

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

Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 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
Thursday	8.30am	Adoration
	9.15am	Mass
Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses



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, Lynda O'Meara and Milda Sarzetakas.

Anniversaries:

Jasmine Milanes, Ann Tipton, Nathan Jones, Margaret Cunningham, Danny Frawley, Antonio Ziino, Rosemary Mercieca, Donald Mullin and Liberato Crescia (1st Ann).

Recently Deceased:

Sr Anne Boyd

Feast Days this week:...

20th September

Ss Andrew Kim Tae-Gón, Paul Chóng Ha-Sang and Companions
Remembered for their fearless witness in the face of torture and death.

21st September St Matthew

Venerated as the author of the gospel which highlights Jesus' role as Messiah and underlines the presence of the kingdom of God in the Church.

23rd September St Pius of Pietrelcina

His ascetic life of pain led to special compassion for the suffering. Remembered as an extraordinary confessor and spiritual director.

LITURGY ROSTER

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 9/10th September 2023

1st Read: Ezekiel 33: 7-9 2nd Read: Romans 13: 8-10 Gos: Matthew 18: 15-20

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Margaret Turner	Rachel Marini	Lawrence Ceconello
8.30am	Frank Ozzimo		Mary Waddick
10.00am	Frances Johnson	Carmel Shiel	Geraldine Williams

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 16/17th September 2023

1st Read: Eccl 27: 30-28: 7 2nd Read: Romans 14: 7-9 Gos: Matthew 18: 21-35

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Hannah Halliburton	Kathy Pearce	Anne Maguire
8.30am	Julie O'Donnell		Pat Rowland
10.00am	Carmel Purdey	Liz O'Connell	Tony Robinson

Help families in crisis across Australia!



Social Justice Action St Kevin's Parish, Templestowe

St Kevin's Social Justice Action Group is collecting donations of new and leftover nappies - ones that little ones have grown out of or no longer need.

Through research, the Nappy Collective has learned that 1 in 10 families, or 280,000 children, don't have enough nappies - a situation they have named "nappy stress". Nappy stress can impact families facing financial hardship, experiencing or at risk of homelessness, escaping domestic violence, seeking asylum or those impacted by natural disasters.

By donating nappies to The Nappy Collective, you are helping to keep disadvantaged little ones clean, happy and healthy. Please place nappy donations in the box provided in the Church Gathering Space.

We are collecting in conjunction with Manningham Uniting Church Wood Street Templestowe <https://www.thenappycollective.com/>

i) Recent 2nd Collections appreciated, ii) Indigenous Voice outcome?

Our recent Parish community 2nd Collection donations towards the following two Catholic charities were much appreciated by their recipients - \$1,125 on one weekend for the Priest's Retirement Fund, and over four weekends for Catholic Care \$2,045.65. On a totally different topic but also very much to do with Social Justice it's timely now to recall a question put to the main speaker at our Joint St Kevin's / St Gregory's Parish online Indigenous Voice Forum on 12 April, Sherry Balcombe, (retiring) Manager of the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry. It was about Indigenous reactions to a YES or NO outcome. Sherry replied "If the Referendum is passed I am sure it would give great hope that has never been afforded to us before that we could/can change our place in Australian society and give us all hope of a brighter future for everyone not just Aboriginal people" She further replied "I imagine that if the Referendum fails then Aboriginal people would not be surprised, we have never really received much from Australia and it would just affirm for Aboriginal people that we as First Peoples are not valued by the community. I think it would reinforce that we would effectively continue to have little or no equal rights in Australia". In case you haven't yet seen the Australian Catholic Bishops Indigenous Voice Social Justice statement 2023/2024 it's on the Parish SJA Website page. - **John Costa SJA**



This Sunday we mark **Social Services Sunday**, where we give thanks for all who provide care and support to those who are marginalised and vulnerable within our community.

**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.

We may be interested in what prayer and meditation can teach us about ourselves.

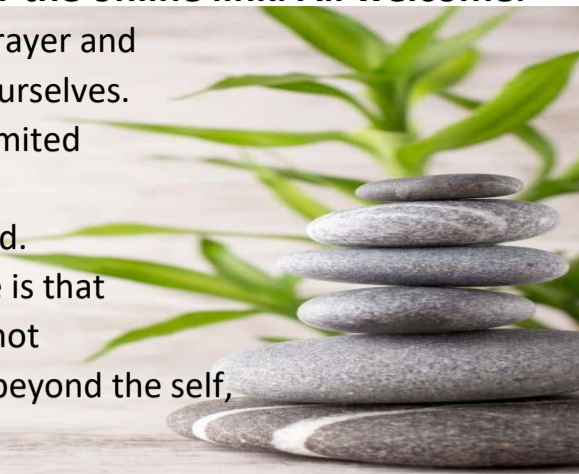
Meditation is a journey into unlimited knowledge and wisdom,

a journey into the mystery of God.

The point of the Gospel message is that

the experience of meditation is not

self-knowledge but the journey beyond the self, into God.



Baptism Welcome!

This weekend we welcome:

Michael and Rebecca Armocida

who will be introducing

Chloe Armocida

to our Parish Community in preparation for her Baptism next weekend.

Celebration
of the
Sacrament of Baptism



A Word From Our PP ...

Liturgy: I will be away at a Liturgy Conference from 27th to 30th September, including being away for the Saturday morning reconciliation hours.

