



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 Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 23rd/24th September, 2023
Baptism Weekend

National Day for Migrants and Refugees

Our Presider today is: Fr Charles Balnaves

From the Desk of the PP...

Since March 2022 we have been praying for Ukraine for the end of the unjust invasion and war perpetrated by Russia. We have also included a sampling of other countries at war, however we revert to praying for Ukraine mainly because it is by far the largest war and most threatening to the world as a whole.

To cover all countries where conflict abounds, remember that our prayer includes those listed here and any I have missed:

10,000 or more combat deaths in past year

Ukraine, Myanmar, Maghreb area, Mexican drug war, Ethiopia, Sudan

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Columbia, Afghanistan, Somalia, Congo/Uganda insurgency, Nigeria communities, Iturbi, Iraq, Kivu/Congo-Rwanda, South Sudan/Sudan nomads, Boko Haram Nigeria, Syria, Nigerian Bandits, Yemen, FRG9 Haiti.

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Kurdish separatism in Iran, Jamaica politics, Indo-Pakistan Kashmiri insurgency, Israeli-Palestine (antisemitic terrorism), Baluchistan insurgency, NE India insurgencies, Papua, Philippines New People's Army and drugs, Kurdish-Turkish, Nagorno-Karabakh, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa Pakistan, Libya, Sinai Egypt, Centra African Republic, Northern Chad, Cabo Delgado, Cameroon anglophone crisis, Bangladesh drug war, Salvadoran gangs, Las Anod Somaliland.

And there are 14 other countries with "skirmishes and clashes."

Plus there are religious oppression conflicts such as in Iran where to follow a faith other than Islam is strongly suppressed. And then if one wishes we can include the seeming war on life itself with deaths through euthanasia and the millions through abortion.

Total combat deaths 2023 so far: >200,000 combatants, ~60% Ukraine.

We pray for those affected by natural disasters, most recently Morocco and Libya. But there are many disasters and they fall out of the news but should not fall out of our prayers:

China Floods, Atlantic Hurricanes, NE US Floods, Nth American wildfires, Cyclone Mocha (Myanmar/Bangladesh), US Tornadoes, California storms, Turkey-Syria Earthquake, Pakistan Floods, Humanitarian Crises due to natural and human factors: Sudan, Syria, Horn of Africa, Ukraine, Afghanistan, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Venezuela, Yemen. Other complex emergencies.

Yes, we pray for the people of Ukraine. Yes we pray for the people of Morocco and Libya. But when we make this prayer we ask God to be generous and loving for all who are suffering.

God bless, Fr Charles

Safeguarding Essential Training and Risk Assessment - delivered by Brech Burgess of the Archdiocese of Melbourne

Venue - St Kevin's Gathering Space

Date/Time – 3.30pm to 5.00pm Saturday October 7th (please note change of times)

Participants- Safeguarding Committee members; Children's Liturgy Leaders; Youth Group Leaders; Leaders from all other ministries.

Agenda - * 3.30pm - Registration

* 3.40pm - Training Part 1- Safeguarding Essentials - PowerPoint and hardcopy worksheets

* 4.30pm - Training Part 2- Risk Assessments - PowerPoint and hardcopy worksheets

* 4.55pm - Concluding Prayer and home or stay for 5.30pm Mass!

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

Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am (Baptism Presentation at 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	
Thursday	10.15am	Adoration
	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:

John Shine, Ken Liu, Ercole Monaco, Michelle Reardon, Carmel Philips, Lorna James and Denis Houlihan.

Recently Deceased:

Feast Days this week:...

27th September St Vincent De Paul
Remembered especially for his practical concern for the poor and the sick.

29th September
Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael
Each of these three angels is named as a messenger of God, entrusted with special divine missions on earth.

30th September St Jerome
Often irascible and intolerant, he is remembered for his asceticism and scholarship and, above all, for his incomparable service to the word of God.

