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ST KEVIN'S PARISH

Mgr Greg Bennet said:

"You have renewed the church building, now is the time to renew yourselves and your faith."

NATIONAL ABORIGINAL AND ISLANDERS WEEK

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st and 2nd July, 2017

Entrance Antiphon

All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

Responsorial Psalm

Forever I will sing the goodness of
the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

You are a chosen race,
a royal priesthood, a holy people.
Praise God who called you out of
darkness and into his
marvellous light.

Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord hear our prayer.

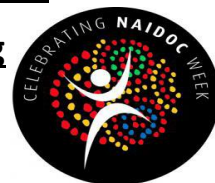
Communion Antiphon

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.

NAIDOC WEEK

(National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee)

A Prayer of Thanksgiving



God of Holy Dreaming,
Great Creator Spirit,
from the dawn of creation you have given your
children the good things of Mother Earth.
You spoke and the gum tree grew.
In the vast desert and the dense forest,
and in the cities and at the water's edge creation
sings your praise.
Your presence endures at the rock at the heat of our
Land.
When Jesus hung on the tree you heard the cries of
all your people and became one with your wounded
ones:
the convicts,
the hunted,
the dispossessed.
The sunrise of your Son coloured the earth anew,
and bathed it in glorious hope.
In Jesus we have been reconciled to you,
to each other and to your whole creation.
Lead us on, Great Spirit,
as we gather from the four corners of the earth;
enable us to walk together in trust into the full day
which has dawned in Jesus Christ.

SPIRITUAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

Masses this week -

- Saturday:** 5.30pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 8.30am & 10.00am
9.00am at Holy Cross Monastery
Tuesday: 9.15am St Kevin's Chapel
Thursday: 9.15am St Kevin's Chapel
Friday: 9.15am St Kevin's Chapel

Meditation Mindfulness –

Wednesdays @ 9.30am in the Parish Chapel

Reconciliation – First Saturday of the month
@ 10.00am (or by appointment)

Visitation - For communion at home,
visiting, transportation or meals, please
contact the parish house on 9850 5983.

Death, Dying, Assisted Suicide, Euthanasia, What's The Big Deal?

Want to know more? Are you aware of the
impending Bill due in Victorian Parliament?
Come join us in conversation over a cuppa next
weekend 8th-9th July, 2017.



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

Emily Sambuco

Daughter of Michelle and Anthony
Little sister of Oliver

THANK YOU: St Kevin's Parish Social Justice
Group would like to thank John Bruce & his team
of volunteers who visited for the SVDP Appeal
last weekend, and all who helped and/or made
soup and to all parishioners who sampled the soup
and donated. *More information next week!*

SUPPORTING MINISTRIES

Baptisms:

Last weekend of the month -
Presentations and Welcome.
Baptism Meeting on the third
Wednesday of every month.
First Sundays of the month -
Sacrament of Baptism

Weddings:

By appointment only

Funerals:

For bereavement support, please
contact the Parish House on
9850 5983

Parish Tennis Club:

Social and Competition.

Please ring Paul 9846 2083

<http://www.stkevinstctemplesto.org.au/>

Parish Social Justice:

As a Parish we speak out and act
for justice.

Contact Paola c/o 9850 5983.

Interesting Reading...

An increasing number of Australians have
no religious affiliations.
We know the truth of this statistic.
In America, Robbi David Wolfe has written
an article entitled: "*The Limitations of
Being Spiritual, But Not Religious*"
Pick up your copy in the "Hot Topics" box
today.

Also available today is the July edition of
"Melbourne Catholic".

Some interesting articles. Cost: \$2.00.
(½ price – your "taxes" at work!).

LAST WEEK'S GIVING

Envelopes	\$ 1,210.00
Direct Debit/Credit Card	\$ <u>790.50</u>
Total	\$ <u>2,000.50 (1)</u>
Priests' Living Costs	\$ 690.00

Number of Envelopes 52
(1) Weekly Pledged amount \$3,020.65

PLANNED GIVING: For envelopes, please contact the Parish House



on facebook

St Kevin's Parish

LITURGY ROSTER

Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time – 8th and 9th July 2017

First Reading: Zechariah 9: 9-10 Second Reading: Roms 8: 9, 11-13 Gospel: Matthew 11: 25-30

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion	Children's Liturgy
5.30 pm	Janet Parson	Margaret Turner	Maryann McNamara Bredenia Raquel Fiona Watson	"Hello God" sheets (at the back of the Church) for children to read/colour during Mass or at home.
8.30 am	Kirsten Collins	Mike Westbrook	Betty Natoli Frank Ozzimo Paul Polidano	
9.00 am	Michael Doyle	Helen Norman	Bernard Charnley Christine Flannery Dianne Flannery	
10.00 am	Lucy Halliburton	Fiona Dunne	Raffaella Dinelli Rita Faralla Betty Natoli	

We pray for Better Health: Adriana Luchetta, Sharon Williams, Leo Scaffidi, John Turner, Gerry Barber, Maria Amato, Natalie Salvo, Julie O'Donnell, Donald Tynan, Rhendiza Altamera, Neil Whissin and Mario Garito.

