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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."

LETTERS FROM HOME

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

15th and 16th July, 2017

Entrance Antiphon

As for me,
in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of
your glory.

Responsorial Psalm

The seed that falls on good ground
will yield a fruitful harvest.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The seed is the word of God,
Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live
for ever.

Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon

The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for
her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in
your house,
for ever singing your praise.

The Holy Scriptures Are Our Letters From Home

"May every day of our lives thus be shaped by a renewed encounter with Christ, the Word of the Father made flesh: he stands at the beginning and the end, and 'in him all things hold together' (Col 1: 17). Let us be silent in order to hear the Lord's word and to meditate upon it, so that by the working of the Holy Spirit it may remain in our hearts and speak to us all the days of our lives." (*Verbum Domini* §124)

LIVING GOSPEL

Scatter that seed!

The teaching of the parable of the sower is as true for us today as it was in its original context. The word of the kingdom continues to fall on people who are at various stages of readiness to receive it. What Jesus suggests to his disciples – and to us – is that the 'good soil' can't always be predicted. Jesus doesn't tell his disciples to only sow the word in people who are receptive. Rather, he wants them – and us – to scatter the word everywhere and to rejoice when it does find good soil and yields a rich 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?

Are you aware of the impending Bill due in Victorian Parliament? Please add your name/s to the petition on the tables in the Gathering Space if you want to help make a difference.

<http://pol.org.au/templestowe/Home.aspx>

Our website has had a revamp! Hop on and have a look and discover things that are happening in and around our parish as well as other information.

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.stkevinstctemplestowe.org.au/>

Parish Social Justice:

As a Parish we speak out and act for justice.

Contact Paola c/o 9850 5983.

A Winter Reflection...

"Winter is a lesson about the fine art of loss and growth. The lesson is clear: there is only one way out of struggle and that is by going into the darkness, waiting for the light, and being open to new growth". *Joan Chittester*

ARCHBISHOP HART'S GOLDEN JUBILEE OF PRIESTLY ORDINATION

Saturday 22 July, 11am, St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne

Everyone is invited to and will be welcome at this special Mass to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Archbishop Denis Hart's ordination to the priesthood. This Mass of Thanksgiving on the 50th anniversary of the Archbishop's priestly ordination will be followed by light refreshments at the Central Hall, 18 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy. Solemn Mass for the Archbishop will be celebrated with the Cathedral Choir the following day, Sunday 23 July at 11am. All welcome.

LAST WEEK'S GIVING

Envelopes	\$ 1,015.00
Direct Debit/Credit Card	\$ <u>790.50</u>
Total	\$ <u>1,805.50 (1)</u>
Priests' Living Costs	\$ 790.00

Number of Envelopes 54
(1) Weekly Pledged amount \$3,020.65

PLANNED GIVING: For envelopes, please contact the Parish House



LITURGY ROSTER

Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time – 22nd and 23rd July 2017

First Reading: Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19 Second Reading: Roms 8: 26-27 Gospel: Matthew 13: 24-43

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion	Children's Liturgy
5.30 pm	Janet Parsons	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	Mike Westbrook	Kirsten Collins	Betty Natoli Frank Ozzimo Paul Polidano	
9.00 am	Helen Norman	Gerry Bond	Bernard Charnley Pat Bond Peter Norman	
10.00 am	Julie O'Donnell	Frances Johnson	Mary McGinty Lyn Murphy Carmel Purdey	

<p><u>We pray for Better Health:</u> Adriana Luchetta, Sharon Williams, John Turner, Maria Amato, Natalie Salvo, Rhendiza Altamera, Neil Whissin, Mario Garito and Octave Pascal.</p>	<p><u>Anniversaries:</u></p> <p><u>Recently Deceased:</u> Gerry Barber and Leo Scaffidi (Betty Natoli's brother)</p>
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Reflections from St Kevin's School Principal, Frances Matisi's, recent trip to Ireland.

One of the speakers we had was **Diarmuid O'Murchu**. One of the most powerful parts of Diarmuid's two day presentation for me, was when he spoke about the "Kingdom of God" as the "Companionship of Empowerment". The "Kingdom of God" was a phrase Jesus used all the time and it is important to understand what he meant – however Jesus never defined it. He told stories and parables to help the disciples understand but he didn't tell them – they had to work it out for themselves. Diarmuid shared this interpretation of Jesus' message with us:

"I do not call you as servants, but as friends, adult co-disciples, serving and earthing the companionship of empowerment."

Diarmuid challenged us with what this 'companionship of empowerment' means today. He said it is about:

- Empowering relationships at every level
- Systemic eco justice for planet and people
- Communal networking to confront structural injustice
- Unconditional inclusivity – love even your enemies
- Transpersonal human development
- Scales for empowering discernment
- Discovering the meaning of empowering ritual.

The message is about not focusing on the individual, but engaging with the web of relationships – this is the companionship of empowerment. Our Church must be about communion not about institution.

Did I mention that Diarmuid is a 70+ year old priest, who has no time for clericalism – he told us that less than 1% of the 1.2 billion Catholics in the world are priests. Lay people are the key players in our Church. He scorned a Church that does not empower its followers to develop an adult faith and have open dialogue about issues that are relevant and important in the time we are living. He challenges the authority of those who say there are topics that are off limits eg women as priests – suggesting they are holding back the people of the Catholic faith and keep us as children and not allowing us to grow.

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Reflection For This Weekend

Those looking in the scriptures for a clear exposition of doctrine or a systematic moral code are doomed to be disappointed. Such an enterprise is bound to be continually subverted by the variety of traditions, points of view and forms of literature in the Bible. Subversion in fact is the name of the game when Jesus teaches in parables. These are short stories whose aim is to surprise. They appear to be a favourite teaching tool of Jesus'. He engages his listeners' attention with a story that is generally about familiar things such as farming practice or managing a household. But there is a twist along the way, usually at the end. Jesus uses this unexpected turn to undermine his hearers' conventional views about the "the way things are". They are meant to provoke insight into another reality – the kingdom of heaven. Today we begin a series of three readings from the Parable Sermon in Matthew's gospel.

First we are reminded by the prophet Isaiah of the sure power of God's word to effect its purpose.

Then Paul invites us to accept that we are caught up in unfinished process of cosmic rebirth, but we and the whole of creation will ultimately be set free.

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.

**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. Opening the Doors Foundation is part of the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry for Victoria. This year emphasis is being placed on leadership opportunities for senior secondary studies in rural areas. In 2016, \$500,000 helped 740 indigenous students including 65 who completed VCE. Every family who applied was support but only 50% of the costs were covered. The largest number of students come from Greater Melbourne. Others come from North Central Victoria, North Western Victoria and Gippsland.

Keep This Date Free: National E Conference right here in our Gathering Space!
When: Thursday 10th August 10.30am-2.45pm.
**"Gospel Leadership In Times Of Chaos:
The Hope Of Pope Francis"**
Speakers include Paul Kelly, Sr Clare Condon, Massimo Faggioli.
See notice board for more details.

Baptism Welcome! Welcome Renato and Filomena Nunziato who will be introducing their twin baby girls, Estelle and Evysa to our Community in preparation for their Baptisms next Sunday Morning.

It's **Do Something Day** next Wednesday, 13th July. What will you do as a random act of kindness to make our world and community a better place?