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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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

28/29th April, 2018

Baptisms Weekend

Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations he has
shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm

I will praise you, Lord,
in the assembly of your people.

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

Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon

I am the true vine and you are the
branches, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me,
and I in him, bears fruit in plenty,
alleluia.



A big St Kevin's welcome to...

Fr Barry Caldwell

who will be celebrating our weekend Masses
during Fr Gerry's absence.

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

Anastasia Costa

Daughter of Roccoy and Stefanie
Little Sister of Joseph

Alexander Massari

Son of Matthew and Bianca

and

Mikey and Leo
Stevenson

Sons of Jesse and April
Little brothers of Summer



SPIRITUAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

Adoration –

7.15-8.15pm on Wednesday evenings

Masses this week -

Saturday: 5.30pm (Vigil) Commitment

Sunday: 8.30am & 10.00am

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.

LITURGY TEAM

The next meeting will be on Sunday, 29th April, at 11am in the Church. The purpose is to evaluate the Easter Ceremonies.

All observations are valuable for future planning.

Please feel free to contribute by:-

- using the clipboards in the Gathering Space
- speaking to a member of the Team
- accessing the document on the parish website - pol.org.au/Templestowe/Home.

Your voice is important.

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.

Working Bee – Saturday Morning – 28th April.

A chance to celebrate each other and put in an hour or so “sprucing up” St Kevin’s as we prepare for the big feast of Pentecost.

What needs to be done?

Outside – planting and mulching.

Inside – spot cleaning some of the Church chairs, “Autumn clean” the Gathering Space kitchen.

Have you noticed other matters to which we need to attend?

Please Note: Change of Date and Venue!!!
The “Spirituality in the Pub” Team are hosting.....
“Resetting Cultures Within the Church”

Speaker: Fr Frank Brennan SJ AO

When: Wednesday, 16th May, 8.00pm

Where: St Carthage’s in Royal Pde, Parkville

RSVP: No need to RSVP – just come!

LAST WEEK’S GIVING

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| Envelopes | \$ 620.00 |
| Direct Debit/Credit Card | \$ <u>780.00</u> |
| Total | \$ <u>1,400.00 (1)</u> |
| Priests’ Living Costs | \$ 1,045.00 |

Number of Envelopes 45

(1) Weekly Pledged amount \$3,020.65

PLANNED GIVING: For envelopes, please contact the office.

ST KEVIN’S SOCIAL JUSTICE 2ND COLLECTIONS

The Second Collection in April is for the Exodus Community in the Olympic Village.

This voluntary organisation works alongside the poor and the powerless. They focus on providing important life skills for the families and children living in the Olympic Village area.

The Exodus Community is a non profit organisation which relies on the generosity of its supporters.

LITURGY ROSTER

Sixth Sunday of Easter – 5/6th May, 2018

1st Reading: Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48 2nd Reading: 1 John: 4: 7-10 Gospel: John 15: 9-17

| Time | Commentator | Lector | Communion | Welcomers |
|---------|-----------------|-------------------|---|-----------------|
| 5.30pm | Janet Parsons | Chelsea Soklevski | Ann Maguire Maryann McNamara | Gu Family |
| 8.30am | Kirsten Collins | Mike Westbrook | Betty Natoli Frank Ozzimo Paul Polidano | |
| 9.00am | Helen Norman | Des Thornton | Christine Flannery Dianne Flannery Peter Norman | |
| 10.00am | Fiona Dunn | Miriam Ayoub | Mary Calleja Murray Cullinan Geraldine Williams | Cirianni Family |

We pray for Better Health: Massino Cappadona, Carly Coulter, Don Tynan, Fiona Watson, Pat Dyson, Vittorio Virgona, Maria Amato, Catherine Ryan, Natalie Salvo, Maria Mandile, Jadwiga Krolikowski and Brigid Jordan.

