



St Kevin's Catholic Parish



26 Herlihy's Road, Lower Templestowe 3107
PO Box 985, Templestowe 3106
Telephone: 9850 5983 Fax: 9850 1545

Parish Office Hours: Tue to Fri: 9am to 4pm
Pastoral Worker: Mrs Ana Saro
Lay Ecclesial Leader: Mrs Tiziana D'Costa
Parish Priest: Fr Charles Balnaves

Email: templestowe@cam.org.au
Website: stkevinsparish.org.au
Facebook: 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.

Year A

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Propagation of the Faith Appeal Weekend

15/16th July, 2023

Our Presider today is: Fr Charles Balnaves

From the Desk of the Parish Priest...

Good news! Two of the people who were personally instrumental saving the Australian Plenary Council from what seemed to be deadlock and disaster have been chosen for important roles in the Synod on being a Synodal Church—in Rome. They are Perth Archbishop Timothy Costello, who has been personally chosen by Pope Francis to help lead sessions of the Synod, and Bishop Shane MacKintley of Sandhurst. The third person from Australia is Adelaide Archbishop Patrick O'Regan. These three will be strong, open, and I believe, fearless, voices at the Synod for Spirit led change in the church. We pray for the Holy Spirit to be with them and to be with all who are called to its important synod.

Evangelisation! Being Missionary! Do these seem frightening words?

They have a feel of being impossible? Or a feel of requiring packing your bags and going to the remotest parts of the world, in the jungle or desert, seeking to work with people there to and maybe draw them towards God's love?

Well! I did some evangelisation over the past two weeks, and perhaps was a little bit missionary. And I didn't step outside Doncaster and Templestowe.

I led several funerals. And I spent time with the families of those who have died and, we pray and hope, have entered eternal life. That was all I did.

Yet ... I got comments about how accessible each funeral service was. How friendly. Remarks that there was a sense of joy and goodness (not morbidity and gloom).

Evangelisation! Missionary work! Perhaps no-one from those funerals will make a change and join a faith community actively. I don't know! But some of those people at least heard just a little of God's love and the joy it brings.

I know you don't lead funerals. I know you're not me. But you are baptised.

The beginnings for us all growing to be a more evangelising, missionary people are that simple! Journeying with people in their need in a way which announces the Joy of the Gospel with the Good News that the Kingdom of Heaven is near: right here: with us: growing through our words of encouragement and love that are not afraid to bring Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit into the conversation.

Communion to the Sick/House Bound Family/Friends:

It is a great privilege to take Communion from our Masses to those who cannot come to Mass in person. Because of the uniquely special nature of the gift of the Body and Blood of Christ that is being taken to those in need we have a particular ministry for this.

In some cases, there may legitimately be a member of a family who wishes to take Communion to a family member or members. That is perfectly Ok, but prudence means that we have a practice of requiring that any one who wishes to carry out this awesome ministry identify themselves and their need to the presiding priest before Mass so that there is no uncertainty at the time of receiving the hosts to take away.

Obviously, there are also expectations placed about having a pyx (closed, sealable container) to carry the hosts and that the pyx with hosts be treated reverently throughout the period between collecting the hosts and providing them to the sick person (as soon as practically possible).

God Bless, Fr Charles

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

Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	(Baptism Presentation @ 10.00am)
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
	11.00am	Bookish Morning Tea
Thursday	8.30am	Adoration
	9.15am	Mass
Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses (Baptism @ 10.00am Mass)



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, Miriam Ayoub and Lynda O'Meara.

Anniversaries:

Andrew Tomaro, Gino Natoli, Carmel Scaffidi, Livio Dinelli, Joe Norman (5), Remo Moscardini (5), John Turner (1), Pietro Di Rosa and Spiro Portelli.

