



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 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 31st August/1st September, 2024

Father's Day and World Day of Prayer for the Season of Creation/Care for the Earth

Our Presider today is: Fr Noel Brady

A word from our PP...

Inclusivity and interpretation in bible language:

Words: Sometimes I will change the words a little in the readings from the bible. This is always to do with the translation that is given in the Jerusalem Bible of 1966, our current lectionary translation, and frequently to do with the translation of the Greek "Anthropos" as "man" or "men" when the Greek more nearly means human or humankind, person or people. In the psalm (Psalm 33) last weekend it was to do with the translation of the Hebrew 'sad-diq' which means 'the righteous person' which had been presented as 'men'. Back in 1966 the custom in English was to make that translation. Now, the custom is different, our language has changed/evolved and expects a more clear inclusion of all people. My understanding, encouraged by lecturers during my theological studies, is to proclaim the scriptures using a closer translation. This is nothing to do with gender identity and all to do with speaking what scripture more nearly intends. The changes are not made idly but are carefully thought through and are only made when they can be made with confidence.

Interpretation from Scripture: I received a some comments last week about the second reading (Eph 5:21-32) where an erroneous reading says "wives submit to their husbands, in everything" suggesting that a husband has an absolute authority that is independent of any limits. Doing this sort of thing is called proof texting: taking a few words out of context to prove a point. The context in Eph 5:21-32 is all about living as one with Christ Jesus, to be of service to others as Christ is at our service. This passage must be read in its entirety and interpreted in its entirety. Man and Woman become one in marriage. Neither is superior. Both are at the service of the other as Christ is at our service. Yes, there is a lead given to the man as in some way the figure of Christ in a marriage but this leadership is not arbitrary or domineering but loving and considerate and acting always for what is best as Christ would see it.

Thank you: Thank you for your generosity in giving to the Archbishop's Campaign. Archbishop Peter thanks you also.

Things coming up: We are in September already and not only has Spring come early but parish questions about Advent, Christmas the 2025 calendar (and one question about 2025). So I thought I would list a few things:

1. With staff and the finance group, I am planning a Thanksgiving Campaign, or a Stewardship Campaign. This will happen during October. Expect to hear more about it as the time draws near. We haven't had a campaign in over a decade so it will be an opportunity to refresh, renew, or commit ourselves to our parish.
2. Alpha: our third cycle of the Alpha Experience is planned for October – December. Look out for further information, we would love to have some people come along who don't already know Jesus: perhaps invite someone you know.
3. Advent / Christmas: We will move into Year C: the Gospel of Luke, the Gospel with the greatest emphasis on hospitality. I haven't finalised the Mass Schedule yet but shall do so soon. It won't be vastly different from recent years.

Keep safe and God bless in this moment of wild and windy weather.

God bless, Fr Charles

Archbishop's Campaign

Thank you to everyone who has so generously already made a pledge or gift to the 2024 Archbishop's Campaign. Every gift, large or small, is greatly appreciated! If you are yet to make a gift, you can still do so. This campaign supports the vital ministries of the Church in our Archdiocese. Campaign envelopes with tear-off pledge cards are still available in the Church. You can also make a gift online at melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign. I encourage you to please give generously to the Campaign.

A Father's Day Prayer Poem

When stars at night do twinkle bright,
a father kneels to pray,
With whispered words in the quiet light,
he thanks God for the day.
He prays for joy, he prays for peace,
for guidance in each act,
For love to bloom and never cease,
in every good impact.



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:

Peter Raymond Murphy, Angela Castellucci, Frank Delaney, Neta Meagher, Sharon Hammet, Elisa Ruggieri, Peter Coade and Erminia Theuma.

Recently Deceased:

Feast Days this week:...

3rd September

St Gregory the Great
While prefect of Rome, he founded monasteries here and in Sicily and himself became a monk. Called to be a deacon of Rome by Benedict 1, and then sent as papal legate to Constantinople. Elected pope in 590. Reorganised Church life and administration in a time of crisis, sponsored liturgical reform and initiated the evangelisation of the English. Remembered also for his extensive writings on pastoral care, spirituality and morals, and for his self-designation as 'servant of the servants of God'.

LITURGY ROSTER

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 Ceconello Anne Maguire
8.30am	Pauline Erickson	Pam Rivera Castro	Penny Teo Mary Waddick
10.00am	Ana Saro	Liz O'Connell	Geraldine Williams Volunteer Required

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 7/8th September 2024

1st Read: Isaiah: 35: 4-7 2nd Read: James 2: 1-5 Gos: Mark 7: 31-37

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Rachel Marini	Kathy Pearce	Bredenia Raquel Maryanne McNamara
8.30am	Pauline Erickson		Pat Rowland Frances Bettiol
10.00am	Vianney Shiel	Carmel Shiel	Carmel Purdey Raffaela Dinelli

MEN'S SOCIAL GROUP



ST KEVIN'S PARISH, TEMPLESTOWE

The next **St Kevin's Men's Social Group** takes place on **Friday, 13th September @ 7.30pm in the Church Gathering Apace**. Open to men of any age (older teenagers are welcome (with their guardian) - parishioners and non-parishioners alike. All are welcome. Invite a friend, relative or neighbour along. Supper is provided. BYO alcoholic drinks. \$7 donation suggested to cover costs. For catering purposes, please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the entry of the church, or you can ring the parish office on 9850 5983, or email Tiziana at tiziana.dcosta@cam.org.au

Baptism Welcome

This weekend we welcome:

Daniel and Kristy

who will be introducing

Luca Santoro

to our Parish Community in preparation for his Baptism next weekend.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism



Would you like to know more about what's on offer in our Manningham Community?