LITURGY ROSTER

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 23rd/24th September 2023

1st Read: Isaiah 55: 6-9 2nd Read: Philippians 1: 20-24, 27 Gos: Matthew 20: 1-16

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Tiziana D'Costa	Christine Marini	Tiziana D'Costa
8.30am	Pauline Erickson		Adrian Teo
10.00am	Vianney Shiel	Jessica Bartholomeusz	Lyn Robinson

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 30th September/1st October 2023

1st Read: Ezekiel 18: 25-28 2nd Read: Philippians 2: 1-11 Gos: Matthew 21: 29-32

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Daniel Marini	Hannah Halliburton	Maryanne McNamara
8.30am	Frank Ozzimo		Frances Bettiol
10.00am	Tony Byrne	Liz O'Connell	Kaye Byrne

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/>

Caritas Australia's Emergency Appeals – Morocco / Libya

Caritas Australia needs your support to respond to the devastating earthquake in Morocco and floods in Libya. Thousands of people have died and others have been injured. Communities need shelter, food, water and medical assistance. Please support Caritas Australia's emergency appeals.

Donate at www.caritas.org.au or by contributing towards our Second Collection.



109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Each year, the world observes World Day of Migrants and Refugees on the last Sunday of September. It is a day designated yearly by the Catholic Church to commemorate and honour people who have been forced to flee their homes, people who have escaped conflict, seen adversity, and, against all odds, forged their way to find greener pastures in places far away from their homes. It has been designated to recognise the courage and fortitude of these people and heighten our level of empathy and understanding for the plight and difficult decisions many immigrants have had to make.

The theme of Pope Francis' Message for this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees is

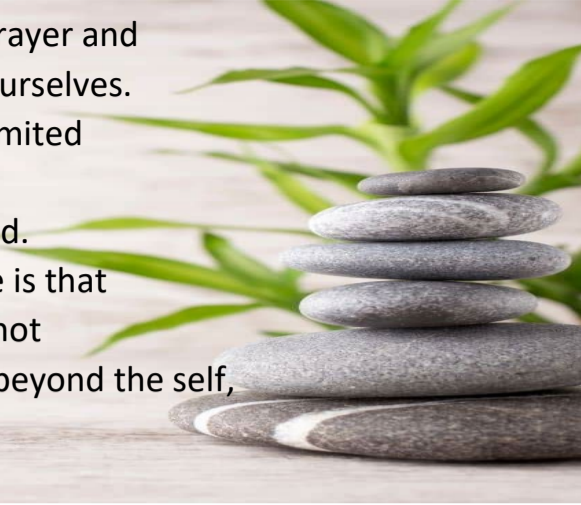
"Freedom to choose whether to migrate or stay"

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.



St Kevin's Parish warmly welcomes through the Sacrament of Baptism...

Chloe Armocida

Daughter of Michael and Rebecca



Happy Birthday!

to our dear **Thorold Merrett** who turns 90 on Saturday, 30th September.

Thorold has been a parishioner of St Kevin's for many years and was a well known football player!

Congratulations and Best Wishes to you Thorold on reaching this amazing milestone! Well done!

ATTENTION ALL MASS VOLUNTEERS

- please check your email inbox.



An email has been sent this week to all Mass volunteers regarding each person's availability for the upcoming roster from November to end of April 2024. Please reply to that email with your unavailability dates so that preparation of the roster can begin. Thanks everyone.

Any new volunteers out there? Ring Pauline 0407 824 638.

Fr Charles will be at a conference late next week and will not be available for our regular Thursday morning Mass.

However, a Service of the Word with Communion will be offered by our lovely Tiziana D'Costa on Thursday morning, here at St Kevin's Church, at 9.15am. All welcome.

COMMUNION
Service



Are you interested in learning about Catholicism? Learning more about Jesus?

Are you, or is someone you know, curious about this?

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) will soon begin its next series of meetings for St Gregory's and St Kevin's parishes at St Gregory's Church. For more information, please phone Cathy (0431 748 898) or leave contact details with the Parish Office (9412 8425) or speak with Fr Charles. Warm welcome assured.



