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ST KEVIN'S PARISH

VISION STATEMENT

St Kevin's Templestowe 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.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11/12th August, 2018

CatholicCare Appeal Weekend

Entrance Antiphon

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor
ones for ever.

Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who
seek you.

Responsorial Psalm

Taste and see the goodness of
the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven,
says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live
for ever.

Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of
finest wheat.



*Happy 25th
Anniversary*



to our Parish Passionist Family Groups!

25 years of building Christian community through the development of extended families. With loneliness and isolation so prevalent in our society, there is a genuine need for people to know and support each other. Our Family Groups have created an extended family atmosphere within our community and are open to everyone. The focus is on people caring for, loving and accepting each other. Everyone is welcome to join. Interested? Please contact Cathy Hardinge on 9842 9040.

CatholicCare Sunday Appeal

11-12th August, 2018

This weekend is the CatholicCare Sunday Appeal. As our parish's social service agency, CatholicCare delivers family and relationship counselling, refugee and settlement support, education and school programs, and pastoral services. Donations are gratefully appreciated in support of joining together to help the youth in our communities to build a brighter future.

SPIRITUAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

Adoration –

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 in the Chapel

Thursday: 9.15am in the Chapel

Wednesday: 9.15am & 7.30pm in the Church
11.45am at St Charles School

Friday: 9.15am in the Chapel

Christian Meditation – Not this week

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.stkevinstcemplestowe.org.au

Parish Pastoral Council Report

What a dynamic night!

The main focus of the Parish Pastoral Council at its meeting last Tuesday involved ongoing planning around our Parish letter (refer to following pages) and seeking necessary reform and change in the Church. This letter was recently sent to Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Chairman of the Australian Catholic Bishop's Conference, as well as to our new Archbishop, Peter Comensoli and Archbishop Tim Costelloe, Chairman of the 2020 Plenary Council.

Fr Gerry was able to personally introduce himself to Archbishop Comensoli at a recent priest's gathering and to reissue St Kevin's Parish's invitation for him to preside at a Eucharistic celebration and discussion of our concerns when his schedule is less hectic.

Rebecca Sandwell is currently building a new website which is intended to improve the overall communication within the parish. We are requesting all parishioners to provide your email addresses (even if already provided) as a first step towards streamlining an effective system. Email address slips are available from the table in the Gathering Space. Thank you. Trish Wilson, PPC Secretary.

Melbourne Catholic – on sale today for \$2.00.

Read all about our new Archbishop.

LAST WEEK'S GIVING

Envelopes	\$ 845.00
Direct Debit/Credit Card	\$ <u>1,040.00</u>
Total	\$ <u>1,885.00 (1)</u>
Priests' Living Costs	\$ 955.00

Number of Envelopes 44

(1) Weekly Pledged amount \$3,020.65

PLANNED GIVING: For envelopes, please contact the office.

Feast of the Assumption

This Wednesday, 15th August, we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. Apart from Sundays, there are now only two "holy days of obligation" – Christmas Day and Wednesday's feast. Both honouring humanity! Join us in giving thanks:
9.15am at St Kevin's
11.45am at St Charles Borromeo
7.30pm at St Kevin's





St. Kevin's, Templestowe

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25th July, 2018

Archbishop Mark Coleridge
Chairman
Australian Catholic Bishops Conference
The Francis Rush Centre
GPO Box 282
BRISBANE Qld 4001

Dear Archbishop Coleridge

This letter contains a number of suggestions and requests arising from discussions within our parish of St Kevin's Templestowe, Victoria. We are grateful that Archbishop Coleridge has stressed that the Church needs large-scale cultural and institutional change, and can no longer afford 'business as usual'.

In writing to you we are inspired by Pope Francis who, in his letter to the Church in Chile on 31 May 2018, reiterated his words to young people in Maipu on 28 January 2017:

"Holy Mother the Church today needs the faithful People of God to challenge us [...] you need to take out your adult ID card, as spiritual adults, and have the courage to tell us 'I like this,' 'this is the way I think we should go,' 'that's not going to work,' ...Tell us what you feel and think."

In that recent letter he also wrote:

"The People of God does not have first, second or third-class Christians. Their participation is not a question of goodwill, concessions, rather it is constitutive of the nature of the Church."

The concerns expressed in this letter are driven by some evident but disturbing facts. The pain and guilt arising from the clerical sexual abuse scandal is felt by the whole Church. Generations of the Catholic community are appalled by these failings and many people of all ages are moving away from the Church. The image of the Church within the Australian community has plummeted.

This scandal is a symptom of deep-seated problems in a period of rapid social, cultural, intellectual and technological change. The gap between the 'official' Church as represented by the Bishops and the broader People of God has been growing for many years. Fundamental reform is urgently needed.

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In this spirit we address three matters below.

Response to the Sexual Abuse Crisis

We accept that the laity have been complacent. For more than a decade, we have heard that bad things were happening in our parishes, schools and Catholic institutions and were being covered up. In hindsight we as Catholics did not demand strongly enough that more open and democratic processes be put in place and that the Spirit be let in. We do so now.

