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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 Sunday of Advent

2nd/3rd December, 2017

BAPTISM WEEKEND

Entrance Antiphon

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted;
let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be
put to shame.

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, make us turn to you,
let us see your face and we shall
be saved.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Come and remain with us,
Lord Jesus.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield
its increase.

What The Scripture Readings Tell Us About Advent

The Scripture Readings for the four Sundays of Advent have been chosen by the Church to highlight the following themes: Advent is a **Wonder**-full time of **Blessing** and of waiting in joyful **Hope**, when the Church highlights its faith in Jesus Christ who lived among us, died and rose to new life, and who will come again in glory. We believe that God has blessed us by sending the promised saviour and redeemer in Jesus of Nazareth – the now, the already. And we are waiting and longing in hope for Christ's return – the not yet. **The first preface for Advent clearly expresses this tension: *When He humbled Himself to come among us as a human being, He fulfilled the plan You formed long ago and opened for us the way to salvation Now we watch for the day, hoping that the salvation promised us will be ours when Christ our Lord will come again in his glory.*** The readings also provide instruction on how we live in this in-between time: We 'stay awake'. That is, we be who we say we are, who we are supposed to be. We do what we are supposed to do and pay attention to the things that matter: be happy, pray, give thanks, hold on to what is good, and live as followers of Christ, who sought out those on the margins of society, the rejected and the outcast, and whose power was expressed in sacrificial love. Our Advent liturgies have been shaped to highlight the wonder of this blessing and joyful hope.

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 Mass in the Chapel

Thursday: 9.15am Mass in the Chapel

Friday: 9.15am Mass in the 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.



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

Marcel Gregory De Angelis

Son of Fabian and Amelia

Little brother of Nadia and Orlando

Jacob Lane

Son of Justin and Suzanne

Little brother of Mya

Thomas Pauli

Son of Matthew and Jane

Little brother of Mateaus, André and Xavier
and

Amelia and William Singh

Daughter and Son of
Narinder and Romina

LAST WEEK'S GIVING

Envelopes	\$ 823.00
Direct Debit/Credit Card	\$ <u>780.00</u>
Total	\$ <u>1,603.00 (1)</u>
Priests' Living Costs	\$ 1,102.00
Number of Envelopes	43
(1) Weekly Pledged amount	\$3,020.65

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.

Reconciliation

– **Communal Penance Service –**

Wednesday 13th 7.30pm

- **1st Rite (one to one in the
Reconciliation Room)** 10am

Saturday 9th and 16th December or as
usual by appointment (9850 5983).



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We have included some great reflections
for Advent:

- * Gifts To Last A Lifetime
- * The Truth About Advent
- * Wait A Minute! It's Advent
- * Christ Our King Is Not Found Among
Earthly Wealth and Splendour

Have a look!

Columban Calendars are available from
the table in the Gathering Space. \$9 each.
Grab yours today!

ST. KEVIN'S - Senior MG

You are blessed.....

'be what you are meant to be in life'.....

I have been blessed with **enthusiasm** - Ashleigh

I have been blessed with being **dependable**- Lara

I have been blessed with being **fair** - Sabrina

I have been blessed with being **trustworthy** - Olivia

I have been blessed with being **friendly** - Issac

I have been blessed with being **organized** - Virginia

I have been blessed with being **thoughtful** - Lucy

I have been blessed with **loyalty** - Kirsten

I have been blessed with being **creative** - Gabi

I have been blessed with being a **good listener** - Alexander

I have been blessed with being **persistent** - Imogen

I have been blessed with being a **problem solver** - Henry

I have been blessed with being **happy** - Benedict

I have been blessed with being **confident** - Harrison

I have been blessed with being **honest** - Connor

I have been blessed with **optimism** - Nick

I have been blessed with being **kind** - Patrick

I have been blessed with being **capable** - Ty

I have been blessed with being **responsible** - Christine



Weekend Mass Times
for the
23rd and 24th of
December

Saturday December 23rd | 5.30pm

Sunday December 24th | 9.00am

Christmas Masses at St Kevin's Parish

FOLLOW HIS STAR

MATTHEW 2



Reconciliation	December 13 th 7.30pm
Christmas Eve	December 24 th Carols at 5.30pm Mass at 6.00pm Carols at 8.30pm Mass at 9.00pm
Christmas Day	Mass at 9.00am

Spending time
with family and
friends

Spend time
with my
family and
friends

To make
someone
happy

Shelter
for the
homeless

Helping
PEOPLE
WHEN THEY
NEED IT

Help
mum
and dad out

Give
money for
charity

Say
Thank you

Give my
time to
others

GIVE
UP
MY
TIME

WAKE UP!
WAKE UP!
WAKE UP!

You never know
when the time
will come.

