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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 Vocations Awareness Week **Day of Prayer for Care and Respect at the End of Life** **Transfiguration Of The Lord** **5th and 6th August, 2017**

Entrance Antiphon

In a resplendent cloud the
Holy Spirit appeared.
The Father's voice was heard:
This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased.
Listen to him.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is king,
the most high over all the earth.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!
This is my Son, my beloved,
in whom is all my delight:
listen to him.

Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon

When Christ appears,
we shall be like him,
for we shall see him as he is.

Transfiguration of the Lord

The story of the transfiguration offers much to reflect on. While it invites us to contemplate the glory of God manifest in Jesus, it also challenges us to be true disciples of the Son of Man. To follow Jesus is to seek the will of God in persistent prayer, to dare surrender to the Holy One, and then to come down from the mountain of glory and continue on the way of the cross. There's also much food for thought in the coincidence of the feast with the dropping of the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima on 6 August, 1945. The blast that was "brighter than a thousand suns" immediately killed 80,000 people and led to the slower deaths of perhaps another 75,000. Could there be two more different bursts of light than Jesus' transfiguration and that devastating nuclear explosion?

Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick

A reminder to all Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick who have enrolled into the **Mental Health Program for those who take Holy Communion to the Sick and Elderly**. There will be two sessions over the next two Thursday nights at 7.30pm in the Church Gathering Space. Thank you.

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

Feast day of our saint: **Mary MacKillop**

Thursday: 9.15am St Kevin's Chapel

Friday: 9.15am St Kevin's Church

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 the demographics of our parish:

63% of all people are female and 37% are male

45% of all people have a university degree

24% have a trade certificate, diploma or associate diploma

31% have primary or secondary school education

More results next week.....

The entire report can be downloaded from our website.

LAST WEEK'S GIVING

Envelopes	\$ 790.00
Direct Debit/Credit Card	\$ <u>790.50</u>
Total	\$ <u>1,580.50 (1)</u>
Priests' Living Costs	\$ 666.00

Number of Envelopes 47

(1) Weekly Pledged amount \$3,020.65

PLANNED GIVING: For envelopes, please contact the Parish House

A Winter Reflection...

Winter clears the
landscape, giving us a
chance to see ourselves
and each other more
clearly, to see the very
ground of our being.

Parker Palmer

From the PW's Desk...

Pastoral Worker Thinking Out Loud

The BIG 'reveal'

The 'Transfiguration' Gospel teaches us that Jesus is revealing to a very select few His wonderful secret of His impending divine nature.

How much of ourselves do we truly reveal to each other?

How much of ourselves do we truly reveal to God?

How much of our faith do we truly reveal in general?

As Catholics are we often 'conservative' in our faith and not willing to 'reveal' what and why about our faith and belief in God? We are more than willing to act as God would want, but even then, we often keep those little good deeds to ourselves ... are we taking humbleness too far?

Perhaps ask yourself "Is there anything wrong with letting others know a little more about myself and that I am a proud Catholic?"

No-one is suggesting we get up on soap boxes and preach. Conversation around my table on Tuesday night suggested simple ways of revealing faith; perhaps a simple way could be signing off your email with "God Bless", or starting a conversation "when I was at Church this week..."

It's all about revealing our faith to others... it's a challenge in these difficult times I know, but how about we give it a go?
Rebecca Sandwell.

Lost Property Our "Lost Property Box" is fast filling to overflowing. Items include reading glasses, hearing aid and woolen gloves. If you are missing any of these or other items, please check the box before leaving today and reclaim your possessions.

PAB Meeting 1st August, 2017

Last Tuesday marked our mid-year Parish Advisory Board and Liturgy Group joint "meeting" where we had a guest speaker and shared a meal together.

Our guest speaker was Mary Ryan (Co-Ordinator of Adult Faith Formation/Parish Liaison). Mary talked to us about "Discipleship".

What is the meaning of discipleship – and how as both individuals and as a Parish, are we being Disciples of God?

Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching you are really my disciples." – John 8: 31.

During Dinner, we were provided with some 'Faith journey' questions to evoke our thoughts and enrich our conversations. These questions were handed out as beautiful scrolls and had us all openly chatting with one another.

There are some remaining scrolls in the baskets in the Gathering Space. Please feel free to take one to discuss during your cuppa after Mass or indeed take it home to discuss with your family.

Check out our "Hot Topics" tray on the table in the Gathering Space! Two latest articles – one from Asia Pacific Hospice and Palliative Care Network and the other entitled "The Bi-Partisanship shame of refugee Policy". Take home a copy today!

Exciting Times Ahead! St Kevin's Primary School has received \$1.8 million to pay for some school refurbishments. Please see the plans which are on display on the windows to the Church. Renovations will begin on 15th August.

It's back!



Don't forget to collect the **Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers** for our parish schools, when shopping at this supermarket. These can be placed in the special collection box located on the table in the Gathering Space.

SCHOOL REFLECTIONS

From St Kevin's

The Transfiguration Of The Lord - Mt 17:1-9

Jesus took Peter, James and his brother John to a large mountain to pray. Peter, James and John thought that He was the Messiah and would get their kingdom back. When Jesus told them that He was the Messiah of love and peace and that God's Kingdom was not about fighting, they did not understand and so they went to sleep. When they woke up, there standing in front of them was Jesus, Elijah and Moses. Jesus was shining as bright as the sun. His clothes were pure white. Then God floated down and said "Jesus is my Son and I am proud of Him. Listen to Him." The three disciples fell to the ground in fear. Jesus lightly patted them on the back and said, "don't be afraid." Then they looked up and there was only Jesus standing in front of them. "Do not tell anyone about what you witnessed until I get crucified," said Jesus.

Summarised by Andre and Antonio 3/4 - St Kevin's Primary

A message in the story for student contemplation:

"This is my Son, the Beloved: with Him I am well pleased; listen to Him!"

God wants us to listen to Jesus - what does this message mean for us?

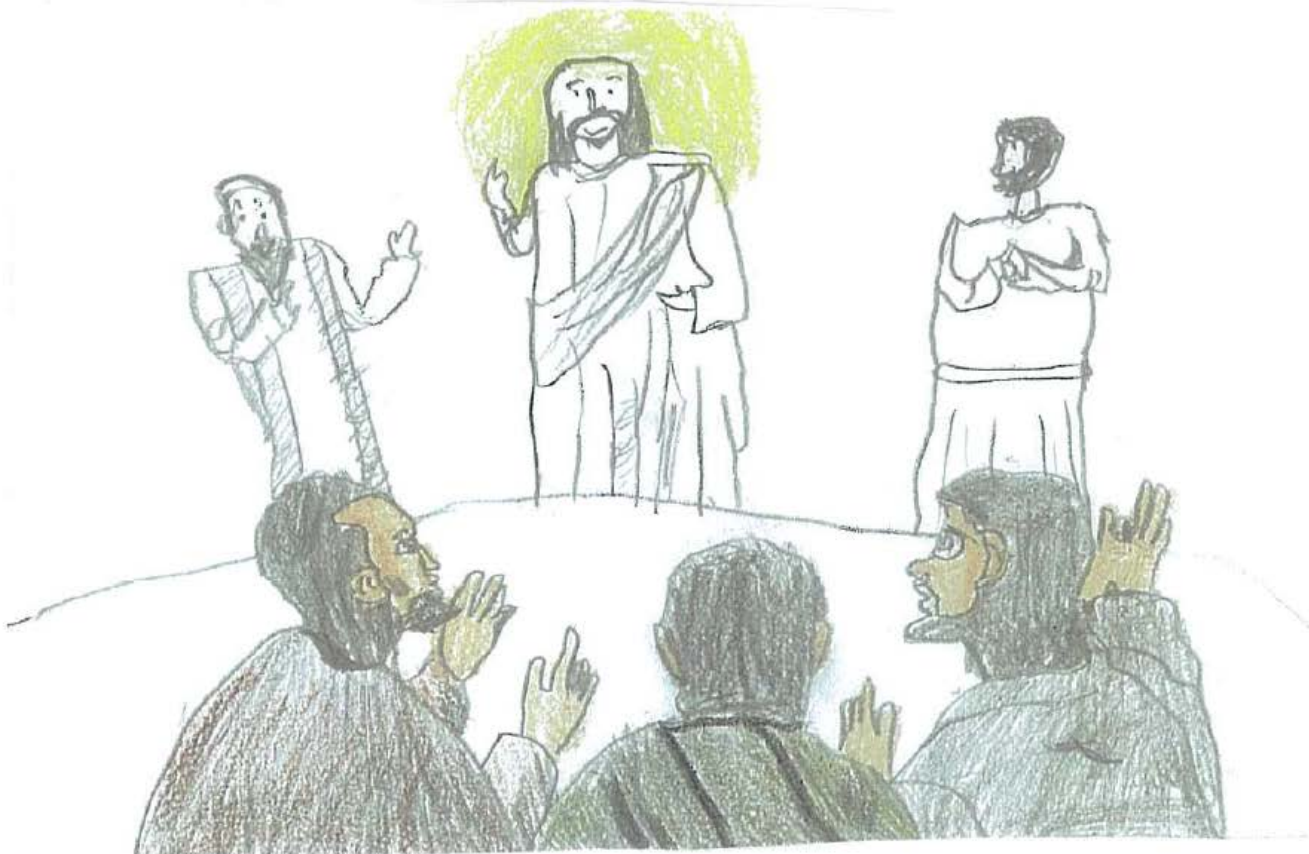
Hamish - me being more confident when it comes to meeting challenges at school.

