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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."

### Second Sunday of Advent

9/10<sup>th</sup> December, 2017

#### Entrance Antiphon

O people of Sion, behold,  
the Lord will come to save  
the nations,  
and the Lord will make the glory of  
his voice heard in the joy of  
your heart.

#### Responsorial Psalm

Lord, let us see your kindness,  
and grant us your salvation.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths:  
all people shall see the salvation  
of God.

Alleluia!

#### Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Come and remain with us,  
Lord Jesus.

#### Communion Antiphon

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon  
the heights,  
and behold the joy which comes to  
you from God.

Advent 2017

*"Waiting in joyful hope."*

#### Second Sunday of Advent

1st Reading (Isaiah 40 – In Exile): Promise – you will be brought home. Peter: The Day of the Lord (the big ending) will come – so live good lives while you wait. Mark: The Baptist ... matching the promises of Isaiah ... prophet of 'the greater one' (a word for God) ... 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: Promise and anticipation of Isaiah, full of hope and joy; then 2 Peter's powerful message of the end of the world, then the messianic promise of John the Baptist; the tension between the gift of the now, yet still waiting for the not yet. Summarised as God's promises fulfilled in Jesus (Blessing); we are still waiting for it to be complete with the second coming (Hope).

#### Advent Thoughts

May this season of hope open our hearts to the wonder of the world and enable us to discover anew the many blessings of our lives.

In his 2015 Advent address Pope Francis spoke of Mary as 'carrying the hope of God in her heart'.

*I think about the hopes of my heart.*

*It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope. (Pope Benedict XVI)*

*I think about my memories of goodness...*

# 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.

### Welcome the Way

#### Author Talk and Book Launch

**Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2-5pm @ St Kevin's**

Potoroo Publishing invites you to welcome "The Way" by Janet Parsons (a fellow parishioner) at the Australian Launch. Join us for an afternoon celebration where Janet Parsons will give you an insight into the journey behind "The Way".

Bookings Essential: Register on Eventbrite or call 0425 794 093. Entry is free. Signed copies are \$20.

The Parish of St Kevin's offers Best Wishes and Prayers to...

### James Balnaves and Min

who will be married here on  
Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> December @ 1pm.

The Celebrant will be

**Fr Charles Balnaves**

**CONGRATULATIONS!**



### LAST WEEK'S GIVING

Envelopes	\$ 640.00
Direct Debit/Credit Card	\$ <u>780.00</u>
Total	\$ <u>1,420.00 (1)</u>
Priests' Living Costs	\$ 865.00
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/](http://www.stkevinstctemplestowe.org.au/)

### Parish Social Justice:

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

### DON'T FORGET!!

#### Reconciliation

– **Communal Penance Service –**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm

- **1<sup>st</sup> Rite (one to one in the  
Reconciliation Room) 10am**

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> 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

*Take some time to have a look!*

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

# LITURGY ROSTER

Third Sunday of Advent – 16/17<sup>th</sup> December 2017

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 61: 1-2, 10-11

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24

Gospel: John 1: 6-8, 19-28

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30 pm	Fiona Watson	Carmen Childs	Veronica Jeremiah Ian Jeremiah Ann Maguire
8.30 am	Rebecca Sandwell	Indi Sandwell	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 Murray Cullinan Betty Natoli

## 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.

## Good News!

St Kevin's School renovations are on target to finish on 18<sup>th</sup> December!

**We pray for Better Health:** Michele (Michael) De Luca, Marianne Condon, Brian O'Connell, Matt Seymour, Ron Chambers, Ken McKenzie, Peter McCluskey, Rosemary Kiecke and John & Maeve Reardon.

**Anniversaries:** Ben Skadiang  
**Recently Deceased:** June Flood and Sharon McCluskey (niece of Barry Sharkey)

## News from the Parish Advisory Board

The Parish Board had their final meeting for 2017 last Tuesday. During the meeting we reflected on how much had been achieved over the year. We've welcomed new members and will be farewelling some existing members. Over the course of 2017, we've celebrated our church renovations which has allowed us to use our Gathering Space with great enthusiasm. Our parish is blessed by a community who genuinely 'want to be involved' and together have hosted various evening events, talks, information/seminars, drop-in's, school events... the list goes on. As a Board we have revised the Parish Vision Statement, ignited TGI's Youth Group, and been visited and inspired by special guests all of whom have reminded us of our Discipleship from Baptism along our faithful journey. Finally, gratitude and thanks to our resigning Chairperson, Daniel Rossimel and a joyous welcome to our newly appointed Chairperson, Frances Johnson, may both your paths continue in the journey of our Lord.

## Available today from the Gathering Space...

- "Understanding Grief" – a booklet to help family and friends when someone has died from cancer.
- "St Kevin's Tribute 2017" magazine - summarising the activities of St Kevin's Primary School.
- "Catholic Education Today" magazine – from the Catholic Education Office.
- "Melbourne Catholic" magazine – published by Archbishop Denis Hart DD.

*Pick up your copies today!*

## The 2<sup>nd</sup> 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".

## Christmas Services at St Kevin's

Special "Christmas Cards" have been prepared detailing all services that will be held here at St Kevin's Church over the Christmas period. Please collect yours as you leave today. Looking forward to seeing you!

For information on our Parish Schools  
please contact:

**St Kevin's Primary School**

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Principal: Mr Greg Thomas

**Why Irish Eyes Are Full Of Laughter...**

Paddy staggered home very late after another evening with his drinking buddy, Finney. He took off his shoes to avoid waking his wife, Kathleen. He tiptoed as quietly as he could toward the stairs leading to their upstairs bedroom, but misjudged the bottom step. As he caught himself by grabbing the banister, his body swung around and he landed heavily on his rump. A whiskey bottle in each back pocket broke and made the landing especially painful. Managing not to yell, Paddy sprung up, pulled down his pants, and looked in the hall mirror to see that his butt cheeks were cut and bleeding. He managed to quietly find a full box of bandaids and began putting a band-aid as best he could on each place he saw blood. He then hid the now almost empty bandaid box and shuffled and stumbled his way to bed. In the morning, Paddy woke up with searing pain in both his head and butt and Kathleen staring at him from across the room. She said, 'You were drunk again last night weren't you?' Paddy said, 'Why would you say such a mean thing?' 'Well,' Kathleen said, 'it could be the open front door, it could be the broken glass at the bottom of the stairs, it could be the drops of blood trailing through the house, it could be your bloodshot eyes, but mostly, it's all those bandaids stuck on the hall mirror!'



**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 this weekend. Also, envelopes marked "Christmas Appeal" will be available until December 13<sup>th</sup>.

There is a tub 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.

Many thanks in anticipation of your generosity

**ROLL UP, ROLL UP!!**

Visit our **Advent Fair Trade Stall**

**SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER @ 8.30 & 10am.**

(Apologies for date error in last weekend's bulletin)  
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.