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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."



**Child Safety Week**  
**Baptism Weekend**  
**Father's Day Weekend**



**First Anniversary of Church Refurbishments Celebrations**

**Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2017**

### Entrance Antiphon

Have mercy on me, O Lord,  
for I cry to you all the day long.  
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,  
full of mercy to all who call to you.

### Responsorial Psalm

(5.30pm & 8.30am Masses only)

The Lord has done great things  
for us,  
we are filled with joy.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you,  
says the Lord;  
my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

### Response to Prayers of the Faithful

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

### Communion Antiphon

How great is the goodness, Lord,  
that you keep for those who  
fear you.

### *First Anniversary of our New Buildings*

Yes! Haven't we made great use of our new spaces?  
Our Chapel is a lovely, prayerful building (nice and warm on these cold winter days).

During Mass today we shall remind ourselves of the variety of uses of the "Gathering Space".  
Congratulations to all concerned for keeping the buildings friendly, hospitable and fresh.

Only one Manningham Council group uses our building, but the Deanery has put on 2x4 week courses on "First Aid For Mental Health" as well as a course for Communion Ministers to the Sick.  
We've had dinners, lunches, school sacrament programmes as well as the occasional adult education night.

The chairs in the Church has allowed for flexibility and brought us together in a way some of us thought would only be achieved in the small confines of the "Community Room".

We gather today to give thanks to God for all that has happened in the previous years which shaped our last 12 months and made them such exhilarating experiences.

We have spare photos of the outside of our new Church building on the table, which you are all welcome to take a copy for yourselves.

# 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:** No Masses as Fr Gerry is at

**Thursday:** Richard Gaillardetz Conference

**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.

## 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/](http://www.stkevinstctemplestowe.org.au/)

### Parish Social Justice:

As a Parish we speak out and act for  
justice. Contact Paola c/o 9850 5983.

## Parish Survey Results...

The following is a summary of results regarding how people relate to God:

31% of attenders said that they had experienced GROWTH IN FAITH in the previous 12 months

36% spend time in PRAYER, BIBLE READING, MEDITATION everyday or most days

As for the IMPORTANCE of GOD in people's lives:

34% say "God is more important to me than almost anything else"

32% say "God is the most important reality in my life"

What are your thoughts? Rebecca, members of the PAB and Fr Gerry would love to hear them.

**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.

**Pick Up Today –**  
Your copy of "The Swag" – The National Council of Priests' magazine – always a helpful and challenging read.

## LAST WEEK'S GIVING

Envelopes	\$ 560.00
Direct Debit/Credit Card	\$ 780.00
Total	\$ <u>1,340.00 (1)</u>
Priests' Living Costs	\$ 1,147.00

Number of Envelopes 44

(1) Weekly Pledged amount \$3,020.65

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



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CALM  
AND  
CHECK OUT  
OUR WEBSITE

## LITURGY ROSTER

**Twenty - Third Sunday In Ordinary Time – 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

**First Reading: Ezekiel 33: 7-9 Second Reading: Romans 13: 8-10 Gospel: Matthew 18: 15-20**

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	Bernard Charnley	Marie Reichert	Christine Flannery Dianne Flannery Margaret Mangan	
10.00 am	Julie O'Donnell	Mishika Perera	Mary Calleja Mary McGinty Betty Natoli	

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

**Anniversaries:** Nancy & Giuseppe Amalfi Frank Delaney (Father of Jane Janes) and Vincenza & Rosario Venuto

**Recently Deceased:** Angela Castellucci, Neta Meagher and Peter Raymond Murphy

### A Prayer For Stronger Communities, Safer Children

*Gracious God, you said 'let the children come to me'.*

*We ask that you strengthen and guide all in our Catholic communities.*

*Grant us wisdom in our time to make decisions that protect children and the vulnerable.*

*May our families and communities – through love, generosity, commitment and patience – build stronger communities, safe for our children.*

*Let your grace and love fall gently upon our children giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience they will need for life's journey.*

*We ask you, God, to help our Catholic communities to be resolute in creating environments where our children both flourish and are safe. Amen.*

Please remember that child well-being and safety is everyone's responsibility every day.

For the full document from the Melbourne Archdiocese, please go to our website.

### ***Social Justice Collections***

Refugees who have had medical interventions in Australia have been issued with a new type of visa. They will no longer be allowed to live in subsidised accommodation, or continue to receive the weekly allowance of \$100. They will be in dire circumstances. On purely humanitarian grounds we feel that an urgent response is required from the community. This weekend the second collection will be sent to the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre which has set up an emergency appeal. There will be further collections later in September. Next weekend will be reserved for the annual appeal for Retired Priests.

### ***Catholic Vocations***

Father's Day: Today we give thanks for our earthly fathers and pray for them. Let's also give thanks for our spiritual fathers who serve the people of our parishes and communities so generously and well. Today let's also remember and pray for two new 'spiritual fathers' who will be ordained as priests on Saturday 9 September at 10am at St Patrick's Cathedral. Please remember in your prayers Deacons Toan Nguyen and Anil Mascarenhas as they prepare for priestly ordination next week. All are welcome to the Cathedral for the Ordination Mass.

For information on our Parish Schools  
please contact:

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Principal: Ms Frances Matisi

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Principal: Mr Greg Thomas

## 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, geologist 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.

Date: Sunday 10th September, 2017  
Time: 2.00 – 5.00pm  
Where: St Kevin's Catholic Church Gathering Space,  
26 Herlihy's Road, Lower Templestowe. (Melways 33D6)

Please book by Wednesday 6th September

Tel: 03 9850 2850 or email: [trishmwilson@bigpond.com](mailto:trishmwilson@bigpond.com)  
GOLD COIN DONATION APPRECIATED

**An Evening with Richard Gaillardetz:**  
Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.trybooking.com/QSAL)

### Draft version of Parish Vision Statement

Dear Parishioners, as you know we have been working hard on our Parish Vision Statement. Have a read and let us know what you think:

"St Kevin's Parish is an active Catholic community, called by God and trusting in Jesus. We joyfully aspire, with gratitude, to care for and connect with our local and global community, to be hospitable and generous, so that all may live life to the full."

### Children's Gospel Reflections

We hope you have been enjoying our children's reflections each week on the weekend's Gospel...we certainly have!

Not only do we have all of you to share them with, but we also manage to share our Newsletters each week to our wider community of aged care residents and those who we visit in their homes.

We'd like to share with you a beautiful comment made by one of our aged care residents this week; "reading the children's comments brought tears to my eyes" ....happy tears of course. Our children are making us all proud in showing their faith so openly to us all, "thank you kids".



St Kevin's Parish warmly welcomes  
through the Sacrament of Baptism...

Olivia Suyeon Kang

Daughter of Youngju and Yugyeong

**Next Weekend** we shall be celebrating our Reconciliation Commitment Masses at 5.30pm on Saturday evening and 10.00am on Sunday morning.



**PRIESTS RETIREMENT  
FOUNDATION**

Our annual Appeal for this Foundation will take place next weekend.

### Father's Day Quote:

The greatest gift I ever had came from God, and I call him Dad!