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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.

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
20th/21st October, 2018

Year B

Entrance Antiphon

To you I call;
for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings
protect me.

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Son of Man came to serve and to
give his life as a ransom for all.
Alleluia!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon

Behold, the eyes of the Lord
are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.



FUNDRAISER FOR DROUGHT-STRICKEN FARMERS

This event was held last Saturday evening. A great result – everyone who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Great food, fantastic company and of course a well-deserved cause. Congratulations and heartfelt thanks to our Social Justice Group for the initiative and hard work to bring to our attention the pain that the scourge of drought is causing to “Aussie Farmers”. Naturally enough, we city folk “just don’t get it” as a Glen Waverley resident said to me, “Our suburban schools don’t have to teach children to save water – we turn on a tap ...” A reminder – 4 Corners programme – Youtube - gives us a stunning picture. We will be sending through \$3,275.50 to the Catholic Womens Association. Lynne Jordan (from CWA) thanks everyone for our kind donation and is delighted to let us know that they would be using this money to help drought-stricken families with their children’s expenses, bills and anything else that families might need help with. Please remember to look out for future fundraisers organised by our amazing Social Justice Group and support them. *Fr Gerry*

SPIRITUAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

Adoration –

Each weekday before Mass @ 8.30am and
NO ADORATION ON WEDNESDAY EVENING

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

Checked out our

parish website lately?

What does distinguished
Canon Lawyer, Fr John
Hanon say about
marriage and divorce?
ALSO, what does John
Inverarity, test cricketer,
selector and father of
architect Alison (Parish
House) say about elite
sport and alcohol
advertising?

All this and more on our
parish website:

[pol.org.au/Templestowe/
Home](http://pol.org.au/Templestowe/Home)

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Anyone who reads the gospel of Mark thoughtfully will be struck by the paradox it presents. On the one hand we encounter Jesus as a figure of immense power: he rebukes demons, calms the sea, and teaches with astonishing authority. On the other he steadfastly renounces the use of power. He calls himself a servant and insists that his disciples make themselves slaves to all. We see in Jesus that being a servant does not mean being weak and ineffectual. That is something Jesus never was. He impressed people time and again with his authority, because he never sought power over others. Being so free, so centred, and so attuned to the power of love, he could put all his capacities at the service of others' well-being. Gustavo Gutierrez puts it this way: "Serving does not mean that we passively accept that things continue as they are. Serving implies initiative and creativity, knowledge and efforts, to build a human, just and loving world" (*Sharing the Word through the Liturgical Year*).

LAST WEEK'S GIVING

Envelopes	\$ 825.00
Direct Debit/Credit Card	\$ <u>1,040.00</u>
Total	\$ <u>1,865.00 (1)</u>
Priests' Living Costs	\$ 860.00

Number of Envelopes 41

(1) Weekly Pledged amount \$3,020.65

Please contact the office if you would like to join.



A YTU Information Night

will be held on Tuesday, 13th
November from 7.30-8.30pm
at YTU Study Centre, 34
Bedford Rd, Box Hill.
Prospectus' are on the table in
the Gathering Space. Discover
new depths to your faith.

**St Kevin's Annual Bereavement Mass
15th November @ 7.30pm**

As a compassionate people, we are encouraged to come together on this important night in support of all who are grieving the death of a loved one. At this Mass, we shall also bless the plaques on our memorial wall. All are welcome, in particular those who have lost loved ones in the last 12 months. For further information, please contact Lyn Murphy on 9857 4437 or 0419 897582.

Memorial Book: November is just around the corner. If you wish to have a relative or friend inscribed in this precious book, please fill out a form from the table in the Gathering Space and give it to Fr Gerry.

**Gita Yoga is coming to
St Kevin's Parish!**

Beginning Tuesday, 30th October from 6-7pm in our Gathering Space
What is Gita Yoga? Gita yoga is very integrated, breathing, stretching, concentration, sense withdrawal, meditation and philosophy incorporated into all the postures. Every Gita class has all of these components as a natural part of its flow. This is why you leave the class feeling balanced and whole, totally rejuvenated and ready to face the busy, outside world once more, with a renewed sense of energy and purpose. Cost: \$20 per person, per session. For more information, please contact David on 0414 441 259.