- **Apology.** We ask that the Church provide a genuine, public and generous apology to all those affected, along the lines of that provided by Prime Minister Kevin Rudd to the victims of the 'Stolen Generation'. We note that Prime Minister Turnbull has promised a national apology to those affected by institutional sexual abuse. A formal apology from the Catholic Church could be associated with that national response or be a separate event in its own right.
- **Early release of TJHC reports.** We support the calls for the early release of the four reports presented to you by the Truth, Justice and Healing Council. We recognise that the matters covered by these reports are complex, and that time is needed to fully study them. Nevertheless, if our new processes are to be open and transparent, these reports need to be put in the public domain as soon as possible, to enable all priests and lay people within the Church, and indeed the broader Australian community, to be fully informed.
- **Regular, public reports on implementation progress.** In our view a regular program of public reporting on progress in implementing the recommendations of the Royal Commission within the Church is vital. This reporting should be to the Church as a whole and to the Australian community, and also cover steps towards achieving such broader cultural change within the Church that will preclude the repetition of such evils.

Much greater involvement of the laity, both women and men, in critical positions and decisions.

We see this as central to real cultural change, and as providing the Church with a much stronger base on which to move forward. Three examples are noted:

- **The selection of bishops.** For some months a process has been underway to select a new Archbishop for Melbourne. By contrast with the call for open and transparent governance, this process has been totally opaque. Other communions, such as the Anglican Church, have more open and consultative processes, from which we could learn. This comment in no way reflects on the recent appointment of the Archbishop of Melbourne, the Reverend Peter Comensoli, and we look forward to his investiture in Melbourne next month. However, had his appointment been made on a more consultative basis, he would have started from a stronger base. /3

- **Formation of the Church's position on public issues.** The Bishops often express a position on behalf of the Church on many political matters and on issues of public morality and legislation, such as the national same-sex marriage legislation and the Victorian assisted dying legislation. These are often issues on which there is a wide range of diverse but well-informed views within the Catholic community. It is not appropriate for the Bishops to speak for the People of God as a whole without a proper consultation and decision-making process.
- **The crisis in the Ministry.** For several decades, a dominant issue facing the Church in Australia has been the crisis in the priestly ministry. The supply of new priests into a male, celibate priesthood has dried up and many parishes are suffering from the shortage of pastors. There has been no consultation with the whole Church about the options for addressing this vital matter. Many Catholics believe that part of the solution lies in allowing a much broader range of the faithful - such as men and women, whether married or single - to enter or remain in priestly ministry. It is quite unsatisfactory to say that these options are not available without a frank and open consultation about the reasons for this view and of the other options for addressing this crisis.

The Plenary Council

We welcome the establishment of the Plenary Council and hope that it helps to bring about some of the changes needed in the Church. We will certainly do all we can to contribute to its success.

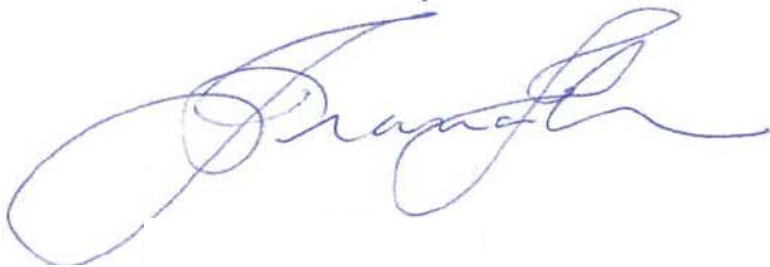
It is important to recognise, nevertheless, that the Plenary Council is not the model of more open and transparent governance that will fully involve the faithful in decision making within the Church. Indeed, it is a structure established under Canon Law which consolidates decision making in the hands of the bishops and other religious leaders. Such leaders must make up at least two thirds of the delegates at the Council and only they have a deliberative vote on final decisions. The remaining one-third includes priests, laity and retired bishops, presumably as selected by the bishops.

If the Plenary Council is to be a success, and to be a forerunner to more participatory models for the future, we suggest that it is vital to set up an independent body in addition to making use of existing provisions for Parish Pastoral Councils and Diocesan Pastoral Councils. This independent body could identify, through rigorous and consultative processes, the views and concerns of committed Catholics. Such a body could be based on the model of the successful Truth, Justice and Healing Council. We suggest that the Plenary Council will only receive credible advice about the considered views of the faithful through the work of such a body, independent of the Bishops and the Council, and through public discussion of their reports./4

Clearly things must change and this process must involve the pastors and the wider laity. We need to see the Bishops engaging in a genuine way with the whole Church community, by listening and acting so that the Church, as a whole, can move forward. Should this happen then the good things that are occurring in so many parishes, schools and institutions can become the focus of living the message of Christ.