Anniversaries:

Recently Deceased:

*For information on our Parish Schools
please contact:*

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Principal: Mr Greg Thomas

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,
Herlihy's Road

BYO: Drinks and a plate

Contacts: Trish Giardossi on 9850 7864
or Lyn Whelan on 0407 835 272

2018 Leadership Series –

Christian Leadership in the 21st Century

The Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation Melbourne is hosting a four-week lecture series exploring the foundations, challenges and opportunities of exercising Christian Leadership for the twenty-first century context. Come to one session, or come to all! Wednesdays in May, 6.30pm – 8.30pm, Mercy & Christ Lecture Theatres ACU (115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy)

- 9th May** "Exercising an Adult Faith: Wrestle. Challenge. Move."
- 16th May** "Encountering Jesus: Exploring our Biblical Heritage."
- 23rd May** "The *Sensus fidei*: From Vatican II to Pope Francis"
- 30th May** "The Changing Parish Landscape: Implications and Opportunities"

For details and to register, visit:

www.cam.org.au/evangelisation or contact Suzanne Hermon at the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation on 9926 5761 or evangelisation@cam.org.au

- Fellow parishioners are already attending on 9th and 30th May.

**HELP
WANTED**

*Your parish
needs you!*

We need more volunteers please to assist with the Ministry of Communion to the Sick. No experience necessary! Please see Fr Gerry if you would love to help your parish and its people, in this way.

COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY:

MAKING OUR CHURCH WHAT CHRIST INTENDED IN THE WORLD OF TODAY

This is a brief report on a soon-to-be formally announced opportunity for all Catholics to share collective responsibility towards making our Church what it needs to be in today's world. Details will be formally announced at Pentecost. These introductory comments serve to pave the way for that announcement and further details.

Pope Francis has approved a plan by the Bishops of Australia to conduct a Plenary (or Synod), in the years 2020-2021. A Plenary is the highest level of authority in the Australian Catholic Church for addressing important issues locally and implementing changes. Decisions of the Plenary based on extensive engagement with all Catholics may require some papal ratification. Given that the Church comprises all the people of God together (bishops, priests, religious and lay people alike) the period of time leading up to the Plenary brings a unique opportunity for all Catholics together to decide how we should 'renew' our Church in today's world, and make it what Christ calls us to be. Such renewal will only succeed with the collective engagement of all Catholics in this process.

The Church is called to renew itself in every age and given the current rate of Church decline in a rapidly changing Western world since Vatican II such a review is long overdue. The last time a Plenary Council was held in Australia was over eighty years ago. At that time our bishops were advised to *"take care that provision is made for the pastoral needs of the people of God...and to decide what seems opportune for the increase of the faith and the organisation of common pastoral actions"* A Plenary Council has legislative capacity that will be applicable to the Church in Australia.

The Plenary is in part a response to the Royal Commission on institutional response to child sexual abuse, however it goes beyond to the very nature of the Church in today's world and Australian society, providing the opportunity for collective discernment by *all the people of God*, towards making what Christ clearly calls us to make it today. We have been promised that such discernment, the '*sensus fidei fidelium*', will be guided by the Holy Spirit. As exemplified in the recent '*Family Synod*' everyone will be invited and encouraged to participate in the process, openly and honestly, respectfully expressing whatever we think our Church is called by Christ to be.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge has likened the 2020 Plenary Council to the biblical pilgrimage of Abraham, requiring us to leave some things behind, having the courage to let some things go and imagine new ways, allowing ourselves to be led by a God who dislocates. He has said that the journey to the Plenary Council must be the work of the Holy Spirit, it must be an act of faith which is why preparations for the 2020 Plenary Council will commence with special prayer from this Pentecost, followed by listening, discernment, and decisions. He says: *"We are going through a time of profound cultural changes, not only in society but also in the Church. I think we have to accept the fact that Christianity - in the sense of Christianity as the common religion - is over. How do we respond to this situation?"*

The next brief '*Plenary 2020-21*' report in our Newsletter and website before Pentecost will overview the Journey ahead for us all over the next few years, and highlight ways in which we will all be encouraged to help make our church what it needs to be in today's world. Stay tuned!