Heartfelt Thanks to all who attended the Fundraising Dinner last Saturday evening, to all who prepared the *feast* and to all parishioners who contributed to the 2nd collection in September for our Farmers. We collected \$550 on the night and \$80 on Sunday morning. Special thanks to Vianney Shiel who organised a viewing of the recent 4 Corners special on the plight of our Aussie Farmers.
Paola Cheng

**The World Community for Christian
Meditation**

is holding a silent retreat entitled:
Practising The Presence of God
Savour, simplify, softness, silence
Friday 16 to Sunday 18 November

Venue: Pallotti Coll, McNamara Rd Millgrove
This Silent Retreat is a live-in event for new and experienced meditators. It offers the opportunity to deepen the experience of stillness, silence and the sacred presence within.

The program includes periods of silent meditation, community prayer, personal reflection and key presentations.
Cost: Single - \$295 Double - \$515
Concessions available.
Please see flyer on the noticeboard for more information.

**The Archbishop's Office for
Evangelisation** Registrations are still open for the second week of the Advent/Christmas preparation seminar entitled "Advent Listening Hearts" on Tuesday, 23rd October, 7pm-9pm (light refreshments from 6.30pm), Catholic Leadership Centre, East Melbourne. They will provide an overview of the Gospel of Luke as well as practical and informative workshops focussed on various aspects of the season. If you would like to attend, please let Fr Gerry know.

The Manningham Carols Event which includes the **Family Festival**, will take place on **Friday 14th December**. The festival, which begins at 6pm, precedes the main stage show of the Manningham Carols at 7.30pm. We have been invited by the Manningham Inter-Church Council to make a Christian witness to the many families of the community who will attend the event. Involvement can only continue when we provide assistance with volunteers and contributions for the activities.

The Plenary Council and Us

Putting together the variety of comments/submissions from the last few months, our Parish will now pursue two objectives concurrently:

- i. Prepare a substantial, high quality submission to the Plenary Council, based on extensive consultation within the parish.
- ii. Work towards a joint statement with other parishes on key points, to be released publicly and jointly with the other parishes, at about the time of the submission of individual parish statements to the Plenary Council.

Contextual Themes

1. Emphasise the positive work of the Church, as the context to the required reforms.
2. Position our proposals as completing and extending the reform process begun at Vatican II.
3. Emphasise that enhancing the role of women in the Church must be a central theme of reform.

8 Possible Issues

1. **Sexual Abuse**

This still remains a key issue, even after the release of the Truth Justice and Healing Council reports, with the issues of the apology and regular implementation reports.

2. **The nature of the Plenary Council**

There are continuing concerns about the nature and operating mechanisms of the Plenary Council itself, particularly the concentration of both attendance and decision-making power in the bishops, and hence the unrepresentative nature of the meeting. This is holding back many parishes being bothered to even acknowledge the Plenary. We wish to propose that all present at the Plenary have equal rights to a deliberative and not merely consultative, vote.

3. **An Open and Inclusive Church**

These themes are the central themes of St Kevin's recent parish meetings and have been very well expressed by contributors to these meetings. There are many issues here and this should be an important part of any statement.

4. **Governance in the Church**

This covers the many issues connected with moving to a more consultative and decentralised Church, with strong involvement of the laity. It seems important to develop some specific proposals as to how an understanding of the Church as the assembly of the baptised can be reflected in better governance structures.

5. **Rethinking and Reshaping Ministry**

This is critical, including both how ministry is understood within the Church (hence the issue of clericalism concerned with the dominant role of the priest/bishop), the restrictions on persons who can serve as priests (married men and women) and the training of priests.

6. **Priority of Social Justice Issues**

The public life of Jesus was an example of "emptying Himself". The Church that is only inward looking "is not the Church of Jesus Christ". Let us acknowledge and rejoice in Caritas, Vinnies etc – while committing ourselves to justice education and action – eg family violence, homelessness.

7. **Climate Change**

Along the same lines as “6” – we shall call on the Church to be a leader within the Australian community and not at best a follower.

8. **Liturgy**

Issues that have been raised include the language used, the extent to which the liturgy reflects the life of the local community. The reform of the sacrament of Reconciliation, an informed discussion on the use of the sacrament for children and ongoing influence for adulthood. The resolution of the discussion of the theology of Confirmation ie what is it and who should administer the sacrament?

