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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."

Catholic Social Services Weekend Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 16th & 17th September,

Entrance Antiphon

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!
I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have
loved you.

Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

Catholic Social Services Sunday

This information Sunday, promoted by Catholic Social Services Victoria, provides an opportunity for parish communities to reflect on our own response to the Gospel call to compassionate service to those who are poor, marginalised or excluded of our society. It is also a time for the wider church community to give thanks for the social service work being carried out by Church agencies and parishes on behalf of the Church as a whole.

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's word of God invites us to home in on just one petition of the 'Our Father': "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us". What a dangerous prayer! We foolishly dare to ask for divine forgiveness only to the extent that we forgive others. The fact is that the more we resist letting go of resentment and anger from our hearts, the less room there is for us to welcome the gift of God's mercy.

Thank God for what Paul wrote in an earlier verse from his letter "God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us" (5: 8).

Blessed be God for such grace!

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 By appoin

Tuesday: 9.15am St Kevin's Chapel

Thursday: 9.15am St Kevin's Chapel

Friday: 9.15am St Kevin's Chapel

(this week it's true!)

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.

Draft version of Parish Vision Statement

"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."

In the Gathering Space - We invite you all to write your comments, ideas, and feedback on a 'post-it-note' and stick it on or around the statement so we can ensure we have heard the voices of all those in our parish who would like to contribute to our future direction. If you would rather mull over things for a while please feel free to take a photo of the draft vision statement and send us an email or a note with your feedback. All feedback needs to be received by Sunday 1st October after which the Parish Advisory Board will meet to discuss the feedback and create a final draft of the vision statement.

LAST WEEK'S GIVING

Envelopes \$ 890.00 Direct Debit/Credit Card $\frac{5780.00}{1,670.00}$ Total \$ $\frac{1,670.00}{1}$

Priests' Living Costs \$ 1,000.00

Number of Envelopes 38

(1) Weekly Pledged amount \$3,020.65

PLANNED GIVING: For envelopes, please contact the Parish House



LITURGY ROSTER

Twenty - Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time – 23rd and 24th September 2017 1st Reading: Isaiah 55: 6-9 2nd Reading: Philippians 1: 20-24. 27 Gospel: Matthew 20: 1-16

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Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion	Children's Liturgy
5.30 pm	Carmen Childs	Fiona Watson	Veronica Jeremiah Ian Jeremiah Ann Maguire	"Hello God" sheets
8.30 am	Paul Polidano	Frank Ozzimo	Betty Natoli Mary Waddick Peter Waddick	(at the back of the Church)
9.00 am	Helen Norman	Marie Reichert	Christine Flannery Dianne Flannery Peter Norman	for children to read/colour during Mass or at home.
10.00 am	Tasha Vercauteren	Miriam Ayoub	Jo Ridgeway Lyn Robinson Tony Robinson	

We pray for Better Health: Maria Amato, Natalie Salvo, Donald Tynan, Rhendiza Altamera, Neil Whiffin, Mario Garito, Octave Pascal, Vince Natoli, Catena Scaffidi, Michele (Michael) De Luca and Marianne Condon (Catherine McCormack's daughter).

Anniversaries:

Recently Deceased: Ann Tipton (sister-in-law of the McAdams') and Fr Thomas Carra PE (a retired priest).

Parish Survey Results... The following is a summary of results regarding How People Relate to Each Other:

As for BELONGING and INVOLVEMENT:

70% of people have a strong sense of belonging to this parish

65% found it easy to make friends within this parish

As for SATISFACTION with PARISH ACTIVITIES:

People shared how satisfied they are with what is offered by this parish:

For their own age 60% For children aged under 12 years 32% For youth aged 12 to 18 years 18%

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

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. The second collection will be sent to the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre which has set up an emergency appeal.

been postponed (for a third time) until the parliamentary sitting period beginning Tuesday 19th September. The expectation is that debate will commence four weeks later in the sitting period beginning Tuesday 17th October. This provides additional time for us to meet with MPs. Even if MPs say they are not accepting appointments to discuss the issue before seeing a Bill, continuing to seek a meeting conveys an important message about the level of community concern. The added time also affords an opportunity for those who

have not yet written letters to do so. Let people

sent as late as Monday 9th October.

know it is not too late to begin. Letters can now be

Euthanasia Parliamentary Debate Delayed We

understand that the introduction of the Bill has

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Oooooh - think about this!

- 1) In the parable of the unforgiving servant, with which character do you identify? Why?
- 2) What gets in the way of forgiving someone when they have hurt you?
- 3) What aspect of the gospel do you find most challenging/interesting?



Last days for Woolworths school stickers. Our two parish schools will be so delighted with our

response! You have until next Tuesday – so we'll hand over our contribution on the weekend after next, so please place your remaining stickers in the GREEN box in the Gathering Space. Thank you everyone.

Straight Kicking - Since past pupil Luke Shuey's heroic "after the siren goal" rumour has it that John Longmire has booked Lance Franklin into St Kevin's Primary School (we might have to reinforce the desks?). Mind you, "yellow and black" keeps on coming out from the PA at St Charles Borromeo.

Grand Final Saturday – 30th September – Mass on this evening will be at 6pm not 5.30pm. What team will be celebrating (is the reference above to Luke Shuey a hint?)?



Palliative Care Information Session

Please note: this has now been rescheduled to Tuesday, 17th October at 2pm in our Gathering Space

Do you have a loved one, or are you in need of Palliative Care in your own home?

Do you know there is a FREE service available?

Come along to our information session on the 17th October at 2pm in our Gathering Space.

"Eastern Palliative Care" will be running a 45 minute session where you can ask questions and find out what services are available. Please rsvp to our office or chat to Rebecca for more information.



Next Saturday night, we shall have the joy of celebrating with the Masoni Family, their son Dylan's First Communion.

Thomas Berry: A Visionary For Our Times

Last Sunday afternoon, we were blessed with two gifted presenters - Anne Boyd and Pat Long, Coordinators of the Earth Song Project. On behalf of "A Grand Stand for the Environment", Ann and Pat presented a reflective seminar exploring the wisdom and insights of 'Thomas Berry' (1914-2009) [a Passionist priest, cultural historian, geologian and pioneer in the field of ecology and spirituality]; to discover ways to deepen our relationship with Earth and living well moving into the 21st century.

Reflections to ponder from the day included: 'The Symphony of the universe'-where the universe delights in differences, there's something within a being that knows how to be; and 'Communion'—all the differences form a community — I'm not myself without everything else.

We had an amazing turn out with over 50 people attending, contemplating and considering our place in our environment and showing us the value of gathering together. A special *thank you* to Trish Wilson for organising/publishing the event and providing afternoon tea for all.