Then please help yourself to any of the booklets from various civic bodies from the table in the Gathering Space.



Our next **Parish Bookish Morning Tea** will be held on **Thursday, 12th September** at 10.00am and continues every fortnight.

All are welcome to join in the fun!

Looking forward to seeing you all then!!



Happy Father's Day



ST KEVIN'S
2024
VISUAL ART SHOW
WEDNESDAY SEP 4TH 4.00-6.30PM
THURSDAY SEP 5TH 3.30-7.30PM
SUNDAY SEP 8TH 11.00AM-12.30PM

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*



CatholicCare Victoria says **thank you** for donations towards Asylum Seeker and Refugee Families.

We were delighted to receive the incredibly generous donations of coats, jumpers and blankets from St Kevin's and St Gregory's. The significant donations equated to four carloads worth of warm donations. The donations were of a beautiful quality and very clean. These items were greatly needed for our Asylum Seeker families, Refugee families and other vulnerable and disadvantaged families. Thank you to the parish community for the generous and compassionate support. Together, let us continue to build a community of love, solidarity and support for all.

Agnes Sheehan, Chief Executive Officer, CatholicCare Victoria.

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.

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St Charles Borromeo Primary School
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Responsorial Psalm

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS FOR THE TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading	Second Reading
<p><u>Deuteronomy 4: 1-2. 6-8</u></p> <p>A reading from the book of Deuteronomy <i>You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you – keep the commands of the Lord.</i></p> <p>Love and law are the two intertwined themes of the book of Deuteronomy. In discourses that frame the body of the work, Moses extols God's love for Israel, demonstrated powerfully in the exodus from Egypt to the Promised Land. A central feature of that love (and the book) is the legal charter that God bestows on the nation. The Law is a precious gift that shapes the life of the people, assures them of peace and prosperity, makes them the envy of other nations, and bears witness to the uniqueness of Israel's God.</p> <p>This message is summarised in today's short reading from Deuteronomy. While secular democracies today might take pride in things like the rule of law, freedom of speech, judicial independence and equality, ancient Israel revelled in its identity as the Chosen People. God's heart had been set on them, and the Law was evidence of this. It spelt out their obligations and blessings under the covenant God established with them at Mt Sinai.</p> <p>Moses makes it clear that the Law is not an alien imposition on the nation but its lifeblood. While the reading is in the form of a solemn exhortation, its spirit is one of joyful gratitude and that's how the assembly should hear it.</p>	<p><u>James 1: 17-18, 21-22, 27</u></p> <p>A reading from the letter of St James <i>Be doers of the word.</i></p> <p>After seven readings in the luxuriant language of the letter to the Ephesians, the letter of James brings a marked change of style. Ephesians revels in the mysteries of the Christian faith and does so in high literary mode. James is in the tradition of Jewish wisdom and rarely makes explicit reference to anything Christian, yet it is suffused with the gospel spirit. While written in fine Greek, its moral message is expressed in terms that are often earthy and blunt. In fact, it is not so much a letter as a set of exhortations. There is no firm agreement as to the work's author, audience, place of composition or date.</p> <p>Today's reading, the first of five, begins enigmatically. The author is responding to claims that people have been making to justify their sinful ways. They blame God for the temptation they experience. These false excuses are cited in earlier verses that we do not hear, so we are taken unawares when the author launches into his counter-argument – that only what is good and perfect comes down from God, the unchanging "Father of all light." He appeals to the Jewish tradition of first fruits – the setting aside of the first part of the crop or flock to acknowledge God's providence – to portray believers as a select group representing the new creation, perhaps by virtue of their baptism.</p> <p>The author of James is passionate about the works that faith demands. Those who take God's word to heart must let it stir them to action. That means coming to the aid of the needy, typified traditionally by orphans and widows. The reading thus begins with a glance at the heavens but comes firmly to earth at the end.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>(Excerpts taken from "Break Open the Word")</small></p>

Further to the 2024 – 2025 Social Justice Statement.

As launched at Parish Masses last weekend the 2024 – 2025 Social Justice Statement, "Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World" is now available. In it Australia's Bishops scrutinise the signs of our own troubled times, observe the violence around us, and ask why it is so. They also ask what is needed if there is to be peace. In a world full of pessimism, they put their faith and hope in the possibility of peace. While an otherwise excellent document, it has an unfortunate omission. The Statement's First Paragraph quotes Pope John XXIII's Encyclical Pacem in Terris making "an impassioned plea not only to the Church but to all people of goodwill for an end to war and the banning of nuclear weapons". However it makes no mention of the UN Treaty on the Prohibition on Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) which Pope Francis has given so much support: The "courageous vision" of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons "appears ever more timely," Pope Francis says in a Message for the First Meeting of States Parties to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). He said further that "A world free of nuclear weapons is necessary and possible" (Vatican News). During his visit to the UN in New York Pope Francis also spoke powerfully on this significant Treaty. Extracts from various sources **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.