You are invited to discuss these and other issues that you may see as a priority on this

Wednesday, 24th October at 7.30pm in the Church Gathering Space

Who should attend?

All who are concerned about the future of the Catholic Church: including – you who have attended sessions so far, or responded to the survey monkey. And all parents who are interested in the faith education of children.

At this meeting, the process suggested is to:

- Determine the areas to be covered and other relevant matters
- Identify, for each topic area, one or more individuals to prepare draft material for review and subsequent incorporation into the submission. It is envisaged that each component draft would be limited to 300-400 words and would cover the following:
 - Description of the key issues to be addressed;
 - Review of the religious background to the issues and of their importance to the Church going forward;
 - Brief review of recent discussion in Australia and elsewhere; and
 - Suggested proposals to the Plenary Council, and the reasons for putting them.
- Request these drafts to be provided within 3-4 weeks, say by 22nd November, for discussion and review.
- Incorporate these drafts and other material into a first draft of the St Kevin’s submission to the Plenary Council.
- This first draft to be circulated prior to discussion at another parish meeting, perhaps on 5th December.
- Further steps towards the lodging of the submission in early 2019 to be made at the 5th December meeting.

Finally, remember as theologians remind us, the world will be watching Australia over the period of the Plenary Council.

Further – this coming Wednesday’s meeting will include you who were coming on Tuesday or Friday. Apologies if this inconveniences you. If you are unable to attend Wednesday and wish to have your rightful say, please write or email to the Parish.

Looking forward to a super evening on this coming Wednesday.

Fr Gerry

SURVEY MONKEY FEEDBACK

We are delighted with the responses that we have received so far from our Survey Monkey (on our website). Please keep them coming! Here are some of the reactions so far:

- A. "What does the Church look like now?" (listening to each other) Thinking of the Catholic Church, do you consider the Church to be: Welcome and inclusive
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| Agree | 68.42% |
| Neither Agree Nor Disagree | 21.05% |
| Disagree | 10.53% |
- B. "What is Christ calling us to make our Church today?" (listening to the Holy Spirit) Thinking of the Catholic practice and attendance to Mass, how do you view: The Church as ready to try something new
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|----------------------------|--------|
| Agree | 47.37% |
| Neither Agree Nor Disagree | 21.05% |
| Disagree | 31.58% |
- C. "What do we, as Church, need to do to move from A to B" (listening must lead us to response and action) Your thoughts on the following statement: Practical action to make our world a more just society is more important than going to Church.
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| Agree | 63.16% |
| Neither Agree Nor Disagree | 26.32% |
| Disagree | 10.52% |

The Survey Monkey will close on 13th November, 2018

Saint Oscar Romero Quotes

- 1) "The ones who have a voice must speak for those who are voiceless".
- 2) "We are workers not master builders, ministers not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own".
- 3) "We cannot do everything and there is a sense of liberation in that. This enables us to do something, and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest".

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Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

Office for Justice and Peace

invite everyone to attend the

2018 Rerum Novarum Oration

Widening the Door of Hope

A Response to the Victorian Assisted Dying Legislation

Date: Tuesday, 20th November

Time: 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start

Venue: Mercy Theatre, Australian Catholic University, 115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy

***Next Saturday Evening, 27th October, St Kevin's
Junior Level will be hosting the 5.30pm Mass.***

All are invited to please come and support our parish children, families and school staff.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 27/28th October, 2018

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31: 7-9 2nd Reading: Hebrews 5: 1-6 Gospel: Mark 10: 46-52

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion	Welcomers
5.30pm	Le Gall Family	Le Gall Family	Lucy Halliburton Maryann McNamara Bredenia Raquel	Skadiang Family
8.30am	Mike Westbrook	Rebecca Sandwell	Betty Natoli Frank Ozzimo Paul Polidano	
9.00am	Bernard Charnley	Margaret Mangan	Pat Bond Christine Flannery Dianne Flannery	
10.00am	Julie O'Donnell	Johnson Family	Murray Cullinan Betty Natoli Tony Whelan	Gorn Family

We pray for Better Health: Salvatore Scaffidi, Peter Waddick, Masino Cappadona, Michael O'Connell, John Condon, Lysele Jeux, Yvonne Wilson, Natalie Salvo and Alex Williamson.

