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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.

Social Justice Sunday Weekend

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 22nd/23rd September, 2018

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people,
says the Lord.

Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them,
and I will be their Lord for ever.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord upholds my life.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our Lord
Jesus Christ.

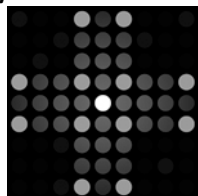
Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon

You have laid down your precepts to
be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping
your statutes.



From as early as 100 CE we Christian people have been challenged to intimately connect worship and justice, eg St Ignatius of Antioch (110 AD).

And mid 3rd century "the orphans and widows shall be treated by you with the same respect as the altar" or again "if a poor man or woman arrives at the Eucharist and all the spaces in the assembly are taken you, Bishop, provide a place, even if you have to sit on the ground".

Now google - John Chrysostom.

This year's Bishops' statement is entitled "Making a Hope for Everyone". We are aware of the growing numbers of people sleeping rough under bridges, in cars, outside railway stations, eg Melbourne City – 1,617, Dandenong – 1,158, Burwood 894 (2016 census figures).

Please take home a copy of the statement if you think you will read it.

The last Saturday in September

We know the VFL is a more historical flag to win, but at St Kevin's we recognise where the crowd's interest lies – so Mass on the last Saturday in September (29th) will be at 6.30pm!

In October, we return to 5.30pm.

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 @ St Kevin's Chapel

Thursday: 9.15am @ St Kevin's Chapel

Friday: 9.15am @ St Kevin's 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

St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria

A number of the stores are in need of volunteers. Their stores help them to provide support to those in need in the local community. Their stores not only provide financial support for the works they do but also provide material support to those in need. *Would you:*

- *Love to try a rewarding way of giving back?*
- *Enjoy engaging with people from all walks of life? Read on...*

Vinnies is seeking energetic and passionate Volunteer Team Members who are ready to make a positive impact on their local community.

There are many aspects of the Shop for you to get involved in including:

- *Delivering outstanding customer service*
- *Categorising, pricing and displaying an array of donated items*
- *Assisting in creating eye-catching window and shop displays*
- *Keeping the store looking stylish.*

Vinnies is more than a retail shop. Please note that prior to engaging in any Volunteer activity with the Society some checks are required. These will include a National Criminal History Check and current Working with Children Check and may also include reference checking.

Please apply at <https://svdpvolunteers.applynow.net.au/jobs/SVDP392-retail-volunteers>

LAST WEEK'S GIVING

Envelopes	\$ 710.00
Direct Debit/Credit Card	\$ <u>1,040.00</u>
Total	\$ <u>1,750.00 (1)</u>
Priests' Living Costs	\$ 705.00

Number of Envelopes 39

(1) Weekly Pledged amount \$3,020.65

PLANNED GIVING: *For envelopes, please contact the office.*

**Happy Birthday to our
"Queen Baker" Betty Natoli
who turned 85 on Friday
21st September**

Thank you for all that
you do for us (oh and
happy birthday to you
too Jill Hodson).



Sunday in Ordinary Time - 29/30th September, 2018

1st Reading: Numbers 11: 25-29 2nd Reading: 1 James 5: 1-6 Gospel: Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion	Welcomers
5.30pm	Janet Parsons	Lucy Halliburton	Ann Maguire Maryann McNamara Lyn O'Brien	
8.30am	Mike Westbrook	Rebecca Sandwell	Brigid Jordon Betty Natoli Frank Ozzimo	
9.00am	Helen Norman	Bernard Charnley	Christine Flannery Dianne Flannery Margaret Mangan	
10.00am	Mishika Perera	Michael Lynch	Murray Cullinan Lyn Robinson Tony Robinson	

We pray for Better Health: Pina Campana, Oliver Chu, Salvatore Scaffidi, Peter Waddick, Masino Cappadona, Michael O'Connell, John Condon and Lysele Jeux.