Recently Deceased:

LITURGY ROSTER

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 15/16th July 2023

1st Reading: Isaiah 55: 10-11 2nd Reading: Romans 8: 18-23 Gospel: Matthew 13: 1-23

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Rachel Marini	Bredenia Raquel	Lawrence Ceconello
8.30am	Paul Polidano		Mary Waddick
10.00am	Pauline Erickson	Carmel Shiel	Rafaella Dinelli

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 22nd/23rd July 2023

1st Reading: Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19 2nd Reading: Romans 8: 16-27 Gospel: Matthew 13: 24-43

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Lucy Halliburton	Daniel Marini	Anne Maguire
8.30am	Frank Ozzimo		Penny Teo
10.00am	Miriam Ayoub	Vianney Shiel	Geraldine Williams

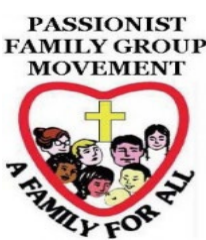
Multifaith, shared values within our Parish, and Peter's Pence?

Judaism, Islam, and Christianity are three major monotheistic religions that share historical and theological connections while also having distinct beliefs and practices. Throughout history, Judaism, Islam, and Christianity have had complex interactions, including periods of coexistence, cooperation, dialogue, as well as conflicts. Jerusalem, for example, holds significance for all these three religions, yet has also been a source of contention. It's interesting within our Parish then when a recent arrival to Australia from a nominally Islamic background has found comfort in our Parish because, as he puts it, of his belief in the goodness of Jesus Christ, and his recognition as a visitor of parishioners he has since met in whom, he also says, he sees the character of Christ. Coming from a war torn country this means much to him. He's not consciously seeking 'conversion' nor is anyone trying to 'convert him', yet he feels comfortable in our midst, and we with him. That's good all round. But what's the connection with Peter's Pence? None directly, other than this recent Parish 2nd Collection of \$807.50 helps support Pope Francis' selected good works around the world. - John Costa SJA

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**

St Kevin's Parish Social Justice Action Group First Annual Review Summary Document

Have you got your copy the St Kevin's Parish Social Justice Action Group 1st Annual review (June 2022-July 2023) yet? It's very much a brief Summary Report designed for its intended purpose. Next weekend we propose to quickly/readily conduct a 'congregation survey' immediately before the 2nd Collection, with 'feedback slips' to be added to the 2nd Collection boxes.



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

On Sunday, 30th July at the 10.00am Mass, we celebrate the 30th 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.



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.

BAKED GOODS

JUST LOVE

TASTY

COLD FRESH

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

RSVP: Email 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!

catholic mission 200 years
Reach out. Give life.

This weekend of 15/16th July, we are holding our annual **Propagation of the Faith Appeal**

This week Catholic Mission will offer the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to address gaps in medical care, and provide families with essential health care and knowledge, equipping them with the confidence to act and autonomy over their health and well-being.

The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic is a vital project for the Salesian Sisters and the Church in Venilale. Since its establishment, the clinic has provided life-saving treatment for families in need, like Petrolina's, whose daughter Vitoria was found to have tuberculosis. But, with an increase in the demand for treatment the Sisters' resources can only carry them so far.


Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/timor, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/timor

St Kevin's Christian Meditation, each Wednesday 9:30am ONLINE via Zoom. Why not try it?

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

You start to meditate very gently.
You start, you give up, you start again,
you give up and so on. You have to be gentle and self-understanding. Experience will teach you the value of meditation.
The longer you keep meditating the more you will see that your day has more purpose.
The more you begin to see meaning the more love grows in your heart.
but the love takes over.
signs of love growing silently in your heart.



A Word From Our Lay Ecclesial Leader...

My sincere congratulations to the liturgy team for the thoughtful and inspiring Masses a fortnight ago to honour our First Nations sisters and brothers during NAIDOC week. I am in awe at the huge amount of work and preparation that the team put into it. Our solidarity makes an important statement about this key social justice issue and it is testament of our commitment to follow Jesus' example.

Well done!

Blessings, Tiziana

Don Bosco Retreat Centre
Lysterfield

An invitation from Don Bosco Retreat Centre

We would like to warmly invite all parishioners to spend some time in personal prayer and a celebration of the Eucharist in honour of St John Bosco's relics being at the Don Bosco Retreat Centre on Tuesday 18th July 2023. (465 Lysterfield Rd, Lysterfield)

Personal prayer is welcome from 6pm and Mass will be celebrated at 7pm.

