31 July.

It was clear from the debate that the message about the importance of the Lord’s Prayer and its value to the community was heard loud and clear.

Thank you to all who signed the petition and wrote to their local representatives.”

For information on our Parish Schools please contact:

St Kevin's Primary School
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St Charles Borromeo Primary School
Phone: 9842 7634

Responsorial Psalm

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS FOR THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Proverbs 9: 1-6

A reading from the book of Proverbs

Come and eat my bread; drink the wine I have prepared.

The anchor text for the liturgy of the word is the gospel. In Ordinary Time the first reading and the psalm that complements it are chosen for their connection with the gospel. It could be argued that this reading from Proverbs is more suited to last Sunday's gospel than today's. As we shall see, the focus of Jesus' teaching has shifted from the bread of life as wisdom to the bread of life as his sacrificial body. Nonetheless it is good to hear this appealing depiction of Lady Wisdom throwing open her house to all who wish to learn from her. A few verses further on there is a parallel passage in which Lady Folly tempts passers-by with her foolishness. Lady Wisdom has clearly prospered from her knowledge and prudence. Her house and means are substantial; she has servants at her disposal. But her wealth and status are put at the disposal of all and sundry, even the foolish, in order that they imbibe her wisdom. Dinners which provided fine fare and the opportunity for learned discourse were a feature of classical Hellenistic life. A key difference here is Wisdom's open invitation.

Mass-goers who are not familiar with the wisdom writings of the Old Testament may find this text difficult to connect with straightaway.

Second Reading

Ephesians 5: 15-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Be watchful that you may know the will of God.

The first half of today's reading is in effect a series of do's and don'ts. Be intelligent, not senseless. Don't be wicked, redeem the age. Don't be thoughtless, be mindful of the Lord. Don't get drunk, be filled with the Spirit. The slightly shorter second half elaborates on what is meant by being intoxicated with the Spirit. It means singing chants of thankfulness when together and also within one's own heart. It means living habitually in a spirit of thanksgiving.

Once again the author presents this exhortation in a Trinitarian perspective, even if this long version predates the formal theological statements hammered out at the early Church councils. It is the Spirit who ignites the giving of thanks "to God who is the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." The first words of the reading - "Be very careful" - are not of themselves inspiring, nor perhaps the ensuing list of commands and prohibitions, but the author brings his advice to a cheerful conclusion.

(Excerpts taken from "Break Open the Word")

Social Justice Campaigns

Recently our Parish jointly with St Gregory's received a warm and detailed letter of appreciation from Catholic Care Victoria CEO Agnes Sheehan saying how delighted they were with the "4 full carloads of incredibly generous donations of warm coats, jumpers and Blankets". Agnes said that the items were of beautiful quality and very clean, "and were greatly needed for our Asylum Seeker families, Refugee families and other vulnerable and disadvantaged families", also describing how extensively the items were distributed geographically, including Melbourne, Geelong, Ballarat, Wyndham Vale and Shepparton. In Dandenong alone they went to grateful Asylum Seekers from Afghanistan, Ukraine, Si Lanka and Ethiopia. Other recipients were from Myanmar, and various vulnerable families, with soft toys to families in need at Shepparton and elsewhere. Agnes concluded by saying "Together, let us continue to build a community of love, solidarity and support for all". Back in our Parish, the two recent weekend Collections for Stella Maris (Seafarers) raised \$762.20. For the last weekend in August our Parish 2nd Collection will be for Nungalinya College, a combined Churches Training College for Indigenous Australians - **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.