



# St Kevin's Catholic Parish



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## 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.

Year A

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2023

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

**Our Presider today is:** Fr Charles Balnaves

***From the Desk of Your Very Spoilt Parish Priest...***

**Thank you!!!**

My birthday celebrations started on the 21st and continued till the 29th of June and along with that were congratulations on the anniversary of my ordination. You are wonderful people. How do I thank you enough for the grace you have brought to my life by recognising both moments in such special ways.

Chocolate, wine, chocolate, scarf, jumper, chocolate, (you got the sense I like chocolate), mandarins, chestnuts, sponge cake, layered chocolate cake, rich chocolate cake, whisky, vouchers for books and things. You are most generous indeed. Thank you, everyone.

**Safeguarding Training:**

<https://melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding/safeguarding-training-and-upcoming-events/safeguarding-training-modules/>

At our safeguarding meeting last week, we put in place plans for getting the leaders of all our organisations up to speed with the requirements for each of us to undertake some on-line training.

You can go to the link above and have a look—at the training and the e-learning and get a step ahead. If you actually undertake the training—please send us a copy of the details of having completed the training.

**Multicultural Day 30 July (at St Greg's but for St Kevin's and St Greg's):**

This day is primarily about gathering as a community with origins in dozens of countries and celebrating our one-ness in Jesus Christ and our diversity of cultures. Celebrating this event across both St Greg's and St Kevin's allows us to pool our resources and provide a richer experience. Food is provided. Perhaps dress up as well. Bring something that shows off your culture, your country, your background in some way.

We are also asking (see below) for donations to raise money—but that is secondary to our desire to celebrate a little of the tapestry of faith and culture we bring from across the world. PS: Deadline for donations: Thursday 13th July.

*God Bless, Fr Charles*

## **MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL 30<sup>TH</sup> JULY AT ST GREGORY THE GREAT, 71 WILLIAMSONS ROAD, DONCASTER**

The Parishes of St Gregory the Great and St Kevin's are holding a Multicultural Festival event on the afternoon of Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July (11:30am - 3:00pm), and you are invited to come and to contribute. The event will be held in the grounds and hall of St Gregory the Great Parish.

As part of the event, the Parish Social Committees will hold a Silent Auction to raise funds for future Parish Social Activities. We are asking families of our schools and parishes to donate items that can be included in our Silent Auction.

Please look around your cupboard for any new or unused items or unwanted gifts or pantry items that we could auction off as individual or part of our hampers. Please note the items have to be new and unopened, and well before their *Best Before* date.

Examples of items:

\* Tea bags, chocolates, sweets, crackers and biscuits \* Candles, diffusers, body lotions, body care products, etc \* Homewares, towels  
\* Kitchen items and baking tools \* Small appliances (hair dryers, waffle makers, etc)

We also accept donations in the form of vouchers for stores, movies, accommodation, restaurants or small business etc.

**Please drop your Donations at the Parish Office before 13<sup>th</sup> July. If you have any questions or need further information please email [doncaster@cam.org.au](mailto:doncaster@cam.org.au)**

## What's happening in our Parish this week?...

Saturday	5.30pm	NATSIC Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	NATSIC Masses
Tuesday	8.30am	Adoration
	9.15am	Mass
	1.00pm	Needlecraft Group
Wednesday	9.30am	Meditation – via zoom only – all welcome. Please contact the parish office so we can send you the link
	10.15am	Adoration
Thursday	8.30am	Adoration
	9.15am	Mass
Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses (Baptism Presentation @ 10am)



### We pray for Better Health:

Fr Brendan Dillon, Rick Gaillardetz, Bastine D'Cruz, Mary Calleja, Batoul Barak, Louise Dipetro, Mary Hodgekinson, Lianney Susanto, Kevin Parker, Melissa Wirata, Jane O'Brien, Dorothea (Dot) Sharkey, Trish Wilson, Danielle Hardy, Maeve & John Reardon, Eugenia Pozzebon, Margaret Turner, Graham & Jason Gooden, Vianney Shiel and Miriam Ayoub.

### Anniversaries:

Fortunata Barutta, Frank Bellomo, Joan Goold, Kevin Donnelly, John Coates, Thomas Shannon, Mike Westbrook and Marcia Standish

### Recently Deceased:

Jean Kavanagh

## LITURGY ROSTER

### Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 2 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 6: 3-4. 8-11 Gospel: Matthew 10: 37-42**

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Lucy Halliburton	Christine Marini	Maryanne McNamara
8.30am	Pauline Erickson		Adrian Teo
10.00am	Tony Byrne	Carmel Shiel	Kaye Byrne

### Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 8/9<sup>th</sup> July 2023

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Zachariah 9: 9-10 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 8: 9, 11-13 Gospel: Matthew 11: 25-30**

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Daniel Marini	Kathy Pearce	Lynne O'Brien
8.30am	Julie O'Donnell		Frances Bettiol
10.00am	Jessica Bartholomeusz	Frances Johnson	Lyn Murphy