Anniversaries:
Recently Deceased:
 Geraldine McDonald (longtime friend of Carmel & Vianney Shiel)

St Kevin's School Principal, Frances Matisi has come back from Ireland with even more of a "spring in her step". She gives us permission to share some reflections with you.

On Day 5 of our guest speaker series in Ireland we heard from two amazing people:

1. Imelda Wickham, a Presentation Nun, who has worked as a Prison Chaplain for 35 years;
2. Peter McVerry, a Jesuit Priest, who has worked with the homeless in Ireland for 40 years.

The thing that struck me most about both these speakers, was how they talked about the people they worked with in their jobs. They saw them completely and wholly as human beings who needed support and kinship – not as problems that needed to be solved. They spoke of these people as having fallen on difficult times for a multitude of reasons – some very often of their own doing – but never made judgements about them as human beings because of it. They simply walked with these people, shoulder to shoulder, offering support and assistance where they could, and comfort and friendship when they could do nothing else.

Both these people shared story after story of promise and hope and heartache and devastation, all the while extolling the dignity of each and every person that they came to know. Both Imelda and Peter spoke about how working with the excluded, marginal people, living on the edges of our society had deeply affected their spirituality and the way they read the scriptures. Peter said when he reads the scriptures he reads it through the eyes of compassion not through the eyes of the law and rules. He commented that he thinks people of today are looking for a God of compassion and perhaps all they are getting is a God of laws. Peter challenged us and our Church to think about the message of the gospel that we need to bring to people. If people flocked to Jesus in his time – which they did – why are people walking away from the Church in their droves? Jesus' message was relevant to the people he ministered to. He was in kinship with his people, he walked with them, ate with them, lived with them, whatever their circumstances. He challenged the authorities and stood with the marginalised. His message was apparent in his actions if nothing else. If the message being delivered today isn't relevant to the people, then perhaps it is not the right message and not coming from a Church in kinship with its people.

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Blankets and Socks Drive Our amazing Templestowe Parish community have done us proud in supporting St Kevin's Primary School "St Vincent De Paul" - 'Blanket and Sock Drive' for the homeless in our community. We are proud to say we have a caring and generous, faith filled group of Parishioners. Thank you for your contributions.

TGI's Youth Group Reminder our next TGI's will be held on Saturday 22nd July 6.45 to 8.45pm (after Mass). The theme this month will be "Winter Warmer" – with activities and food to match. Children aged 11 to 13 years of age are welcomed (\$5 donation appreciated). Please rsvp the TGI's team on tgiyg17@gmail.com Please pick up a flyer from the gathering space and pass on.

'Open Letter to the Bishops' Update

In April this year, we were asked to consider and sign an "Open Letter to the Bishops of Australia"; circulated by 'Catholics for Renewal' - a group of committed Catholics who were invited to give evidence to the recent Royal Commission hearings. Their follow up and progress letter may be read via - <http://www.catholicsforrenewal.org/open-letter>

Sunday of the year to highlighting the Word of God

At the conclusion of the Jubilee Year of Mercy Pope Francis, in *Misericordia et misera*, identified some opportunities to further the work of creating a culture of Mercy in parish life. One of these opportunities was to devote a **Sunday of the year to highlighting the Word of God**. In the Archdiocese of Melbourne parishes are invited to mark this occasion on **15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sunday 16 July)**.

In assisting to highlight the Word of God on Sunday 16th July, the Archdiocese of Melbourne have drawn from the image in St Augustine of Hippo's insight that 'The Holy Scriptures are our letters from home'. Please visit their website to read in more detail via - <http://www.cam.org.au/evangelisation/News/NewsView/Article/21656/Letters-from-Home-Sunday-for-the-Word-of-God>

**Social Justice at St Kevin's Parish
Opening the Door Foundation
Keeping Koorie Kids in an Education of
their Choice**

The second collection for July will go towards this foundation which "opens the doors" of independent schools to indigenous students. It enables them to gain the most out of opportunities available in a range of supportive and excellent independent schools. The foundation's funds provide uniforms, including shoes, levies, books, excursions and camps, specialist lessons, including music, health and well-being and school fees. Students therefore feel part of the school community. This enables them to access high performing and nurturing schools that will give them the best educational opportunities to develop their individual skills and talents.



Roster Update The new roster for Eucharistic Ministers; Lectors; Commentators and Prayer Preparation has now been completed and distributed. Thank you for giving so generously of your time to support and enhance our weekend celebrations. Don't forget to keep your roster handy and diarise your dates!