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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."

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

29th and 30th July, 2017

Entrance Antiphon

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in
his house;
he himself gives might and strength
to his people.

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, I love your commands.

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

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

Liturgy As Great Treasure

It is true that we experience God's Presence in the many circumstances of our daily lives. But surely one of the most sublime ways we experience God's Presence is in the very celebration of liturgy. The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy tells us that in liturgy Christ is present in his word, in the presider, in the assembly and in the eucharistic bread and wine (no. 7). Thus liturgy itself is a great treasure trove of God's Presence. This suggests both a caution and challenge for us in celebrating liturgy.

The caution that we must always keep in mind is that liturgy first and foremost is our entry into the dying and rising of Christ and in that very act of surrender of self we give God praise and thanks. There is sometimes a tendency in liturgy to celebrate in a way that pleases *us* and, thus, subtly turn liturgy toward ourselves rather than toward God. When we do this we run a risk of misunderstanding God's Presence to us.

The challenge is that we must *surrender* to God's action during the liturgy so that we see the many ways God is present in the celebration. It is too easy to let our minds wander or be distracted by restlessness around us or the things we must do when we get home. Liturgy asks of us a single-minded presence *to* God so that we can experience God's loving and abiding Presence to us. This is liturgy's great treasure: that we celebrate God's Presence to us and among us.

SPIRITUAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

Adoration –

Each weekday before Mass @ 8.30am and
7.15-8.15pm on Wednesday evenings

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: *** NO MASS TODAY ***

Friday: 9.15am St Kevin's Church
(praying with St Kevin's Prep, 1 and 2 children)

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.



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.

Remember the big survey we did last year?

At last, we have the feedback. The following is a summary of some interesting results regarding things that our parishioners find most valuable in our parish:

53% said celebrating the Eucharist/receiving Holy Communion

30% said practical care for one another in times of need

27% said wider community care or social justice emphasis

23% said sermons and homilies.

More results next week.....

The entire report can be downloaded from our website.

LAST WEEK'S GIVING

Envelopes	\$ 730.00
Direct Debit/Credit Card	\$ <u>790.50</u>
Total	\$ <u>1,520.50 (1)</u>
Priests' Living Costs	\$ 830.00

Number of Envelopes 47

(1) Weekly Pledged amount \$3,020.65

PLANNED GIVING: For envelopes, please contact the Parish House

A Winter Reflection...

Winter asks us to be with
mystery, to embrace the
solitude, and honour the
silence, knowing that
beneath the Earth's surface
seeds are germinating and
preparing for another
season of growth.

Parish Church Gathering Space happenings for the next few weeks...

Saturday, 29th July - Paul Spence Reflection Day

A day looking to reignite our Parish Vision and Mission, 9am-4pm.

Sunday, 30th July – Cuppa after all morning Masses

Sunday, 6th August – Cuppa after all morning Masses

Tuesday, 8th August - Mental Health First Aid Program

Manningham Interfaith Network is running a Mental Health First Aid Program. It will run for four weeks commencing today and they would like to give preference to members of the St Kevin's community.

Wednesday, 9th August - First Holy Communion Retreat Day for our Parish Candidates

Thursday, 10th August

Children and Family Support

Carer Support Group from 10.00am until 12.00pm. No charge.

National E Conference

You are invited to gather to view "Gospel Leadership in Times of Chaos: The Hope of Pope Francis" from 10.30am-2.45pm. Come for as long as you like. We'd love you to bring your lunch. We'll provide tea and coffee. A suggestion is that a brief discussion afterwards will take place to help deepen our learnings.

Mental Health Program for those who take Holy Communion to the Sick and Elderly

The Yarra Deanery is offering training in Mental Health for those who take Holy Communion to the Sick and Elderly. It will run for two weeks commencing today.

Sunday, 13th August

Cuppa after all morning Masses

"How To Turn On And Off The Church"

Training Session on operating the electronics in the Church @ 11.00am

Monday, 14th August - "How To Turn On And Off The Church" @ 8.00pm

Tuesday, 15th August - Mental Health First Aid Course

Wednesday, 16th August - "How To Turn On And Off The Church" @ 11.30am

Thursday, 17th August - Mental Health Course for those who take Holy Communion to the Sick and Elderly

Saturday, 19th August - TGI's Youth Group Gathering

Sunday, 20th August – Cuppa after all morning Masses

Tuesday, 22nd August - Mental Health First Aid Course

Sunday 27th August – Cuppa after all morning Masses

Tuesday, 29th August - Mental Health First Aid Course

Exciting Times Ahead!