Charlie - listen to the word and spread the love in Jesus' message about helping people and respecting difference.

Matthew - listen to my Mum and stop arguing and fighting with my brother so there is peace at home for my parents.

George - I need to think about others more often and be more confident to make friends with different people.

Grades 3/4 Students at St Kevin's Primary School



Illustrated by Eric 3/4 - St Kevin's Primary School

ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

From St Charles Borromeo

Prep J: Gospel Response

Jesus

You are the promised King. We pray that you transform our hearts to be more like yours: loving, just and merciful.

Amen

We read this prayer and brainstormed ways we can be more like Jesus. We wrote a sentence and drew a matching picture. Here is a picture of our hearts around Jesus because we want to be more like him.

Kaija- I can be like Jesus by saying to people "you can play with me if you want."

Stefan- I can be like Jesus by helping my nan.



LITURGY ROSTER

Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time – 12th and 13th August 2017

First Reading: 1 Kings 19: 9, 11-13 Second Reading: Romans 9: 1-5 Gospel: Matthew 14: 22-33

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion	Children's Liturgy
5.30 pm	Le Gall Family	Le Gall Family	Veronica Jeremiah Ian Jeremiah Ann Maguire	"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	Pat Bond	Gerry Bond	Christine Flannery Dianne Flannery Margaret Mangan	
10.00 am	Tony Byrne	Fiona Dunne	Kaye Byrne Rita Faralla Betty Natoli	

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:
Joachim Cheng Kim On and
Jean Pierre Yong Sao Young

Recently Deceased:

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

John Doherty's two day presentation was entitled "The Accompanied Journey Inward" and I really had no idea what to expect. At the end of the two days I must say that my head was spinning, I had many more questions than answers and had been challenged in ways I had not even thought about before. John however had introduced me to some wonderful teachers and practices that I am still using today.

The essence of what he was on about was the importance of finding our authentic self and truly living in the present, all the while being able to observe our own thoughts and acknowledge them without being governed by them – we are NOT our thoughts! He suggested that anytime we look for fulfilment in the future or in a role or a job, we are bound to fail as it means we are looking for our identity outside of ourselves instead of inside ourselves. We need to be comfortable being in the present moment – watching ourselves.

