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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."

### APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA (SEAFARERS SUNDAY)

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2017

#### Entrance Antiphon

Your merciful love, O God,  
we have received in the midst of  
your temple.  
Your praise, O God, like your name,  
reaches the ends of the earth;  
your right hand is filled with  
saving justice.

#### Responsorial Psalm

I will praise your name for ever,  
my king and my God.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father,  
Lord of heaven and earth;  
you have revealed to little ones the  
mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

#### Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord hear our prayer.

#### Communion Antiphon

Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
blessed the man who seeks refuge  
in him.

#### SEAFARERS SUNDAY

In our daily lives, we are surrounded by and use many objects and products that at some stage of their journey towards us have been transported on vessels. On Sea Sunday we are invited to recognise and express our gratitude to this force of more than 1.5 million seafarers, who with their hard work and sacrifices are making our life more comfortable by transporting, between nations and across the seven seas, almost 90 per cent of the goods.

#### REFLECTING ON THE GOSPEL

The whole of this Parables Sermon is read over the next three Sundays, and it makes up the discourse element of this unit of the Year of Matthew. In today's gospel we read almost half of the whole sermon which comprises the Parable of the Sower (at the beginning and end of the passage) along with the 'explanation' of why Jesus spoke in parables. While most of today's reading is also found in Mark and Luke, Matthew is a fuller text and makes it clear that the focus is on how many heard Jesus but were un-affected by him. For Matthew the reason that many did not (or do not) hear Jesus, and why Jesus will only speak in parables is inter-connected: the kingdom is a mystery which is both seen and hidden. At one extreme there are those for whom it is a silly irrelevance, while to others it is the gateway to a great harvest.

# 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 after Mass.

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL APPEAL

**THANK YOU** everyone for your generosity to the St Vincent de Paul Appeal last month. Thanks also to John Bruce and Rocco Gagliardi from St Clement's SVDP Conference for presenting the work of SVDP at all Masses, and to our fabulous soup makers Izabella, Paola, Lolita and Maree. The Bulleen Conference and SVDP Soup Vans have each been sent \$891 to continue their good work with people in need.

*Do you like the new candles on the altar?  
What new candles?*



## 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.

### Discussion Questions...

- How approachable are you? Do humility and meekness have any bearing on a person's approachability? When did Jesus enter the city "riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey"?
- "The Spirit of God dwells in you." What does this imply about the wonder and holiness of your spirit? Could it help you reverence your neighbor?
- A carpenter handmade the yoke to fit the animal that wore it. Is your yoke handmade for you? If yes, who "makes" it? How does Jesus speak about his yoke in Sunday's Gospel?

### LAST WEEK'S GIVING

Envelopes	\$ 1,585.00
Direct Debit/Credit Card	\$ <u>790.50</u>
Total	\$ <u>2,375.50 (1)</u>
Priests' Living Costs	\$ 1,005.00

Number of Envelopes 46  
(1) Weekly Pledged amount \$3,020.65

**PLANNED GIVING:** For envelopes, please contact the Parish House



## LITURGY ROSTER

**Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time – 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

**First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11 Second Reading: Roms 8: 18-23 Gospel: Matthew 13: 1-23**

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion	Children's Liturgy
5.30 pm	Le Gall Family	Le Gall Family	Lucy Halliburton Ann Maguire Fiona Watson	"Hello God" sheets (at the back of the Church) for children to read/colour during Mass or at home.
8.30 am	Frank Ozzimo	Paul Polidano	Betty Natoli Mary Waddick Peter Waddick	
9.00 am	Helen Norman	Marie Riechert	Christine Flannery Dianne Flannery Peter Norman	
10.00 am	Michael Lynch	Liz'OConnell	Brigid Jordon Lyn Robinson Tony Robinson	

**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:** Frank Bellomo

### **Reflections from St Kevin's School Principal, Frances Matisi's, recent trip to Ireland.**

One of the most engaging and challenging speakers we had during our stay in Ireland was **Diarmuid O'Murchu**. So much of what he said resonated with me, made me curious, made me angry, made me think, provoked me and challenged me; but most importantly gave me hope. His time with us made me realise that each of us has our part to play in making our Catholic Church what we need it to be in today's world, if it is to be a relevant and purposeful part of our lives and the lives of future generations. We can't sit back and hope it happens – we need to be active members and make it happen – and Diarmuid believes that indeed we can and that we need to start here at home in our own parish.