Anniversaries:

Mary Bonnici (mother of Rose Curmi) and Orazio Torre (father of Tiziana D'Costa).

Recently Deceased:

Banyule Interfaith Network warmly invites everyone to a Public Forum entitled FAITH IN ACTION on 28th October, 2-4pm, at St Pius Church, 419 Waterdale Road, Heidelberg West

This topic was chosen to inform people about the considerable amount of service work done by various faiths in the community. We have members of the Baha'i, Christian, Jewish and Muslim faiths in the BiN Network, and contacts with the Aboriginal and Hindu communities.

At this Forum/Discussion, several of these faith groups will describe what action in the community they provide, followed by a discussion by everyone present on, 'what responsibility faith groups have to provide such action', and Why? Hopefully there will be some interesting comments! Please accept this notice as your personal invitation to come, AND to invite similarly interested friends!

More information is provided in the flyer on the noticeboard in the Gathering Space.

Les Miserables featuring Tony and Claire Toppi will be performed at Scotch College Theatre. Tickets \$50, seniors \$45. To book: 0403 817 558. Sessions until 27th October.

Plenary Council – Please Note

Just a reminder that the Plenary Sessions scheduled for this week, will now not go ahead as we have been advertising in our parish newsletter these past few weeks. We will now only be having the one session this Wednesday evening at 7.30pm. The Tuesday afternoon and Friday morning sessions have been cancelled. Thank you.

Talk and Tour Morning: 23rd November

Our Lady of Sion College warmly invites prospective students and families to attend a Talk and Tour morning. Hear from our principal and take a tour with our Year 10 students to see our College in action. The Tour Morning begins at 9.30am; please allow enough time for parking. Register at info@sion.catholic.edu.au. Enrolment applications for Year 7, 2021, will open on 1st February, 2019

For information on our Parish Schools please contact:

St Kevin's Primary School

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Phone: 9850 4609 Fax: 9852 0384

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Principal: Ms Frances Matisi

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Principal: Mr Greg Thomas

**Inspirational Quotes From Christian
Meditation Network**

When we meditate we put aside all our thinking and we focus on *being*. Learning to say our mantra is the way to that state of being. We leave thinking behind because we only think about God the Creator, the Just One. In meditation we learn that God is 'pure being'. We experience that God is goodness made good, that God is all just. So we pay attention to the mantra. We are open to being with God. To meditate is to be in a state of one-ness with God, to be in complete harmony with God.

SOCIAL JUSTICE @ ST KEVIN'S

Contributions towards our second collection are going towards the **Caritas Appeal** for the tragedy on the island of Milawesi.

Milgate Primary School is

conducting a Fete and "M Factor Talent Show" on Sunday, 25th November. This live Talent Show is open to everyone in the Manningham Community including their friends and family and will showcase some of Manningham's best talent with anything from singing, dancing, short skits, comedy, magic tricks etc. They will have a Live Audition where participants will perform their acts to a panel of judges and 3 performances will be selected to perform in the M Factor Finals at the Closing Ceremony for a chance to win \$200 worth of Bounce Vouchers.

TGI'S Templestowe
Parish's
YOUTH GROUP

All Grades 5-8 students welcome

Next event: Surprise Night!

It's the last one of the year!

When: Saturday, 17th November

Time: 6.45pm – 8-45pm

Where: St Kevin's Gathering Space

RSVP: tgiyg17@gmail.com

Donation: \$5

More information next week. Watch this space and keep the evening free!

Sunday 9th December: End of Year Event @ 10.00am. All are welcome.

ALL SAINTS ART & MUSIC EXHIBITION

St Dominic's Parish, Camberwell invite you to the 'All Saints Art & Music Exhibition' which will exhibit the artistic and musical talents of various members of the Parish Community. 2pm - 4pm **Sunday November 4th** (commencing in the Parish Centre) St Dominic's Parish, 816 Riversdale Road, Camberwell. Entry is by donation and includes afternoon tea. RSVP by October 28th to the Parish Office or Br Sebastian: sebastian.condon@op.org.au



**On our website
this week –**

check out the Monastic Way information for the month of October (in the "Faith and Development" tab). Most interesting reading indeed!