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ST KEVIN'S PARISH

VISION STATEMENT

St Kevin's Catholic Parish is a Catholic community called by God and trusting in Jesus. We aspire to care for and connect with the wide world and to be hospitable and generous so that all may live life to the full.

Easter Sunday

31st March/1st April, 2018



All here at the Parish House offer you blessings of peace and joy over these 50 days of Easter.

Historical context

Mary Magdalene

Mary Magdalene, or Mary of Magdala, plays an important role in the gospel accounts of the resurrection. She was obviously a significant follower of Jesus, being named as a witness to the crucifixion, discovering the empty tomb and the first to encounter the risen Christ. One would think that she would hold a prestigious place in the Church, but for many years she was confused with another character identified in the gospels and was portrayed as a prostitute and sinner. Mary is named in each of the four gospels and not once is it indicated that she was a sinner or prostitute. She has been a victim of mistaken identity for 2000 years.

Easter Questions To Ponder...

- Q. What emotions do you think Mary might have experienced upon discovering the tomb?
- Q. Why did the gospel writers portray the disciples' initial disbelief and doubt about the resurrection?
- Q. What Christian belief/s flow from the resurrection of Jesus?
- Q. In what ways does the account of Jesus' resurrection inspire hope in Christians?
- Q. In what ways is Jesus still present in the world?

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) Commitment

Sunday: 8.30am & 10.00am 9.15am in the Chapel **Tuesday: Thursday:** 9.15am in the Chapel **Friday:** 9.15am in the Chapel

Christian Meditation –

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.

Reform and Renewal after the Royal Commission: An invitation to a Conversation, 19th April.

In his discussion with Fatima Measham, consulting editor of Eureka Street, after the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Abuse handed down its final report, Francis Sullivan, CEO of the Truth Justice and Healing Council suggested that ordinary, conventional Catholics have been demoralised by the experience which has led to them withdrawing from participation in the Church; that the credibility of Church leaders has declined and that this decline in credibility has been caused by Church leaders themselves. Some have attempted to "deny this history, and they sought to somehow contextualise it as a thing of the past". A new model of leadership is needed, he said, and the Catholic Church needs to use this moment as a stimulus for reform and renewal. Some questions:

Have we fully appreciated the scandal, horror and the extent of what has happened and why it happened?

To what extent is a new, more inclusive leadership model needed?

How do we respond in a way that will lead to real and effective reform?

You are invited to join a conversation about this article and the questions it raises on Thursday, 19th April at St Kevin's Church Gathering Space, beginning at 7.30pm. It will be an opportunity to voice and explore your questions in a trusting environment. The full article can be found at https://www.eurekastreet.com.au/article.aspx?aeid=54488

LAST WEEK'S GIVING

\$ **Envelopes** 830.00 Direct Debit/Credit Card 780.00 \$ 1,610.00 (1) Total \$ 1,065.00

Number of Envelopes

Priests' Living Costs

(1) Weekly Pledged amount \$3,020.65

PLANNED GIVING: For envelopes, please contact the office.

ST KEVIN'S SOCIAL JUSTICE PROJECT COMPASSION

Please place your **Project Compassion** boxes in the clothes basket on the table in the foyer or bring them back next week. Caritas thanks us all.

LITURGY ROSTER

Second Sunday of Easter - 7/8th April, 2018

1st Reading: Acts 4: 32-35 2nd Reading: John: 5: 1-6 Gospel: John 20: 19-31

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Janet Parsons	Margaret Turner	Ann Maguire Maryann McNamara
8.30am	Kirsten Collins	Mike Westbrook	Betty Natoli Frank Ozzimo Paul Polidano
9.00am	Bernard Charnley	Helen Norman	Pat Bond Margaret Mangan Peter Norman
10.00am	Lucy Halliburton	Fiona Dunne	Raffaela Dinelli Betty Natoli Jo Ridgeway

Martin Luther King

was shot dead on 4th April, 1968. Leading up to his fifty year anniversary, we shall remind you of some of his enlightening and saintly statements, eg

"Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend".



