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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."

First Holy Communion Weekend World Refugees and Migration Weekend Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time 26th and 27th August, 2017

Entrance Antiphon

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord,

for I cry to you all the day long.

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful Lord hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.



The Parish of St Kevin's welcomes to the Table of the Lord for the first time, the following Candidates:

Zack Ferguson Sophie Toscano Tahlia Colalancia Alicia Toscano William Grollo Matthew Grollo Daniel Cruz Neve Fitzgerald Madeleine Martins Ashton Douglas Harry Gray Antonio Bearzatto Keenan Santiago Joshua Clarke Oliver Bereau Adelle Stoikos Thomas Carafa Macy Callinan Ariella Jones Anthony Carbone Elyssia Abdo **Riley Whelan** Allegra Kocuk Ava Hinds Alessia Porqueddu Sophie Larratt

Gospel Reflection Questions...

- How would you answer Jesus' question "who do you say I am"?
- How would Jesus' confirmation of Peter's declaration make a difference to the way the disciples saw Jesus?

SPIRITUAL LIFE OF THE PARISH Adoration –

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

5.30pm (Vigil) Saturday:

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

9.15am St Kevin's Chapel Friday:

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 www.stkevinstctemplestowe.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? Last weekend, we mentioned..... The following is a summary of results regarding people's gifts and skills:

27% of attenders agree that their gifts, skills and talents are being used well in our parish 15% want to be more involved at this parish"

Do you still agree? Are you part of the 15%? - Rebecca, members of the PAB and Fr Gerry would love to make contact to help you fulfill this want.

Euthanasia Parliamentary Debate Delayed A further delay to the introduction of a bill means that it is unlikely to enter the Legislative Assembly (lower house) before Tuesday 5 September. Debate would then be delayed by another two weeks to 19 September. This means we have another three weeks to write letters. The time frame may provide an opportunity for more people in our parish to write and we encourage this. Monday 11 September would now be the latest day that these letters can be sent and still arrive in MPs office before the debate.

LAST WEEK'S GIVING		
Envelopes	\$ 955.00	
Direct Debit/Credit Card	<u>\$ 780.00</u>	
Total	\$ <u>1,735.00 (1)</u>	:
Priests' Living Costs	\$ 1,292.00	
Number of Envelopes 37		
(1) Weekly Pledged amount \$3,020.65		
PLANNED GIVING: For envelopes, please contact the Parish House		

Special Meeting Last Tuesday night, Kathy Jenkins (from Catholic Adult Education) helped us unpack some of the data from your survey. This will help us "sharpen" our vision statement at our PAB meeting on 5th September and after this, we shall present it to you for your comments/suggestions.

Special Collections We sent \$1,361 to CatholicCare and so far we have sent \$867 to Charles Balnaves and the people of Meredith Bannockburn Parish. Well done folks - be very pleased.

LITURGY ROSTER

Twenty - Second Sunday In Ordinary Time – 2nd and 3rd September 2017 First Reading: Jeremiah 20: 7-9 Second Reading: Romans 12: 1-2 Gospel: Matthew 16: 21-27

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion	Children's Liturgy
5.30 pm	Janet Parsons	Carmen Childs	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	Pat Bond	Gerry Bond	Bernard Charnley Margaret Mangan Peter Norman	
10.00 am	Tony Byrne	Liz O'Connell	Kaye Byrne Jo Ridgeway Geraldine Williams	

We pray for Better Health:John Turner, Maria Amato,Anniversaries:Natalie Salvo, Donald Tynan, Rhendiza Altamera,Recently Deceased:Neil Whiffin, Mario Garito, Octave Pascal, Vince Natoli,Recently Deceased:Catena Scaffidi and Michele (Michael) De Luca.Recently Deceased:

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

Our second last presenter over the course of the month was Tom Grenham and his two-day presentation was titled "The Unknown God". Tom spoke about life today and faith and finding the connections between the two. He suggested that a lived faith was a sustainable faith and when we can read the signs of the times and connect with our faith we can build on our understandings, insights and faith practices. He challenged us to make connections between our own story and vision and the biblical stories and experiences of God. He spoke of "Practical Theology" – making sense of our own story through Jesus' story. He challenged us to name an issue or problem that we face today where a parallel story in the bible did NOT exist. For everything we suggested he found us a relevant story with a message for today. (He knew a lot more bible stories than I did, including some very interesting ones I had never heard of and was surprised to hear were even in the bible.) He taught us to read the scripture stories in a different way, focusing not always on the message or moral of the story but on the relationships in the story.

"You can't evangelise without a relationship with other people. Jesus chose to have relationships with the lowly, the outcast and evangelised them and they evangelised him." Tom Grenham

Tom used the example of a story in Mark 7: 24-30 where Jesus was harsh with the Syrophoenician woman and when she challenged him, as did the apostles, he overcame his biases and learnt something from the encounter.

Hot Topics...

- Check out the Hot Topics tray to find a response from Archbishop Hart's interview with a Fairfax journalist, in which his words were construed.
- Also Archbishop Hart's letter regarding same-sex marriage.



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. For information on our Parish Schools please contact:

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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."

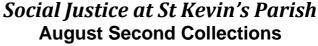
Today the Church is challenged by a series of scandals: the sexual abuse of children by clergy and religious, the cover-up of this abuse, the indifference to the victims, and more recent attacks on Pope Francis from within the Church.

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

Baptism Welcome!

Welcome Youngju and Yugyeong Kang who will be introducing Olivia to our Community in preparation for her Baptism next Sunday Morning.



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.

Thomas Berry: a visionary for our times

This reflective seminar will offer an opportunity to explore the wisdom and insights of Thomas Berry, a Passionist priest, cultural historian, geologian and pioneer in the field of ecology and spirituality. We will explore ways to -

*deepen our relationship with Earth

*re-awaken awe and wonder in the creative process

*develop understandings that are foundational for living well, into this 21st century.

The afternoon will be led by Anne Boyd and Pat Long, Coordinators of the Earth Song Project. (www.earthsong.org.au)



Email:info@agrandstandfortheenvironment.org Web site: http://www.agrandstandfortheenvironment.org

Why Irish Eyes Are Full Of Laughter...

Paddy was driving down the street in a sweat because he had an important meeting and couldn't find a parking place. Looking up to heaven he said, 'Lord take pity on me. If you find me a parking place I will go to Mass every Sunday for the rest of me life and give up me Irish Whiskey!



Miraculously, a parking place appeared.

Paddy looked up again and said, 'Never mind, I found one.'