Mark 13:35-37

Put a smile
on someone's
face

Happy
Birth Day
Paula

Give food and water
to the people who
need it most

I will give you
my wife for God
and my friends

and my wife
and my friends

Give food and
water to the
homeless people

I will give
money to
the poor

Keeping
everyone

Will put
a smile on
everyone's
face

Have
Mercy

Up
A
M
T
E

for me to
help the poor

Keeping
everyone

Will put
a smile on
everyone's
face

Have
Mercy

Telling
family how
GRATEFUL
I am of

St Charles Borromeo Catholic Primary School

LITURGY ROSTER

Second Sunday of Advent – 9/10th December 2017

1st Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11

2nd Reading: 2 Peter 3: 8-14

Gospel: Mark 1: 1-8

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30 pm	Janet Parsons	Margaret Turner	Maryann McNamara Bredenia Raquel Fiona Watson
8.30 am	Mike Westbrook	Kirsten Collins	Betty Natoli Frank Ozzimo Paul Polidano
9.00 am	Pat Bond	Gerry Bond	Bernard Charnley Margaret Mangan Peter Norman
10.00 am	Tony Byrne	Miriam Ayoub	Kaye Byrne Jo Ridgeway Geraldine Williams

Ah Advent

– 22 days of preparation for Christmas

Advent – Blue? Blue!

What do you think? Our Liturgy people are evoking Mary (the Mother of Jesus), the blue skies of summer and the blue water of the Bellarine and Mornington Peninsulas AND certainly we are not referring to any football team – not even Melbourne Victory...

We pray for Better Health: Michele (Michael) De Luca, Marianne Condon, Brian O’Connell, Matt Seymour, Ron Chambers, Ken McKenzie, Peter & Sharon McCluskey, Rosemary Kiecke (daughter of Victorio and Pina) and Maeve Reardon.

Anniversaries: Fr Peter Quin and Matthew Wilkins

Recently Deceased:

Rev Thomas Joseph Carra and Rev Anthony Peter Guelen (two retired priests)

YARRA DEANERY ADVENT GATHERING

at St Kevin’s

22-44 Herlihys Road
Lower Templestowe

WEDNESDAY 6TH DECEMBER

AT 7.30PM

Take a deep breath. Come and enjoy a brief time of simple worship and a lovely supper with friends.

PIZZAS WILL BE PROVIDED – AN INDICATION OF NUMBERS ATTENDING OR DIETARY REQUIREMENTS WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
(Fr Wayne 9457 4594 or Merle 9497 1691)

PLEASE BRING SOMETHING ‘SMALL AND SWEET’ TO SHARE AND YOUR OWN DRINKS.

Memorial Wall

The north wall entrance into the Chapel is offered to you as a Memorial Wall. There are forms available on the gathering table by which you are enabled to order plaques. This will be a place of honour and respect for relatives and parishioners.

Available today.. “The Swag” – summer edition of the National Council of Priests Magazine.

The 2nd Collection for December will be divided into 2:

- 1) Our sister community at Patupat
- 2) The extraordinary orphanage work and more carried out by Charity Graf and her team at “Gentle Hands”.

Checkout the Statement from the Archbishop on Euthanasia on the noticeboard.



For information on our Parish Schools
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Principal: Mr Greg Thomas

The Gospel of Mark

Continuing on from last week, we prepare for the Gospel of Mark.

Mark interprets suffering – need to know the difference between birth pangs and death pangs. Mark's community thinks facing death pang but Mark says this is the pain of being born. Pain prompts a story. 'Enthus' – immediately – racing momentum – waters of life flow from the Cross – Cross can become fountain. Why focus on the Cross? Moment of dreadful woundedness can become... Paul's proclamation of the Cross takes this theology and turns it into story. Mark's Jesus is laconic and quiet yet Mark has Jesus screaming in death – death rattle – community in darkness screaming out. "The beginning of the Good News of Jesus Christ the Son of God" Must distinguish between good and bad news. "When I am weak then I am strong". Climax – "Who do you say that I am?" Peter can't put Christ and Cross together – hell of a long way to go to understand Christ suffering. The reader is privileged to know who Jesus is. The characters have to struggle to know this. The Christ must suffer. Climax of the first half. Jesus' death is the second half climax but by a pagan centurion. "Truly this man is the Son of God".

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HAMPER
APPEAL FOR OUR FAMILIES IN
COLLINGWOOD/FITZROY**

Our Parish Schools, St Kevin's and St Charles Borromeo, are purchasing the presents for our families.

**20 HAMPERS need to be filled
between St Kevin's and Holy Cross
Communities**

*(6 of our families are from Africa,
1 Afghanistan, 2 Samoa, 3 Philippines,
1 Vietnamese, 1 Indonesia, 1 China and
4 Australia)*

The Missionary Sisters of Charity have asked us to provide food suitable for the culture groups we are supporting.

eg SUDANESE

- Rice, maize, corn, lentils, chickpeas, legumes, sorghum, millet, peanuts, barley, oats, spices
- *NO HAM as many of the families are Sudanese*

NO PERISHABLES please.

Naturally chocolates, bon bons and lollies are great for the kids.

Geraldine Butler has agreed to purchase food items through cash donations. These can be made through the Parish Social Justice collection on December 3-4 and 10-11. Also, envelopes marked "Christmas Appeal" will be available until December 13th.

There will be bags at the BACK of the Church for you to place your goodies.

Hampers and Presents will be collected by Friday 15 December and taken to the Missionary Sisters to distribute.

ROLL UP, ROLL UP!!

Visit our Advent Fair Trade stall
THIS SUNDAY 17th NOVEMBER @ 8.30 & 10am.
Come along and choose some great Christmas and Kris Kringle gift ideas. These gifts have been crafted with care and you know you are paying a fair price.