



# 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 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 14/15<sup>th</sup> October, 2023

**Our Presider today is:** Fr Barry Caldwell

**From the desk of the Parish Priest,**

**Parish Forum** October 26<sup>th</sup>

Come along to discuss our parish. Where we're at today, what our finances look like, where we could head with Jesus Christ, what our Parish Pastoral Council should be for the future, and your thoughts for the future.

Please put this date in your diary and come along.

**International Visitor:** Ron Huntley November 22nd 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. A meal at 6:00 pm followed by time to listen to Ron, to think about his words in small groups and to share thoughts and questions.

Ron is a friend of mine and an amazingly inspiring Catholic who has lived the experience of helping parishes to become more alive in Christ, to be energised with the call to be disciples who both follow Christ and seek to share their faith gently and consistently, welcoming the grace of the Holy Spirit leading us.

Please make the time to come along—these discussions will help inform how we move forwards after our parish assembly.

**Proclaim!!!** 16-18 November: Have a look at joining. The 2018 Proclaim conference I went to was inspiring, I encourage you to sign up. The parish will cover the registration costs—you get a discount by using the code **parishmember** when you register.

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1131232>

To be held at the Catholic Leadership Centre, 576 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne More details at [www.melbournecatholic.org.au](http://www.melbournecatholic.org.au)

Over three days, the Catholic Leadership Centre will become a vibrant sojourn to inspire, engage and equip ourselves to go out and proclaim the joy of the Gospel into our local communities. Hear inspiring local and international speakers Encounter Jesus through prayer, music and fellowship. Workshops to equip ourselves for mission. Connect and celebrate our shared faith together

**God bless, Fr Charles**



MARY MACKILLOP PLACE

OUT OF THE Ordinary

**The Sisters of Saint Joseph** have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, “**In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop**” commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023.

During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry.

If you have any questions or would like an itinerary and application form, please contact [national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au](mailto:national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au) or Tel: 8912 4818.

## 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.*

Welcome, Azzopardi family!

## 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 (First Communion Mass)
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	(First Communion Mass @ 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:

Salvatore Ozzimo, Doris Delaney, Lorna James, Roma Johnson, Palmara Dinelli, Peter Chin, Pam Graham, Liberato Crescia and John Bumford.

## Recently Deceased:

## Feast Days this week:...

**17<sup>th</sup> October** St Ignatius of Antioch  
At Antioch, where he was bishop, his death has been commemorated on this day since the fourth century.

Remembered for being devoted to Christ and his resurrection, he urged Christians to unity in and through the Eucharist.

**18<sup>th</sup> October** St Luke

Remembered as being the author of the Third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. Almost certainly a Gentile and perhaps a companion of St Paul, he wrote to reassure those who had grown uncertain toward the end of the first century.

## LITURGY ROSTER

### Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 14/15<sup>th</sup> October 2023

**1<sup>st</sup> Read: Isaiah 25: 6-10 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20 Gos: Matt 22: 1-14**

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Rachel Marini	Margaret Turner	Lyn O'Brien
8.30am	Paul Polidano		Pat Rowland
10.00am	Frances Johnson	Miriam Ayoub	Lyn Murphy

### Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023

**1<sup>st</sup> Read: Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: Thessalonians 1: 1-5 Gos: Matthew 22: 15-21**

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Tiziana	1 <sup>st</sup> Eucharist Candidate	Anne Maguire
8.30am	Jessica Bartholomeusz		Penny Teo
10.00am	Ana	1 <sup>st</sup> Eucharist Candidate	Raffaela Dinelli



**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!



## Marriage Anniversary Mass, St Patrick's Cathedral

**Sunday 22 October, 2023**  
**11:00am – 12:00pm**

Couples and families are invited to join us as we celebrate our annual Anniversary Mass. Couples who register and are celebrating the following anniversaries—5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th or 40 years and above—will receive a commemorative certificate. Register by Sunday 15 October at [trybooking.com/CLKRB](http://trybooking.com/CLKRB). For all enquiries, please contact Proclaim on 9926 5721 or email [proclaim@cam.org.au](mailto:proclaim@cam.org.au).

## Catholic Mission: Reach out. Give life.

### World Mission Day Appeal

This year's World Mission Day Appeal is scheduled for next weekend 21/ 22 October.

The appeal supports the important work of putting faith into action amongst our very close neighbours who are in great need.

Envelopes and a QR Code will be provided for donations. Envelopes can be taken home and either brought back to the parish or posted free of charge to Catholic Mission.

**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.**

When we sit to meditate,  
we accept the wonder of the moment of now.  
We are confident in the power of  
Jesus to do God's work in us.  
We experience Jesus, alive in our hearts.



**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.



**SAVE THE DATE**

**What happened at the First Assembly of the Synod on Synodality in Rome, October 2023?**

Ms Susan Pascoe AM and Bishop Shane Mackinlay (to be confirmed) in discussion with Fr. Frank Brennan and Prof. Peter Sheehan. Susan and Bishop Shane have been involved extensively in the lead up to the Synod, and will be present at the First Assembly meeting. They should provide unique insight into the events of the First Assembly, and the implications for Australia.