Diarmuid challenged us with the notion that the future of our civilisation will be lead by elders, not by the youth. By 2020 our world population will consist of more people over 60 than under 60. He spoke about the need for our Catholic Faith to be an adult faith, where no topic is off limits. When we are told what we can and can't discuss we will never have an adult faith. He went on to say that adult faith development demands dialogue, conversation and engagement – unfortunately this is not always what we get. We need to be brave and to challenge what we see as holding us back in a respectful and adult way. We need to read the scriptures in a way that shows they have meaning for us today – and indeed they do when they are opened up and explored in the way that Diarmuid did with us. He challenged us to question everything we read and take nothing literally – consider the deeper truth, the message that is relevant for us today, in what we are reading.

Diarmuid spoke about the importance of reconnecting with the example of Jesus and being the kind of community that Jesus was on about. Jesus fostered small communities of faith to look after the earth and each other. Jesus was not interested in a hierarchical church and he spoke of a God of compassion, but somehow at times today we seem to be lumped with a God of laws. We are called to "seek first the kingdom" however for the past 2,000 years, steadily over time, we have put the church first. Jesus lived as a person that stood with the marginalised – he didn't just talk about the need to help them – he was in kinship with them, walked with them, ate with them, and he asks us to do the same.

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Principal: Mr Greg Thomas

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**Report from Catholics For Renewal** If you didn't read it on our website, you may wish to pick up a copy from the table in the gathering space.

**Sunday of the year to highlighting the  
Word of God**

At the conclusion of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis 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**. We shall mark this occasion on **15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sunday 16 July)**.

In assisting to highlight the Word of God, 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:

<http://www.cam.org.au/evangelisation/News/NewsView/Article/21656/Letters-from-Home-Sunday-for-the-Word-of-God>

**Quote from Pope Francis...** The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew.

**TGI's Youth Group** Reminder our next TGI's will be held on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:tgiyg17@gmail.com) Please pick up a flyer from the gathering space and pass on.

**NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY**

The library bookshelf is located at the back of the Church with a variety of items that may interest you. Please fill out the details in the borrowing book. The following are available to borrow if you are interested:

**The Art of Life: Monastic Reflections for**

**Every Day - Joan Chittister**

Taking inspiration from the art of masters like Van Gogh, Cezanne, Millet and more, Sister Joan Chittister offers brief daily reflections and meditations on life, the soul, and the search for fullness of self in a modern world.

**Breath of Life, Meditations for Adults CD -**

**Gina Ogilvie & Monica O'Brien**

Five 10 minute guided meditations based on themes such as listening and service.

There are also meditation CDs in this series for children and young people.

**PARISH ADVISORY BOARD**

Last Tuesday night the Parish Advisory Board met for its monthly meeting. We had some further discussions on the sustainability of our 3 Sunday morning Masses, the renewal of our social media outreach and plans for a Reflection Day on July 29<sup>th</sup> which will begin the process of re-igniting and renewing our Parish Vision and Mission as we head towards the Australia-wide Church Synod in 2020. All parish groups have been invited to send delegates to our July 29<sup>th</sup> Day. Secretaries of groups, please inform Kirsten Whelan of numbers from your group.

***For your growth/interest this week.***

Copies are on the gathering space table for:

- \*Report on our petition to the Bishops of Australia
- \*"The limitations of being spiritual, but not religious".