There will, no doubt, be many other parishes across the nation that will echo similar concerns and, along with them, we look forward to your response. These suggestions are offered in a constructive way so that the Church can be revitalised in the spirit of God and in hope.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Frances Johnson', written in a cursive style.

Frances Johnson
Chair
St Kevin's Parish Pastoral Council

Cc: Archbishop Tim Costelloe
Archbishop Elect Peter Comensoli

LITURGY ROSTER

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 18/19th August, 2018

1st Reading: Proverbs 9: 1-6 2nd Reading: Ephesians 5: 15-20 Gospel: John 6: 51-58

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion	Welcomers
5.30pm	Janet Parsons	Margaret Turner	Maryann McNamara Bredenia Raquel Lyn O'Brien	
8.30am	Kirsten Collins	Rebecca Sandwell	Betty Natoli Frank Ozzimo Paul Polidano	
9.00am	Des Thornton	Margaret Mangan	Pat Bond Bernard Charnley Peter Norman	
10.00am	Carmel Purdey	Liz O'Connell	Mary Calleja Murray Cullinan Betty Natoli	

We pray for Better Health: John Turner, Tony Di Blasio, Pina Campana, Micheline Cotillon, Oliver Chu, Scott Barker and Anne Tait.

Anniversaries: Faye Whitehead and Jopie Lun

Recently Deceased: Fr John Francis Van Suylen and June Gillespie

What is a Synodal Church? Pope Francis in *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel) identifies a synodal Church as a Church 'which listens, which realises that listening 'is more than simply hearing.' 'It is a mutual listening in which everyone has something to learn. The faithful people, the college of bishops, the Bishop of Rome: all listening to each other, and all listening to the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth.'

Next Weekend... We shall celebrate Commitment Masses for families and friends of children preparing to receive Reconciliation. Please pray for them and their faith journey.

Stories of Faith are Shaping the Council

Recently, we passed the two-month mark of the first stage of the Plenary Council preparation stage being open – a stage of open Listening and Dialogue encounters. This first stage will be open until Ash Wednesday 2019. After an experience of sharing stories with one another, everyone is invited to complete the online response questions:

1. What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?
2. What questions do you have about the future of the Church in Australia that you would like the Plenary Council to consider?
3. What stories would you like to share of your experiences of faith or of the Church?

Pope Francis' Vision For a Listening Church,

Thursday 30th August, 7.30-9.30pm

St Francis Xavier Hall, 88 Mayona Road, Montmorency

The Diamond Valley and Yarra Deaneries, and the Archbishop's Office of Evangelisation (AOFE) invite all to a conversation on the Plenary Council 2020: "Pope Francis' vision for a listening Church" with facilitator and presenter Fr Noel Connolly.

The Program for the evening will help us become aware of the challenges of becoming a synodal Church. It will give an introduction to the Plenary Council processes of listening and dialogue. Much of the evening will be in the form of Q&A.

REGISTER ONLINE: RSVP by 25th August at www.trybooking.com/WXRZ

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Inspirational Quotes From Christian Meditation Network

In the quiet of meditation, you go beyond all thoughts and imagination. You discover your *being* and what life is truly like. 'To be' is to live as the person you really are – without excuses. Just enjoy the fullness of life.

Let go of all thoughts, plans, hurts or troubles with someone else. Nothing matters except quiet time with God. Try not to be lazy or impatient. Give all your attention to saying your mantra.

Thank You all for your generous donations towards the recent St Vincent de Paul Appeal. Together, we managed to raise \$600. A wonderful result. Well done everyone!

Come and See our beautiful St Kevin's School at it's Open Day next Sunday, 19th August after the 10.00am morning Mass. It will feature displays and facilities.

SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST KEVIN'S

During August the second collection will go towards the fight against **Human Trafficking**.

In the words of Pope Benedict, human trafficking is a "crime against humanity" and a form of slavery which is "unfortunately increasingly widespread, which involves every country, even the most developed, and touches the most vulnerable people in society: women and young girls, children, the disabled, the most poor, whoever comes from situations of familial or social disintegration."

More Anniversaries.....

The celebration of 50 years since our Church was originally blessed and 2 years since we moved into the "new" building.

Join us in thanksgiving –

Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th September.

There may be people you know who have left the parish for browner pastures whom you wish to invite back for this weekend.

"E" CONFERENCE

Synodality in Practise

10 of us gathered, listened and chatted to 5 dynamic talks on the Plenary Council – now you have the chance to take your time and stroll through these talks and become better informed. Follow this link:

<https://www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/short-courses/2018/eConference>

Click on the pink button which says "View the eConference".

TGI'S Templestowe
Parish's
YOUTH GROUP

All Grades 5-8 students welcome
**Are YOU ready to participate in
the AMAZING RACE???**

When: Saturday, 18th August

Time: 6.45pm – 8-45pm

Where: St Kevin's Gathering Space

RSVP: tgiyg17@gmail.com

Donation: \$5

Watch this space for exciting news about our new **TGI's Teens Group** which will begin on **16th September** with an evening of Laser Tag at Box Hill. Save the date!!