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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BOOKISH MORNING TEA

Our next Bookish Morning Tea will take place on Wednesday, 27th September and continue every fortnight. Please make sure you mark this date in your diary and we look forward to enjoying some special time together.



The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold their **Annual Mission Fair** on **Saturday 14 October 9.00 am – 2.30 pm** at 154 Cotham Road, Kew. This year the proceeds will be for the renovation and extension of a school in Zambia run by Franciscan Sisters of the Presentation for marginalised children.' Enquiries Phone: 9817 3715.



St Kevin's Parish Open Forum

Thursday, 26 October 7 pm - 9 pm, in the Church Gathering Space.

What's happening in the Parish and in the broader Church?

Everyone welcome! More details to follow.

MARCH FOR THE BABIES 2023

Come join thousands in our peaceful walk through Melbourne's CBD, to protest against the horrors of full-term abortion in Victoria. Help us speak out against this law and celebrate all life!

OCTOBER 7TH, 1PM START

Meeting at Treasury Gardens, corner of Spring Street and Wellington Parade



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 near to all who call him.

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Loving God please hear our prayer.

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

First Reading

Isaiah 55: 6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

This excerpt from the book of the prophet Isaiah is part of a longer passage read during the solemn liturgy of the word at the Paschal Vigil. As was noted there, chapter 55 of the book of the prophet Isaiah brings the second section of the work to a splendid close and threads together many of its themes. Generally called the Book of Consolation, chapters 40-55 are addressed to the exiles returning home from exile in Babylon.

Today's text is a call to conversion. The wicked and evil are exhorted: "Seek the Lord while he is still to be found". This is not at all a threat, but a positive invitation to sinners to put their trust in "our God who is rich in forgiving". They are reminded of the mystery and majesty of God who transcends the limitations of the human mind. If a feature of sinfulness is to be held mentally captive by narrow categories of reward and punishment, then the discovery of divine forgiveness will bring about a true liberation of mind, heart and spirit.

This is a short but appealing reading. It begins with the earthy reality of the human condition, but swiftly moves into the infinite realm of God's mercy and compassion.

Second Reading

Philippians 1: 20-24. 27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

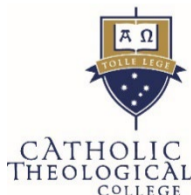
For me to live is Christ.

After our long journey through the weighty theological treatise that is Paul's letter to the Romans, a short sprint through a letter radiating joy and friendship may come as a welcome relief. The generally sunny spirit of the letter to the Philippians is clear, but where, when and why it was written are questions that remain without definitive answers.

It's a pity that today's first extract gives no clue to Paul's affection for the Philippians. It plunges us straightaway into a rhetorical debate that Paul is having with himself while imprisoned. What would be the better thing for him – to die and be with Christ, or to live on and continue his mission? Unfortunately, the compilers of the lectionary chose not to include any of the preceding material in which Paul greets the community, prays thankfully for them and explains the situation which has given rise to his dilemma.

Deprived of this context, the reading is more puzzling and less appealing than it might otherwise have been. It asks us, without warning, to enter sympathetically into the argument Paul is having in his own mind and to follow the restless toing and froing of his thought.

2024 Study Tour -



Journey with Paul: Türkiye – Greece
20 September – 6 October 2024

Tour Leader: Dr Rosemary Canavan

Online Information Sessions:

Saturday 7 October 2023 at 2pm

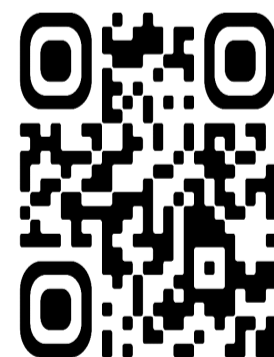
Participants have the opportunity to undertake a study unit with CTC in conjunction with the tour for credit towards an award

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



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.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

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