### Winter Appeal Ends as we now Move Into National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (NATSIC) Sunday

For this cold time of year a recent Parish Second Collection campaign helpfully raised \$2,106.75 for the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. Moving forward, this weekend is the annual National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday where we focus our liturgy and thoughts on Indigenous peoples and spirituality, including First Nations Catholics who are the youngest and fastest growing demographic in the Australian Catholic Church, at this stage numbering 135,682. It's also a timely opportunity to consider the forthcoming Indigenous Voice Referendum where we will be invited to cast a vote. As part of NATSIC Sunday, the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Commission has produced a Parish NATSIC Sunday resource book which on pages 20-21 also includes a helpful section "Catholic Social Teaching and the Referendum". This is available for download from the parish Website Social Justice page. Our revived Parish Social Justice group has been in operation for almost a year now and will shortly Review the group by requesting your feedback!

*John Costa, Social Justice Action.*

**Support Group:** I put out a report before I went on holidays. That was two and a half months ago. We have not been sitting idle in the intervening weeks. We have been discussing how we might seek to better organise the work of the parish to enable me to focus my time more effectively for you and for the future. We have had one consultation session and we will have a joint Parish and Finance council gathering on 25th July to discuss our ideas. Then we'll be having broader discussions—with you. Two parishes: more effectively operating—more focussed on being disciples of Jesus Christ. **Fr Charles**

### **Lectors (Readers) and Special Ministers (Communion) Formation Sessions**

Formation Sessions for Lectors and Special Ministers will be held at St Gregory the Great Church Doncaster on the following dates (you are only required to attend one session per ministry):

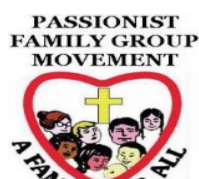
Thurs, 13 July: Lectors: 6.00-6.45pm; Special Ministers: 6.45-7.30pm, OR Sat, 15 July: Lectors: 11.00-11.45am; Special Ministers: 11.45am-12.30pm

If you missed one of the previous sessions or are new since then or just want another moment of formation: please put aside the time to come along. These ministries are an important element of making Jesus Christ



### 30 years of Family Groups in St Kevin's Parish!

On Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> July at the 10.00am Mass, we celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> year anniversary since Family Groups first began at our St Kevin's Parish. All are invited and welcomed to attend, in particular any past members and parishioners.



### BOOKISH MORNING TEA

Please feel welcome to come to the Parish House every Wednesday morning at 11.00am for a chat, browse through the new book swap library and a delicious morning tea!



The Parishes of St Gregory the Great Doncaster and St Kevin's Templestowe warmly invite parishioners and friends to our

# Multicultural Day

Multicultural food and drinks will be provided (please do not bring food to share). Outdoor games and activities will also be available.

Silent auction and raffle will be held on the day, to raise funds for our social activities. Please come along, to bid for items and buy tickets.

Sunday 30 July after 10.30am Mass Church of St Gregory the Great Doncaster

RSVP: Email [doncaster@cam.org.au](mailto:doncaster@cam.org.au) or use sign up sheets at church

*Come in your cultural costumes or colours, and join us for an afternoon of fellowship, food and fun!*



**Childsafe/Safeguarding:** Are our safeguarding requirements onerous to meet? Or at least do they seem onerous? If they are or if you think they are then please let us know: email or call the office.

Yes, we expect far more than ten years ago—but once initial checks are done (yes, that can be a little tortuous), the load drops dramatically to be a routine—small effort to engender a deeply child-safe culture.



Fr Charles



The weekend of 15/16<sup>th</sup> July, we will hold our annual **Propagation of the Faith Appeal**

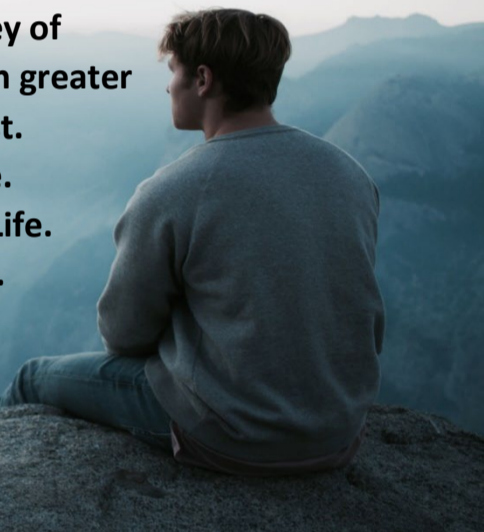
Tuberculosis, malnutrition and maternal mortality are conditions all too familiar for the people of Timor-Leste. In two weeks' time you will learn about the work of the Salesian Sisters, including nurse, Sister Carolina, who desires to see better outcomes for her community. We will also share the story of Petrolina and her daughter's desperate need for medical attention. You have the opportunity to partner with this life-giving work, and your prayers and generosity are crucial in ensuring this program can continue. This opportunity is a great way to commit to the missionary movement, as He reminds us in Luke 24:13-35, the fire of Christ burns within us and encourages us to take action for those in most need.