Anniversaries: Ken Liu, Lorna Janes, John Shine and Michelle Reardon
Recently Deceased: Carmel Philips and Ercole Monaco

Plenary Council Open Group (discussion/process)

We have heard (ad nauseam?) "What the Holy Spirit is saying to us (you and me) is important". NOW here are the suggested dates at which you may wish to participate. Please note and avail yourself of what may be a once in a lifetime opportunity.

Tuesday 23rd October - 1.30-3pm) Gathering
Wednesday 24th October - 7.30-9pm) Space
Friday 26th October - 10-11.30am)
Please do come to what you can.

Who can participate in the listening and dialogue sessions?

Every community in every parish, Catholic primary and secondary schools, Catholic agencies, religious institutes and ecclesial movements are invited to participate. In addition, where possible we are encouraged to reach out to as many people in the Catholic community as possible to enable all to offer a response to the Plenary question: *What is God asking of us in Australia at this time?*

How is a Plenary Council different from a Synod?

Both gatherings can be influential for the Church. A Plenary Council is the highest form of gathering of local Church and has legislative and governance authority. The decisions that are made at the Council become binding for the Catholic Church in Australia. A Synod does not have this legislative and governance authority.

Serving Without Counting The Cost

In many ways, liturgists and music coordinators really do follow Jesus' call from today's gospels: "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all" (Mark 9: 35). There is so much that we do and not for any gain or praise. Much of what we do to prepare an assembly for liturgy is never seen: hours of rehearsing; long nights spent at the computer and the photocopier creating and preparing worship aids; the endless phone calls and emails to volunteers, committee members and staff persons so that everyone can be on the same page. And, in an ironic twist to this Scripture passage, we are often the first *and* the last to be at the church, just so the assembly can focus simply on praying well.

So today, thank a minister for their service (don't forget the data people).

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Principal: Mr Greg Thomas

Tunstall Square Car Park Painting Project

St Kevin's Primary School Seniors have created a colourful car park space at Tunstall Square – our schools do amazing things! Worthwhile having a look. It is on the right hand side as you drive in.

Questions for reflection...

If I were one of the disciples I would have been arguing about

- what Jesus meant when he said he would rise in three days.
- what Jesus meant when he talked about his death.
- why Jesus taught us in such an isolated place.
- who would take over after Jesus died.
- which one Jesus liked best.
- some petty matter.

By calling the child over, Jesus

- emphasised how unnecessary power and prestige were.
- reinforced his point that the disciples should serve all.
- helped the disciples look at the situation from a new perspective.
- showed his convictions more than his words alone could have done.

The key idea I want to remember from this week's readings is...

Inspirational Quotes From Christian Meditation Network

The first step in the process of meditation is like a 'returning' or 'going back'. It is like the returning home of the prodigal one who knows that his real home is back with his father and not away doing useless even harmful things. The desert Fathers and Mothers used to call it wandering in the land of 'unlikeness' and a return to our real likeness as image of God. This idea of prayer as a homecoming is important. Humanity is on a journey. We are called to be one with God, in Jesus. It will take a lifetime to arrive. Meditation is the way.

SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST KEVIN'S

Contributions towards our second collection are going towards **Aussie Farmers**. This drought has hit farmers and communities hard. We want to help. You can be that difference to farmers and communities doing it tough. **Also**, there will be a **fundraising dinner** in the **Gathering Space** on **Saturday, 13th October @ 7pm**. Minimum donation: \$10. **All welcome**. You can donate directly online to www.frontierservices.org or www.greatoutbackbbq.com.au

St Kevin's Primary School are committed to their project of 'Bringing Our Faith to Life'

A massive 600kg collection of school supplies has been collected, donated and sent to their sister school in the Philippines. There will be many, many elementary children at Pat-u-Pat who will benefit and rejoice when they receive all the wonderful and various stationary.



A fantastic effort by the whole school community, their generosity and community spirit are to be admired and followed by all. Thank you and well done to St Kevin's Primary Templestowe and everyone involved!