The Mass, The Word and The Eucharist, and other times we gather in praise and worship! I love celebrating the Mass with you. It is such a deep abiding wonder for me to bring about with you the truth and reality of the real presence of Jesus Christ through Word and through his Body and Blood. A great grace to be that presence through our gathering together, and for each of us through our being members of his very self through our Baptism. Awesome indeed, and humbling! And I see this in your faces as you participate actively in being the people of God—truly listening to the readings and the homily and immersed in the Eucharist and receiving Holy Communion. I know you share this love and joy that I feel.

Because of this love and joy, I know that we need to grow in our understanding of the Mass and how to celebrate it and enable each of us to be full, active, conscious, engaged, loving participants every time we come together to worship. Because of this love and joy I am going to this conference and a number of parishioners are going with me: From St Greg's I have Chris and Brianna from the choir and Mary and Peter from the sacristy/general liturgy perspective. From St Kevin's I've got Carmel going and we are looking for more.

There are workshops on all aspects of celebrating the Liturgy of the Mass and other things: Music, Environment, Proclaiming the Word, and on and on. I am expecting a Spirit filled time and so I am hopeful that we will learn a lot that will help us to develop even more capacity to celebrate God's love for us and share it with the world.

PS: Thank you to all who gave me their prayers as I celebrated two years since arriving in Doncaster and Templestowe on 8th September 2021.

God bless, Fr Charles

PPS: During Fr Charles' absence, weekday Masses will not be offered. Instead, we shall celebrate a Service of the Word with Communion on Thursday morning, 28th September @ 9.15am.

Expression of Interest (EOI)

Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria (ACMV) Coordinator

Do you know, or are you, a First Nations person who is passionate about social justice and would thrive in a role that makes a real difference for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Melbourne Archdiocese?

Call or email the office and we'll send you the contact details.

More information is available from the leaflets on the table in the Gathering Space.

PS: I know Vicki and Sherry—the past and current coordinators and I know how much of a leading role they've taken for their people—and how much difference the ACM has made.

Fr Charles



St Charles Borromeo
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

**ST CHARLES TURNS 40!
WE INVITE ST CHARLES FAMILIES AND
FRIENDS TO
COME AND CELEBRATE WITH US**

**230-234 SERPELLS ROAD
TEMPLESTOWE**

SATURDAY

14TH

OCTOBER

2023

10:00AM MASS IN SCHOOL HALL

11:00AM SAUSAGE SIZZLE

11:30AM KABOOM SPORTS

12:00PM-2PM DJ IN THE HALL

OPEN SCHOOL UNTIL 4:00PM

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2024 Study Tour -

Journey with Paul: Türkiye – Greece

20 September – 6 October 2024

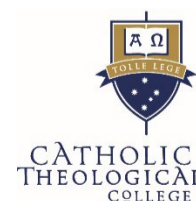
Tour Leader: Dr Rosemary Canavan

Online Information Sessions:

Saturday 16, 23 September, or 7 October 2023 at 2pm

Participants have the opportunity to undertake a study unit with CTC in conjunction with the tour for credit towards an award

RSVP & further information: rosemary.canavan@ctc.edu.au



Thanksgiving Offering

The next batch of Thanksgiving Envelopes have been prepared by our ever efficient Peter Norman (thank you very much Peter) and are now ready for collection from the table in the Gathering Space. Please remember to collect yours before leaving today. Thank you.

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 Lord is kind and merciful;
slow to anger and rich in compassion.

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Loving God please hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Sirach 27: 30-28: 7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

The book of Ecclesiasticus, or as it is more commonly called nowadays, the Wisdom of Ben Sirach (or just Sirach), was originally written in Hebrew less than 200 years before the birth of Jesus.

It is a loosely organised collection of reflections and teachings on how to live wisely.

It draws on Greek philosophical traditions but its primary source and influence is the Torah, God's word and law. Sirach's grandson translated it into Greek several decades later, bringing it even closer to New Testament times.

Neither the overall arrangement of topics nor the treatment of individual subjects is systematic.

Its style is allusive and repetitive, as the author muses on his subject, allowing one thought to prompt another.

That's evident in today's passage on anger, resentment and forgiveness.

It presents observations based on real life experience and situates them in the framework of Israel's covenant faith.

It has been chosen for its clear association with the parable Jesus tells in today's gospel, but it also brings to mind how we pray for forgiveness in the Lord's Prayer.

The reading is a series of two-line maxims.

There is a thread of sorts joining them together.

Second Reading

Romans 14: 7-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

We come to the sixteenth and final passage from Paul's letter to the Romans. No other letter gets such sustained exposure in the Sunday lectionary (1 Corinthians is spread out over three years), though the early extracts from Romans are rarely read because of the vagaries of the Lent-Easter season. Today's short text is all we hear from the final two chapters of the letter.

It may be familiar to some because it is one of the options for the Mass of Christian Burial. Paul's teaching on the interplay between one another's lives arises out of tensions between two groups in the community. There are those who are "strong," meaning people who exercise their freedom to eat anything they wish, and those who are "weak," meaning those who feel bound by dietary regulations. The latter abstain from meat (perhaps forbidden under Mosaic Law or sourced from pagan services) and eat only vegetables.

Paul is appealing for mutual respect between these groups. He puts their human differences in the overarching context of the death and resurrection of Christ. Believers caught up in the mystery of the Lord's dying and rising are freed from the drive to pass judgement on others. Their lives can be a positive influence on one another. It's fitting enough that our long journey through this magisterial letter should finish by confessing Christ as "Lord both of the dead and the living"

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WILL YOUR FAITH BLOSSOM?

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 go directly and securely into the Church account.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

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