



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

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Social Justice Sunday

24/25th August, 2024

Our Presider today is: Fr Charles Balnaves

A word from the Lay Ecclesial Leader...

This year the Parish Council developed a Parish Pastoral Plan. The Plan was endorsed at our last meeting on 1 August.

The Plan guides the mission and life of the parish for a four-year period. It sums up the consultation and participation process we undertook last year during our parish wide discussion of our vision for the future.

The Plan is divided into 5 strategic priority areas: 1. Evangelization; 2. Eucharist; 3. Ministry Groups; 4. Structure; 5. Implementing and advocating for change in the overall church.

Under each area, key actions and measurables are identified to achieve our vision of a vibrant, vital and viable parish - so 'That all may live life to the full' - as our parish motto says. The Plan includes areas for common endeavour and partnership with Doncaster (St Gregory the Great) parish.

The Plan will be updated regularly to monitor our progress against our targets. A formal review of the Plan, which is open to all parishioners, will be held in 2 years' time.

There's a copy of the plan on the noticeboard in the gathering space, and also a copy on the website - find it under 'about us' and then 'leadership'. If you have any questions about the plan, do not hesitate to speak to me, Fr Charles or any of the Parish Council members.

I would like to thank the Parish Council members for their work and support on the development of the Plan. The Plan is for all of us. It charts the course we will follow together, listening and supporting one other, and discerning together our next steps. **Blessings, Tiziana**

Multicultural Day Celebrations— this joint St Greg's / St Kevin's event was marvellously successful. I saw a good number of St Kevin's people there – thank you. The people made it amazing. You made it amazing.

An enormous thank you to St Greg's Social Group, with some help from St Kevin's, and the Coptic Community, for their enthusiasm, dedication, imagination, inventiveness. Thank you.

Children processed in with flags from about 40 different countries and they readayers of the faithful in language: amazing

I asked how many people came— “Maybe 200” was the answer. I think there were more like 300 total because while most people came at the start, quite a few came a bit later.

Thank you to those who make the trek to St Greg's – perhaps we can grow in number next year as we grow to know this neighbouring parish that I love as much as I love St Kevin's.

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, Carmel Purdey and Lucy Bisetto.

Anniversaries:

Antonio Strangis (1 month), Phyllis Dunn, Carlito Gonzalez, Terese and Nicolette Lucarelli (nee Anderson)

Recently Deceased:

Moya Veronica Puls

Feast Days this week:...

27th August St Monica
Remembered for her parental devotion, her patience and her persistence in prayer.

28th August St Augustine
Served the many needs of his people at a time of political and cultural collapse.

Remembered as a model pastor and as a preacher and writer whose thought has had an enduring influence in Christian history.

29th August The Passion of St John the Baptist
Marks the anniversary of the dedication of the basilica in his honour at Sebaste (Palestine) where, according to tradition, he was buried.

LITURGY ROSTER

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

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 31st August/1st September 2024
1st Read: Deut 4: 1-2, 6-8 2nd Read: James 1: 17-18, 21-22, 27 Gos: John 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Rachel Marini	Tasha Vercauteran	Lawrence Cecconello Anne Maguire
8.30am	Pauline Erickson	Pam Rivera Castro	Penny Teo Mary Waddick
10.00am	Ana Saro	Liz O'Connell	Geraldine Williams Volunteer Required

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.



Come Away Day

The next **Come Away Day** of the year will be held at Holy Cross on **Wednesday 4th September**. The theme of the day is **'JOURNEY IN HOPE'**. After the long winter break this is an opportunity to celebrate the re-birth of creation in Spring and to continue this re-birth in the flow of the Spirit's gifts into our lives. The day's program provides opportunities for prayer, reflection and group interaction in the beautiful grounds and facilities of Holy Cross. All are welcome. Just come as you are. BYO lunch. Registration is from 9.30am. The program concludes with a celebration of the Eucharist with a departure time of around 2pm. The cost of the day is \$25.00 or a donation according to your means. For any further details contact Sr Brigid cp on bridget.m64@gmail.com. Please put this Date in your Diary and consider inviting a friend along to share the Come Away Day experience.

Towards a Synodal and Missionary Church: October is approaching rapidly so the second and final session on the Synod for a Synodal Church draws near. Open your hearts in prayer that the hearts of all participants will be wide open to receive the meaning of the words of others and the power of the Holy Spirit. **Fr Charles**

 **catholic mission** Catholic Mission thanks the parish of St Kevin's for your support of this year's Propagation of the Faith Appeal. *Reach out. Give life.*

Your generosity has empowered Church workers across 1047 mission dioceses, allowing them to spread the message of hope and love within their local communities. Your contribution of \$880.55 has been most gratefully received. Through your partnership with Catholic Mission, Cardinal Giorgio Marengo from Mongolia can continue providing life-saving treatment and essential resources for health, education, as well as spiritual and physical well-being. Your gift not only transforms individual lives but also fuels mission programs globally, reaching out to those in need. Many thanks!

Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World:

The Australian Catholic Bishop's conference has released this year's Social Justice Statement. Well worth a read: not least for page 11 with 16 things each of us can do to grow peace in our lives, in our families, in our community. Copies available in the gathering space or from <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/resources/social-justice-statements/> I think there could have been a thread of analysis on the choice. A lot is said about the temptations presented but it is we who make choices towards peace or not-peace. I'd be interested to hear your thoughts. Please read the document. And act! **Fr Charles**



TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

SEASON OF CREATION 2024 Ecumenical Prayer for our Common Home

The Focolare Movement invites you to an Ecumenical Service, linked with groups throughout Oceania, which will include moments of reflection, meditation, music and experiences.

Place: St Kevin Parish Church (Gathering Space).

Time: 3.45 – 5.00 pm – followed by afternoon tea.

When: Sunday 8 September 2024

What is Season of Creation? The Season of Creation is a global ecumenical celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. It is promoted by the World Council of Churches and Pope Francis. and, starts each year on 1 September and finishes on the feast of St Francis, 4 October.

Contact: Therese Clayette - Focolare - Ph 98991696

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 TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Joshua 24: 1-2. 15-18

A reading from the book of Joshua

We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.

The book of Deuteronomy finishes with the highest praise for Moses (34:10-12) but Israel's divinely chosen leader was still fated to die within sight of the Promised Land. It was his successor, Joshua, who accompanied the people across the Jordan and led the conquest of the land. Joshua's death, unlike that of Moses, was one of fulfilment. His last act, which we read about today, was to seal the covenant relationship between the gathered tribes and the God of Moses.

The formality of the occasion is evident in the presence of "all the tribes of Israel" and "the elders, leaders, judges and scribes." They met together at the centrally located shrine of Shechem where Abraham had once built an altar (Gen 12:6-7), Jacob had bought land (Gen 33:18-19), and Joshua himself had already conducted a covenant rite (Jos 8:30-35).

Joshua addresses the people, reminding them of God's deeds on their behalf, from the time of Abraham through to their possession of the land (24:3-14, omitted in the lectionary). He challenges them to choose between Abraham's old gods, the gods of the Amorites, and those of the Egyptians, on the one hand, and the God who had done great things for them on the other. The people reply with a summary of Joshua's recital and pledge themselves to serve the one true God. In verses we do not hear (25-28), Joshua confirms the covenant.

Second Reading

Ephesians 5: 21-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.

It must be said at the outset that this is a reading many readers would rather not proclaim. Its blunt patriarchal pronouncements – that wives should regard their husbands as the Lord and should submit to them in everything as a religious duty – are jarringly out of joint with contemporary views on male-female relationships. They are likely to arouse such a negative reaction that the positive, even revolutionary, points the author makes are likely not to be heard.

Readers have neither the responsibility nor the opportunity to interpret the text, but it may assist their proclamation if they themselves took the time to study it and uncover its deeper insights. It could well be helpful to consult a commentary. Nowhere in any of the recognised Pauline letters are wives called to be subordinate. Laying aside the author's culturally conventional assertions, common in the Greco-Roman social codes of his day, there are progressive points to be noted.

The opening sentence puts wives and husbands on an equal footing of mutual deference. Husbands are told to love their wives, and to do so after the example of Christ who sacrificed himself for the Church. They are also told, rather less nobly, to love their wives as they love their own bodies. The author's short exposé on baptism remains rather obscure. The parallel that he draws between spousal love and that between Christ and Church is visionary, yet not without its limitations.

(Excerpts taken from "Break Open the Word")

So easy to help

You may have seen this photo before. The associated text says "This little girl with Downe syndrome got up from her seat during a papal audience and went towards Pope Francis. The security guards quickly moved to return her to her mother. The Pope stopped and said to the girl "come sit next to me". The girl sat down near him and he continued to preach while holding her hands". As the 'Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World' (Gaudium et spes) says "The joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the people of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted, these are the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ". Putting ourselves in this picture and thinking of the handicapped, otherwise disadvantaged, indigenous peoples well below particular established welfare measures, refugees who have lost all and are escaping hell, and needy neighbours in our midst, we too can extend a loving hand. Right now we're aware of a skilled Sri Lankan refugee with three young children just managing to survive with food and rent, but unable to afford clothes while willing and able to make them. If anyone knows of a no-longer needed sewing machine, SJA or the Parish Office would love to hear from you - **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.