St Kevin's Primary School has received \$1.8 million from Capital Grants to pay for some school refurbishments. \$200,000 of this loan will have to be repaid in 16 years. We hope to have plans on display in the next few weeks to keep you all up-to-date with plans and progress. Your taxes at work!

Palliative Care Do you know what Palliative Care is? Do you understand what is involved? Do you know Palliative Care can be a free service for you and your loved one? Would you like to find out more? Please register your interest so that we may plan a free information session offered by Eastern Palliative Care. Please add your name and contact details to the clipboard on the table in the Gathering Space.

SCHOOL REFLECTIONS

From St Kevin's

Junior TC - St Kevin's School

This week Junior TC focused on the first reading from the book of Kings. We were all struck by the fact that Solomon could have asked for anything from God but he asked for a heart to understand.

The children thought about what it means to have a heart that understands. Here are their responses:

- Being kind to others

Saying nice things



- Doing things for others especially around the house

help with the chores



- Being loving

giving hugs and kisses

- Including others in our games

letting people play with us



- Helping someone if they are sad.

make them laugh



ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

From St Charles Borromeo

"The Kingdom of Heaven is a treasure."

Matthew 13:44-52

In 1/2KC, we treasure our family and friends.

I treasure my grandparent.
- Kai

I treasure my pets. -
Andre

I treasure the love of my family. -
Kalita

I treasure my brother and sister. -
Mila Z

I treasure my friends. -
Zachariah

I treasure my family memories. -
Giselle

I treasure my Aunties and Uncles
- Ethan

I treasure my cousins. -
Kyna

I treasure all of my teachers. -
Alli

I treasure my Mum and Dad. -
Mia

I treasure everyone that I love. -
Marcus



LITURGY ROSTER

Transfiguration of the Lord – 5th and 6th August 2017

First Reading: Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14 Second Reading: 2 Peter 1: 16-19 Gospel: Matthew 17: 1-9

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	Kirsten Collins	Mike Westbrook	Betty Natoli Frank Ozzimo Paul Polidano	
9.00 am	Helen Norman	Marie Reichert	Bernard Charnley Margaret Mangan Peter Norman	
10.00 am	Tasha Vercauteren	Miriam Ayoub	Mary Calleja Murray Cullinan Geraldine Williams	

We pray for Better Health: Adriana Luchetta, John Turner, Maria Amato, Natalie Salvo, Donald Tynan, Rhendiza Altamera, Neil Whiffin, Mario Garito and Octave Pascal.

Anniversaries: Jim Baruta, Rita Gomes (Aunt of Rebecca Sandwell) and Anunziato & Joan Venuto

Recently Deceased: Dr Yunupingu

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

One of the speakers we had was **Diarmuid O'Murchu**. Diarmuid has written many books that I have begun to access and will add to my pile of post sabbatical reading, which may I say I am getting through at a great rate of knots. Here is a snippet of the opening paragraph from his book entitled "Inclusivity: A Gospel Mandate":

Jesus hung out with whores and social outcasts, was remarkably casual about sex, disapproved of the family, urged us to be laid back about property and possessions, warned his followers that they too would die violently, and insisted that the truth kills and divides as well as liberates. He also cursed the self-righteous prigs and deeply alarmed the ruling class."

(I did ask him about the part that says "disapproved of the family" as that disturbed me a little more than the rest – and he said that this referred to our narrow view of immediate family and challenged us to consider all humans as our family and just as important as our own family.)

To me Diarmuid is such a person of Jesus in every way. He is positive, yet provocative. Strong in his faith, but will not be told how to be faithful. Challenges what he believes are mistruths no matter who is professing them, and all the while goes about his business in a gentle and compassionate way, filling people with hope and empowerment. We need more like him leading our church to a positive future.

I will finish with a beautiful quote he shared with us:

"The mission of faith is no longer to convert. It is to transform the world so that every life will have a better chance to live fully, and thus to commune with the source of life. (God)."

John Shelby Spong

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK



National Vocations Awareness Week – The Church in Melbourne needs more priests and religious. Each one of us can do something about this. Firstly – pray each day. A simple prayer may be the cause of one person saying 'yes'. Secondly – talk about the possibility of a vocation to others.

