

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
Saturday	9.15am	Mass
	5.30pm	Mass (First Communion Mass)
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am Masses (First Communion @ 10.00am)	



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:

Kristina Kulpinska, Wladyslawa Kulpinska, Gino Trentini, Denis Houlihan, Orazio Torre, Palmira Dinelli and Catherine Conti.

Recently Deceased:

Mary Sanderson (sister of Barry Sharkey)

Feast Days this week:...

2nd October The Holy Guardian Angels
This feast associates the human race with the eternal song of praise in heaven.

4th October St Francis of Assisi
Remembered for preaching the poor and crucified Christ in both word and humble action.

7th October Our Lady of the Rosary
This commemoration is a memorial of the Virgin Mary as honoured in the rosary, a form of prayer combining the salvation of the angel with meditation on the saving mysteries of Christ.



to **Thorold Merrett** who turned 90 years old on 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!

On the 8th October after the 10.00am Mass, we will be celebrating Thorold Merrett's 90th Birthday. Everyone is welcome to join the celebration.

LITURGY ROSTER

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

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – 7/8th October 2023
1st Read: Isaiah 5: 1-7 2nd Read: Philippians 4: 6-9 Gos: Matthew 21: 33-43

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Tiziana D'Costa	First Communicant	Lawrence Ceconello
8.30am	Miriam Ayoub		Mary Waddick
10.00am	Tiziana D'Costa	First Communicant	Tony Whelan

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.

For more information: <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.



Who was St Vincent de Paul?

Vincent de Paul was born in the small southern French village of Pouy – later renamed Saint Vincent de Paul in his honour – on 24 April 1581. He was ordained as a priest in 1600 at the age of 19. As a young man, he ministered to the wealthy and powerful. However, an appointment as chaplain to a poor parish and to galley prisoners, inspired him to work with the poor, those most marginalised and powerless. Vincent urged his followers to bring God's justice and love to people who were unable to live a full human life:

“Deal with the most urgent needs. Organise charity so that it is more efficient...teach reading and writing, educate with the aim of giving each the means of self-support. Intervene with authorities to obtain reforms in structure... there is no charity without justice.”

Vincent de Paul died in Paris on 27 September 1660 at the age of 79. He was canonised on 16 June 1737.

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.

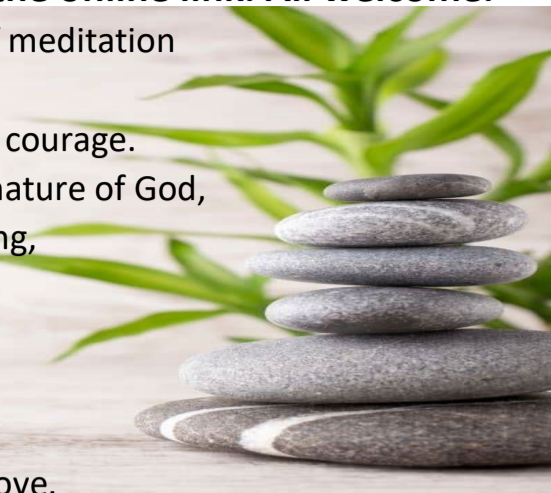
The commitment to the journey of meditation calls us into the unknown.

It requires faith and perhaps some courage.

But once we have begun, it is the nature of God, the nature of love to sweep us along, teaching us that this discipline is the way to freedom.

We leave behind loneliness, confusion and isolation.

What we find is communion, and love.



Baptism Welcome!

This weekend we welcome:

Matthew and Vanessa

who will be introducing

Luisa Josephine Azzopardi

to our Parish Community in preparation for her Baptism in a few weeks' time.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism



Daylight Savings commences this weekend!

Please remember to turn your clocks and watches forward one hour so that we can enjoy the longer days of sunshine for the next few months.



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.

Baptisms, RCIA, people joining the Church:

Please, encourage your friends, ask them to just come along and see how friendly Jesus is. We are not seeing many requests for baptism or much interest in RCIA. Please. Make an effort; suggest to your friends that baptising their children is vitally important; invite a friend to join you and come to the first session on becoming catholic. Take a risk! What can go wrong? They say no? So you move on and ask someone else.

MEN'S SOCIAL GROUP



ST KEVIN'S PARISH, TEMPLESTOWE

The next **St Kevin's Men's Social Group** takes place on **Friday, 13th October @ 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 add your name to the sign-up sheet at the entry of the church, or you can ring the parish office on 9850 5983, or email Tiziana at tiziana.dcosta@cam.org.au



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

RSVP BY SCANNING THE CODE



Next Weekend at both 5.30pm Saturday evening and 10.00am Sunday morning, we shall be celebrating First Eucharist Masses. All are invited and welcome to come and celebrate this important Sacrament when we pray for our parish children as they travel along their faith journey.



St Kevin's Parish Open Forum

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

To discuss our parish, how it is faring, where are we heading, what you are thinking about the future, what you'd like to see happen. Everyone welcome!

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, IPM 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

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Hear our prayer.

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

First Reading

[Ezekiel 18: 25-28](#)

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

The prophet Ezekiel's message to the people of Israel about personal responsibility is better understood in the light of the opening and closing verses of the chapter. They are worth checking out (18:1-2.31-32). At the outset God accuses the exiles of blaming their suffering on the faults of their ancestors, exemplified in an ancient proverb.

Without this context, the short extract we hear today begins abruptly. The point is made in categorical terms. Good people who choose to sin must accept its deadly consequences, while sinners who repent will be blessed with life. Each individual is personally responsible for his or her choices. This stark declaration is put in broader context by the concluding verses of the chapter. The drama of human choice takes place under the umbrella of God's desire for humankind to live. The people to are told "make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit . . . Repent and live!"

Elsewhere in the scriptures there is recognition that the choices human beings make do impinge on others, whether their contemporaries or later generations. Only two Sundays ago we heard Paul say "The life and death of each of us has its influence on others" (Rom 14:7). Ezekiel's prophetic task is to react against the people's evasion of personal responsibility, hence the absolute stance he takes.

Second Reading

[Philippians 2: 1-11](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

This is the only occasion in the three-year cycle of readings for Sundays and feasts that the whole of Philippians 2:1-11 is included in the lectionary. It consists of two inter-related parts – Paul's deeply felt appeal to the Philippians to be united among themselves, followed by the celebrated canticle that sums up the paschal mystery. The canticle is heard independently on Palm Sunday and on the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, while today the lectionary offers the option of reading only Paul's appeal without the hymn. Not to proclaim the full reading today would be a great pity. It is an ideal example of how Paul, in addressing a problematic situation, is inspired to profound theological reflection.

Paul's extended plea for the community to "be united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind" demonstrates the strength of the affection he has for them. It's a powerful and persuasive exhortation. But it's more than a moral appeal to good will. It's grounded in the self-sacrificing love of Jesus Christ and is the defining trait of those who claim his name. Believers must make his mind their own. That's what the canticle spells out so lucidly. With admirable economy it crystallises the whole paschal mystery.

ATTENTION ALL MASS VOLUNTEERS

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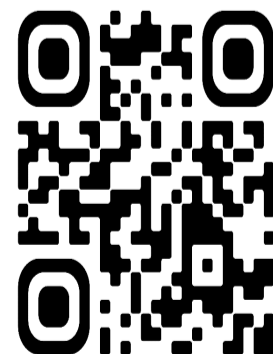


An email has been sent this week to all Mass volunteers regarding each person's availability for the upcoming roster from November to end of April 2024. Please reply to that email with your unavailability dates so that preparation of the roster can begin. Thanks everyone.

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

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.