Consider this – If God is alive in me – how can I experience it more?

He asked us to start to become an observer of ourselves – what am I noticing, what am I making friends with about myself, what unhappy stories do I keep reverting back to? He made it clear to us that we can't control everything but we can certainly control our response to every situation.

"It is not our successes that define us, but what we do with the pain of life".

He introduced us to the notion of "conscious living" – how we **deal with** the thoughts, the emotions and the sensations – that is how I am. I am not the thoughts in my head. I am not my story. I need to hold these things lightly – sit with them and be present to them, but know that they are not my identity. Once we are comfortable to be present with them without letting them define us – they have no power over us.

John spoke of our "ego" and our "pain body" – two places that we often live out of but are not our authentic selves. Our ego being our thinking self, the part of us that wants success, that works towards tomorrow and makes plans for the future and finds ways to get there; whilst our pain body is our unprocessed pain from the past. Our ego helps us to survive but is not our true identity, equally neither is the pain body.

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**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.

**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

Kitchen Kitty: We are delighted to see you all enjoying our new Gathering Space, even if it is for just a cuppa after Mass. On the bench in the kitchen, you will see a "donation box" for kitchen and morning/afternoon tea supplies. Contributions are gratefully appreciated.



**Social Justice at St Kevin's Parish
August Second Collections**

For a couple of weekends in August, second collections 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 Vocations Awareness Week –
Today the Church in Melbourne prays for the Care and Respect at the End of Life. The Church and society need leaders to proclaim the truth of the Gospel of Life. Please pray for more priests and religious for Melbourne who can help us proclaim the Gospel of Life to the world.

**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.

National E Conference: This Thursday!
Come and enjoy this unique experience. If you have been on another planet in July and this is news to you, please see the noticeboard for more details.

When: Thursday 10th Aug 10.30am-2.45pm.
The topic is.....

**"Gospel Leadership In Times Of Chaos:
The Hope Of Pope Francis"**



Check out our website (on the Faith and Development tab) to read a most wonderful homily on "Being Happy" by our dear Pope Francis.

Sessions To Learn:

“How To Turn On And Off The Church”

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!

Gala Fundraising Event at Clyde Park, Bannockburn on 11th August at 7pm for food and wine @ \$100 per ticket. \$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

*Beginning next weekend (12th August) at the 5.30pm Saturday evening Mass and continuing for the next two weekends afterwards, we will be celebrating **First Holy Communions** for the children of our parish. Please continue to pray for them as they continue along the path of their faith journey.*



Good Eucharistic Practice

Communion from the Cup

When we speak of the Blessed Sacrament we mean the consecrated bread and wine.

Of course we know theologically that we receive the living Christ under either species.

The importance of receiving communion from the chalice is spelled out in the General Instruction of the Roman Missal.

Why do parishes not offer the communion cup? Is it thought to be too much trouble or not considered necessary? Why do communicants opt not to receive from the cup? Is it that they simply don't like it, or they might catch germs, or they think of it as an unnecessary extra? Such trivial, external considerations do not do justice to the profound, sacred mystery of the living presence of Christ in the blessed Sacrament.

CatholicCare Sunday Appeal 12-13th August, 2017

Next weekend is the CatholicCare Sunday Appeal. As our parish's social service agency, CatholicCare delivers family and relationship counselling, refugee and settlement support, education and school programs, and pastoral services. Donations from our parish community will help care for the most vulnerable families in our community.

Parish Vision Last Saturday, a group of 17 parishioners met with facilitator Paul Spence. We spent all day reflecting and sharing questions such as - Experience of God, who is St Kevin for me, what are our hopes for St Kevin's Parish Community?

At the end of the day, we had put together a draft renewal of our Parish Vision. Aware that we need to take into account your survey from last year, the PAB will now spell out the meaning from the survey and then early in September match our existing and future vision with the findings from the survey. We shall then present this to you for your comments/verification, as we march towards the next decade of the 21st Century.