A friendly reminder about parish health and safety

It is wonderful to be together again as a parish by meeting and attending Mass in person. However, the reality is that we continue to live with (new strains) of Covid-19, and seasonal colds and flu so it is important to remain vigilant about everyone's health and safety in the parish. This is a friendly reminder to sanitise your hands on entry to the Church and before Communion. Although not mandatory, mask wearing is encouraged. If you are experiencing cold and flu symptoms please remain home until you are better. The Archdiocese has lifted restrictions regarding taking communion under both species and has asked parishes to decide whether that is appropriate in their context. Upon serious consideration, we have decided that in the current public health climate it is not prudent to offer the cup during Mass. We hope this can change in the near future. Thank you all for your cooperation.

Fr Charles & Tiziana D'Costa

Heart of Life
Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation

Rear 41 Stanhope Street, Malvern, Victoria 3144, Australia
Tel: (03) 9890 1101 Email: info@heartoflife.melbourne Web: www.heartoflife.melbourne

40th ANNIVERSARY 1983 - 2023

Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation upcoming reflection in July is below:

Windows onto God (in-person event), Sat 29 Jul, 10am-3pm

The windows explored are incarnation, darkness, abundance and self-acceptance. Incarnation, seen in the broad sense of God being in the world, takes in the joy of being alive. With this joy, there is the experience of darkness, which is also part of our human reality. Abundance picks up the theme of incarnation. It reminds us that God is lavish with her/his gifts and wants us to enjoy them. Self-acceptance is linked to these themes since it means accepting both the darkness and the light in ourselves. An interactive event allowing time for reflection and sharing, facilitated by Br Tim Lockwood cfc.

Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost \$60 (BYO Lunch). Book and pay via website www.heartoflife.melbourne, email info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel 9890 1101.

83
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to Jan Sheehan and Pat Rowland who celebrated their 83rd Birthdays last week. Happy Birthday to you both and thank you for all that you do for us.

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

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Isaiah 55: 10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The rain makes the earth fruitful.

The sixty-six chapters of the book of the prophet Isaiah are generally divided into three parts named First, Second and Third Isaiah.

These divisions, while neither neat nor exclusive, are suggested by the material contained in them.

Second Isaiah runs from chapters 40 to 55. It appears to be a collection of texts aimed at encouraging the Jewish exiles in 6th century Babylon, hence its common title "Book of Consolation".

Today's reading is taken from the concluding chapter of this book. It's worth reading in full.

The prophet aims to lift the spirits of the exiles with a series of invitations and promises, including this ringing affirmation of the power and effectiveness of God's word.

The Book of Consolation comes to a close just as it began, when the prophet declared at the outset that "the word of our God remains for ever".



Second Reading

Romans 8: 18: 18-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

Earlier in his letter to the Romans (5:12-21), Paul set up a comparison between Adam and Christ. Adam, he argued, brought sin and death to everyone, whereas Christ restored all to right relationship with God and gave them life. The age-old story of Adam's disobedience is the background to today's reading about the liberation of creation. The book of Genesis (3:17-19) implies that Adam's sin alienated not only humankind but creation itself.

Hence Paul says that God made creation "unable to attain its purpose". It became enslaved "to decadence" and, like humankind, longed for a rebirth into freedom. Human beings and creation alike have been "groaning in one great act of giving birth". In Paul's view, this birth has not yet been accomplished, but "the first-fruits of the Spirit" are like a deposit that secures its ultimate completion.

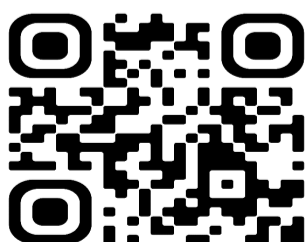
For better or for worse, the global environmental crisis has made us more vividly aware that the well-being of humanity is intimately linked to the well-being of the world. Pope Francis' cry for the earth, *Laudato si'*, has made this crystal clear. Paul's teaching, ancient as it is, has acquired new relevance.

This text is shot through with hope, but this doesn't make it an easy one to proclaim. After the first two short statements, the remainder of the passage consists of two long and heavily-laden sentences, each of which falls into two parts.

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.