We pray for Better Health: John & Maeve Reardon, Massino Cappadona, Carly Coulter, Rita Faralla, Don Tynan, Fiona Watson, Pat Dyson, Vittorio Virgona, Maria Amato and Catherine Ryan.

Anniversaries: John Clarke and Rita Skubal Recently Deceased: Maria De Luca Fr Ernie Smith, Ralph De Souza, Joe Malone and Fr Robert "Bob" Francis Coghlan

ST KEVIN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Confirmation Families the Student Retreat Day will be held on Tuesday, 15th May here at St Kevin's Church. This is a free dress day and lunch will be provided. This day will be followed by a Parent and Child Workshop Evening at 7pm in the Church Gathering Space. Please ring the Parish Office on 9850 5983 if you require further information.



Roster Update The new roster for Eucharistic Ministers; Lectors; Commentators and Prayer

Preparation has now been completed and distributed. Thank you for giving so generously of your time to support and enhance our weekend celebrations. Don't forget to keep your roster handy and diarise your dates!

Thanks for all the vouchers – our schools are very appreciative – "that we are one parish".

The campaign ends Tuesday, 3^{rd} April.

Save the Date! The next Parish Working Bee will be held on Saturday, 28th April.



2018 Neighbourhood Houses Victoria Budget & Election Campaign

Join Neighbourhood Houses Victoria to Campaign for better funding for our sector! Every week Victorian Neighbourhood Houses deliver over 10,000 activities and have over 188,000 visits from community members. Neighbourhood Houses respond to local community needs! Yet we are asked to do more for less and our funding is going backwards! There has been no sector-wide increase to Neighbourhood Houses for many years. NHVic is coordinating a State-wide funding campaign. See the cards on the table.

For information on our Parish Schools please contact:

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Principal: Mr Greg Thomas

Pope Francis said that "every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral – and not simply an economic – act".

What slavery-free Easter eggs will you enjoy this Easter weekend? Big supermarkets will be ordering their 2019 Easter chocolate products soon, so keep the issue going in your community. And today, only eat chocolate featuring one of these symbols and tell people why. Happy Easter. And spread the word.







Looking for things to do over Easter?

In these 50 days of Easter, two adult movies have been recommended to me –

Mary Magdalene

(her life story)

The Other Side of Hope

(please see below)

Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project are holding a *Film Fundraiser*

*Movie: "*The Other Side Of Hope" *When:* Sunday, 15th April at 3.30pm

Where: Kino Cinemas, 45 Collins Street, Melbourne **Cost:** \$25 per person including light refreshments

EASTER CEREMONIES

To assist in making our Easter Ceremonies even more meaningful, our Liturgy Committee, along with Fr Gerry, have decided to temporarily change the layout of the Church setting.

This includes setting up a temporary altar, changing the position of the organ, chairs, lectern, etc. All will be "back to normal" by Pentecost Sunday.

ST KEVIN'S TENNIS CLUB

Ladies, we have an opportunity to catch up with Past and Present Members.

When: Friday, 11th May, 6.30pm

Where: St Kevin's Tennis Club, Herlihys Road

BYO: Drinks and a plate

Contacts: Trish Giardossi on 9850 7864 or

Lyn Whelan on 0407 835 272

SMSEP18: STREAMS OF MERCY

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

Fr Jerald, from Doncaster East Parish, would like to invite you to a 14-day pilgrimage that he is leading to Poland, Czech Republic, Austria and Hungary. The group departs on 2nd September, 2018 and features Warsaw, Krakow, Prague, Salzburg, Vienna and Budapest for an all-inclusive cost of \$5,990. Book before 15th April with an initial deposit of \$1,000 to get an early-bird discount price of \$4,990. This fare includes all Return Airfares + Local Transfers + Stay in 4 Star Hotels + all breakfasts and dinners. For complete details regarding the pilgrimage, interested Pilgrims are invited to join the Information-Night with Fr Jerald and the tour-representative on 7th April at 7:30pm at Ss Peter & Paul's Parish, 23 Leeds Street, Doncaster East. For enquiries and bookings, please contact their parish office on 9848 1480 or Magi Pilgrimages on 0385 622 246 or email - pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au