Freecall: 1800 257 296 [catholicmission.org.au/timor](http://catholicmission.org.au/timor)

**St Kevin's Christian Meditation, each Wednesday 9:30am ONLINE via Zoom.**

Contact the Parish House for the online link. All welcome.

Many of us begin meditating because we think that something is missing in our lives. Through the journey of meditation we recover something much greater than what was lost. We find Jesus Christ. We follow the path to the Spring of Life. We follow the Way, the Truth and the Life. Meditation is our way to the right path. We come to the full light of Christ. We grow in our spirit.



*Photo of the stain glass wall in the Chapel at the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry depicting our Lord Jesus Christ in the centre flanked by an Aboriginal holding the message stick and Australian fauna and fauna, signifying God's presence surrounding us in Mother Earth.*



The next **St Kevin's Men's Social Group** takes place on **Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> July @ 7.30pm** in the **Church Gathering Space.**

Open to men of any age (older teenagers are welcome (with their guardian) - parishioners and non parishioners alike. All are welcome. Invite a friend, relative or neighbour along. Supper is provided. BYO alcoholic drinks. \$7 donation suggested to cover costs. For catering purposes, please ring the parish office on 9850 5983, or email Tiziana at [tiziana.dcosta@cam.org.au](mailto:tiziana.dcosta@cam.org.au)



We continue to seek assistance for Brian and Vianney to prepare the powerpoint for the weekend Masses. A reasonable knowledge of powerpoint and the order of the Mass is needed BUT a huge amount of instruction, assistance and support is available.

Preparing the powerpoint really is not very difficult – take one of the last two weeks powerpoint, change dates etc, find a suitable picture for the opening slide, change the hymns as advised by Jan from our very large database and change the text of the Readings supplied by Nadia. This can be done at home then brought down to the Church, loaded onto the Church computer and checked. If you can be of assistance please call Vianney on 0414 466 596.





For information on our Parish Schools please contact:

**St Kevin's Primary School**  
Phone: 9273 9999

**St Charles Borromeo Primary School**  
Phone: 9842 7634

## **Responsorial Psalm**

Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

## **Response to Prayers of the Faithful**

Lord, hear our prayer.

### **REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

#### **First Reading**

##### 2 Kgs 4: 8-11, 14-16

A reading from the second book of the Kings

*That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.*

The story of the prophet Elisha and the wealthy woman of Shunem has clearly been chosen in view of Jesus' words in the gospel.

He promises those who welcome a prophet or a holy one a commensurate reward.

The unnamed woman's hospitality to Elisha begins with a single meal.

It soon becomes a standard event whenever he passes by.

The woman's husband takes the welcome much further by agreeing to build an upper room in the house for Elisha to stay.

In response Elisha promises the woman perhaps the only thing she lacked – a son.

We are not told whether she had any daughters; in her time and place what mattered was a son.

If she was sonless and her ageing husband died, she would be left to fend for herself.

There's much more to the story than this.

#### **Second Reading**

##### Rom 6: 3-4, 8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.*

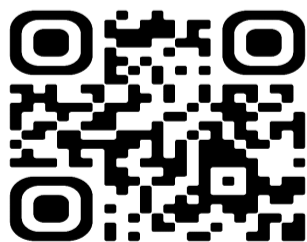
In John the Baptist's witness to Jesus, in the gospel and letters of John, and in the Acts of the Apostles, baptism is associated with the gift of God's Spirit. The primary connotation of these references is new birth. In his letter to the Romans, Paul offers a different perspective on baptism. It's primarily Christocentric. To be baptised is to die and be buried with Christ and be raised to new life in him. This viewpoint is in harmony with Paul's intense focus on the mystery of Jesus' cross and resurrection. He will have more to say on life in the Spirit later in the letter.

There's a "now and not yet" thread through this reading. While Christians are baptised into Jesus' death and resurrection, they are still on the way. There's a provisional tone to what Paul writes. Christians are baptised so they "might live a new life". They are to "consider themselves to be dead to sin but alive in Christ Jesus". Christ's victory, by contrast, is definitive. He "will never die again . . . his life now is life with God". While almost all the sentences in the reading are long and elaborate, they are made up of relatively short phrases and employ uncomplicated vocabulary.

A convenient way to make contributions is to use this QR Code and following these simple steps:

1. Wave your mobile camera over it
2. Click on "Web Address"
3. Indicate your payment options

All contributions will go directly and securely into the Church account.



#### **An Adjunct from Fr Charles**

We need a few extra members for the Parish Pastoral Council and within that we desperately need someone from each parish who will take on the role of Chair – helping run meetings and helping draw together the priorities needed and the agenda. I consider the Parish Pastoral Council important, now and in the future. Can you help? I don't know you all, and certainly with most of you not well enough to know your gifts. Please! Pray! Discern! Take a risk! Catch me, come and see me! Jesus the Christ needs your hands!

# **Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.**

The Archdiocese is committed to the safety, wellbeing and human dignity of children, young people and adults.