For information on our Parish Schools
please contact:

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Principal: Ms Frances Matisi

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Principal: Mr Greg Thomas

**Catalyst for Renewal and Catholics
for Renewal invite you to
An Evening with Richard Gaillardetz:
"Wrestling with the Faith in Times
of Scandal:
Why Belonging to the Church
Still Matters."**

Today the Church is challenged by a series of scandals: the sexual abuse of children by clergy and religious, the cover-up of this abuse, the indifference to the victims, and more recent attacks on Pope Francis from within the Church. Richard's presentation will reflect on the background to these scandals and address the question of continued belonging and the possibility of renewal, noting the commitment of the Australian bishops to convene a national plenary council in 2020.

**Thursday, 7th September, 2017
from 7.30 to 9.30pm
YTU Study Centre Bedford St, Box Hill**

Bookings essential. Price: \$25pp.
Limited numbers.

Book at www.trybooking.com/QSAL

**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 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 supported 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.

For the first two weeks of August all contributions to our second collection will be directed towards St Joseph's Parish in Meredith as Fr Charles Balnaves works tirelessly at raising funds to build a new Church in Bannockburn.

National E Conference: Free for the day?
Well it's a great topic for our present age and right here in our Parish Church!

When: Thursday 10th Aug 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.

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

Have you had a chance to write to MP's yet? This matter is very serious for it shapes the society in which we live. On the table in the Gathering Space are copies of a suggested letter which you can sign and send to as many District and Regional Parliament members as you wish. Also, on the noticeboard there are 2 other concerns to this bill, soon to be put to parliament.

Sessions To Learn:

“How To Turn On And Off The Church”

EVENTUALLY, the electrical and audiovisual systems in the Church are sufficiently completed (not yet fully completed!) for me to run some sessions on “How To Turn On And Off The Church” - lights, fans, airconditioners, PA system, speakers, wireless mics and main church computer. I will also cover the operation of the computer in the Gathering Space.

ANYBODY who occasionally opens the church or runs the computer during Mass or creates the Powerpoints for Mass, or would be willing to do so in the future, is greatly encouraged to attend one of the sessions.

Session times:

Sunday 13th August after 10am Mass

Monday 14th August at 8.00pm.

Wednesday 16th August at 11.30am.

The session should take about 30mins.

Vianney Shiel

Let's Help Charles Build a Church!

A major fire burnt down the Bannockburn Church! NOW our friend Charles Balnaves is responsible for building a new Church and giving fresh hope to the people of Bannockburn and surrounding districts. He needs our help – please support him and his struggling community at a Gala Fundraising Event at Clyde Park, Bannockburn on 11th August at 7pm for delicious food and wine @ \$100 per ticket. Please note: \$90 of the \$100 goes to the Church Building Fund.

For those of you who would like to help but are unable to attend the Gala Event, here are the EFT banking details:

Account Name: St Joseph's Parish,
Bannockburn Fundraising

BSB Number: 083347

Account Number: 42 372 5759

OR send a cheque made out to **St Joseph's Parish, Bannockburn Fundraising** to:

St Joseph's, PO Box 40, MEREDITH Vic 3333

Thank you everyone for your generosity & support.

Questions to enliven you today....

1. Why might Jesus have given dozens of different descriptions of what the kingdom is like?
2. For me, the kingdom of Heaven is like...?
3. When I reflect on my choices and actions in daily living, I learn my treasure is...?
4. What/who has inspired you? Whom do you treasure?

2017: THE JUST ART EXHIBITION

**Friday 28 July to Tuesday 1 August,
The Stables, Corner Wreckyn and
Courtney Streets, North Melbourne**

The St Vincent de Paul Society invites you to explore over 300 art works, all gloriously celebrating, exploring and contemplating the culture of the first peoples of Australia. 'Focus: First Australians' is open 10am–5pm Sunday 30 July to Tuesday 1 August.

Cost: Free **Details:** 9895 5800

A Stewardship Reflection

“We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.” – Romans 8:28

Do you really trust God? Do you believe that all things work for good? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, means that God's plan for our lives may be different than our plan. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.

St David's Winter Warmer Concert

Sunday July 30th at 2.00pm.

‘LIBERACE & FRIENDS’

Book now with Laurie on 9842 4115

Adults \$25, Conc. \$20, Students \$10

St David's Anglican Church

1111 Doncaster Rd, Doncaster East