**Thursday, 23 November, 5 pm to 8 pm**

Light refreshments available at the end of the discussion

**The Oratory, Newman College, The University of Melbourne**

**887 Swanston Street, Parkville**

Please register beforehand at <https://www.trybooking.com/CLOTP>

Organised by [Sense of the Faithful](#)



**Benedict Conference to explore what a 'Church of faith' can offer a searching world**

On 28 October, the Australian Catholic University (ACU) Melbourne campus will host the 2023 Benedict Conference—the first of its kind here in Melbourne. This inaugural event will bring together international and local speakers to explore the life and legacy of Pope Benedict XVI (otherwise known as Joseph Ratzinger), building its conversations around the themes of truth, goodness and beauty.

For tickets, please visit [www.benedictconference.com/tickets](http://www.benedictconference.com/tickets).

**One way or another, this weekend will be a significant weekend for Australia, and Social Justice!**

With no certainty over the outcome of the VOICE Referendum I ask myself whether after this weekend the long-standing Australian spirit of a fair go will still prevail?

Debate has often focused on things like holding the Government to ransom, high cost, lack of information, and social division. The main focus through all of this this should be the intent of the Voice, that is to gently remove the vast gap separating the lives of 1st Nations people, and everyone else. Australia's most authoritative legal authority has dismissed any argument about holding the Government to ransom, yet this argument has persisted.

As for information, anyone with a real interest in this Referendum has 200 years of documented miserable indigenous history, together with 60,000 years of prior occupancy to learn from. According to the Productivity Commission the Australian Government spent \$33 billion unproductively on indigenous issues over 2015-16 because it was not based on understanding Indigenous issues and solutions. As for having 'full information' about the major decisions Governments need to make in relation to future economics, warfare, climate change, social and technological change, pandemics and much else, there can never be 'full information'. However national 'principles' and values need always to underpin decisions that support equality, unity, shared prosperity and a 'fair go' for all. - John Costa, SJA

**Social Justice Action**

**St Kevin's Parish, Templestowe**

For information on our Parish Schools please contact:

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## Responsorial Psalm

I shall live in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life.

## Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Hear our prayer.

### REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### First Reading

##### [Isaiah 25: 6-10](#)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.*

In Isaiah's oracle about the messianic banquet, several boundaries disappear as we listen. The boundary separating Israel from the nations dissolves; this banquet is for "all peoples". Earthly time and heavenly time merge, for this event will occur in God's good time. Grief gives way to joy, limits are swept away by abundance, and alienation from God is replaced with communion. It's a vision of fulfilment beyond human imagining.

This passage may be familiar to some because it's a recommended text for funerals, but that use may lead to a common misinterpretation. The "mourning veil" and "shroud" are not garments that clothe either mourners or the dead. They refer to the veil in the Temple that kept the Holy of Holies from view, because for earthly mortals to see God's glory was to die. That barrier is destined to be removed to let human beings commune with the divine. This is a visionary text that draws on powerful images. One is that of a banquet. The enjoyment of abundant fare and table-friendship is a fundamental human good that serves well to symbolise our ultimate destiny. Another is that of the holy mountain. Mountain peaks appear regularly in the scriptures as privileged places for human beings to encounter God. Isaiah combines these images to paint a picture of profound appeal.

The oracle has a poetic quality to it, as is evidenced by the way it is set out in the lectionary.

#### Second Reading

##### [Philippians 4: 12-14. 19-20](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.*

Apart from the final words of personal greeting that round off Paul's letter to the Philippians, today's passage brings it to a close. In verses omitted from the lectionary text, Paul acknowledges receipt of several gifts of money the community had sent to support him. Earlier in the letter he had identified "brother Epaphroditus" as the community's courier.

That's the background to Paul's words: "it was good of you to share with me in my hardships". Paul's regular practice was to insist on being financially independent, refusing, for example, to accept support from the Corinthians or the Ephesians. He seems to have made an exception of the Philippians because of his friendship with them. But even while expressing his thanks to them, Paul seems reluctant to admit his needs. He writes of his capacity for self-sufficiency – a Stoic virtue, but here explicitly rooted in God's sure bounty. All this seems to moderate Paul's gratitude for the Philippians' support.

Nonetheless, this is an attractive reading. It offers wise counsel about contentment in our current age of aspiration and entitlement. Above all it invites grateful acknowledgement of God's generous goodness.

## PROCLAIM – SAVE THE DATE

16 - 18 November 2023

A three-day event to inspire, engage and equip ourselves to go out and proclaim the Gospel into our local communities.

**Inspiring speakers – Formation – Music – Prayer**  
**Further details to come.**

*Proclaim* is an initiative of *Proclaim: the Office for Mission Renewal*, on behalf of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, and inspired by *Take the Way of the Gospel*.



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.

