



# 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 Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time                                      21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2023  
First Communions Weekend

**Our Presider today is:** Fr Charles Balnaves



## PARISH OPEN FORUM - THURSDAY 26 OCTOBER 7 PM-9 PM

When did we last gather as a parish? Fr Gerry's farewell? A lot has happened since then!

Come along to our parish Open Forum next Thursday, 26 October from 7 pm to 9 pm in the Church Gathering Space.

**We will talk about our parish, how it is going and where we are headed.**

**We want to hear from you.**

**This is a great opportunity to catch up, ask questions and share ideas.**

**We value your feedback. Light refreshments provided. Everyone is welcome.**

**It's important. Save the date. We look forward to seeing you there!**

### ***From the desk of the Parish Priest***

EVENTS COMING: Dates to reserve:

- Parish Open Forum Thursday October 26th
- Vibrant and Vital Parishes: a discussion with Ron Huntley Wednesday 22nd November

And surrounding these major events:

- Joint St Kevin's and St Greg's Christmas Party Sunday December 3rd after 5 pm Mass.

And in addition to these and your attending Mass, there are the ongoing things that happen in the parish: Meditation, the RCIA group providing formation of people to join and become followers of Jesus Christ, TGYG (Thank God it's Youth Group) and so on are all very active.

St Kevin's parish has life, and I give my thanks and blessing to everyone who helps bring that life.

But ...

The first two events I've listed are about seeking to grow and thrive beyond what we already have, so I encourage you especially to come to the event on the 22nd of November and help me discern with you our path of growth in faith and desire to share our faith and seek to bring people to Jesus.

SAFEGUARDING:

The Safeguarding Committee met this past Thursday evening. Feedback from various external sources say we are doing well in building a culture of conscious but sensible consideration of keeping our children safe in ALL circumstances.

So! Congratulations! Thank you! Well Done!

That doesn't mean we are finished—there remains a lot to do to build our capacity to be able to be certain that all our ministries live up to the best standards of safeguarding.

But, once again thank you for your part in getting us where we are.

If you don't have a WWCC or a Code of Conduct, and if you are a volunteer of any sort for the parish: come and see me or Ana in the parish office and we will get you registered in no time at all.

PS: I sat through the premiere of "The Three Doors" at St Kevin's Primary School on Thursday: Amazing, enthusing and it made me cry in places. I am astounded (a good thing) at the capabilities of all our children.

*God bless, Fr Charles*

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

Saturday	5.30pm	First Communion Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	(First Communion Mass @ 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	(Baptism @ 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:

Mary Bonnici, Eahle Kim, Eddie Lim and Marta Mlikota.

### Recently Deceased:

### Feast Days this week:...

**28<sup>th</sup> October** Ss Simon and Jude  
*Simon "the less" is also called "the Canaanite" and "the Zealot". Jude (son of James)' (Luke 6: 16. Acts 1: 13) was traditionally thought to be the same person as Jude, brother of James and author of the letter of Jude, but may also be the one called "Thaddeus" (Matthew 10: 3. Mark 3: 18). A tradition has Simon and Jude preaching and being martyred in Persia. Honoured among the twelve apostles, the first followers of Christ.*

## LITURGY ROSTER

### 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

### Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 28/29<sup>th</sup> October 2023

**1<sup>st</sup> Read: Exodus 22: 20-26 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: Thessalonians 1: 5-10 Gos: Matt 22: 34-40**

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Janed Parsons	Kathy Pearce	Maryanne McNamara
8.30am	Julie O'Donnell		Pat Rowland
10.00am	Carmel Purdey	Hannah Halliburton	Geraldine Williams



**St Kevin's Parish proudly extends a warm welcome to the following children who come to the Table of the Lord for the first time this weekend.**

### Congratulations and Welcome to:

Roman Capuana	Gia Cardinale	Madeline Carman	Aria Cerqueira (blessing)
Adele De Luise	Marco Ferlito	Lola Fisher	Chantelle Giang
Eve Nichele	Katya Porqueddu	Patrick Scully	Eva Tierney
			Steffi Koziol
			Sienna Tierney



## 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**

Over three days (16-18 November) join together with parishes from across the Archdiocese of Melbourne to be inspired, engaged and equipped 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 and participate in workshops to equip ourselves for mission! Register: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1131232> use the discount code: parishmember to access the special registration price for parishioners. Enquiries: (03) 9926 5761 or [proclaim@cam.org.au](mailto:proclaim@cam.org.au) St Kevin's Parish will cover registration costs. 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*.



### 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).**

### Catholic Mission: Reach out.

**Give life.** Due to the war in Gaza, it has been decided to postpone **The World Mission Day Appeal** until next weekend so that we can support Caritas Australia in its humanitarian efforts towards the Gaza crisis.

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 path of meditation is the path of faith.

The sign of faith is silence.

The door to silence is the mantra.

Going through the door,

we discover communion with God.

This mystery is present to us in our heart.



### 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>

## Social Justice Action

### St Kevin's Parish, Templestowe

#### Some Good News. Some Very Bad News

Our parishioners recently contributed \$1,408 of 2nd Collections to retired priests, so many of whom we now still gratefully depend on to celebrate Masses. Other news is very disturbing. "Ambulances and private cars rushed about 350 casualties from the Al Ahli blast to Gaza City's main hospital, Al Shifa, which was already overwhelmed with wounded from other strikes, said its director, Mohammed Abu Selmia. The wounded were laid onto bloody floors, screaming in pain. "We are squeezing five beds into a single tiny room. We need equipment, we need medicine, we need beds, we need anaesthesia, we need everything," Abu Selmia said, warning that the fuel supply for the hospital's generators would run out Wednesday. "I think Gaza's medical sector will collapse within hours." Before the Al Ahli Hospital deaths, Israeli strikes on Gaza killed at least 2778 people and wounded 9700, according to the Gaza Health Ministry. Nearly two-thirds of those killed were children, a ministry official said. Another 1200 people across Gaza are believed to be buried under the rubble, alive or dead, health authorities said". Extract from The Age, 18 October 2023. *Let us remember our Christ given mission to, somehow, help those in need. - John Costa SJA*



#### St Kevin's Catholic Parish, Templestowe – An explanation of PARISH COLLECTIONS

##### How to contribute and where does the money go?

At each Parish weekend Mass, there are generally two (2) collections, namely:

**FIRST COLLECTION** – the first collection combines two (2) collections, the **THANKSGIVING OFFERING collection**, the funds from which go toward the upkeep of the Parish Church and to pay our Parish operating costs; and the **PRESBYTERY OFFERING collection** which supports the Parish Priest.

##### How to make your contribution:

###### AT MASS Contributions

**Cash Contributions** - For those parishioners who have signed up to the **St Kevin's Parish Thanksgiving Offering Program (THANSKGIVING OFFERING)** and who have chosen to make regular cash contributions, they can place their contributions in the Program's two-sided envelopes which carry a contributor number. The **THANKSGIVING OFFERING** is placed in the **GREEN** side of the envelope and the **PRESBYTERY OFFERING** is placed in the **RED** side of the envelope.

**Note:** Loose money (notes or coins) which is contributed via the **FIRST** collection is regarded as a contribution to the **PRESBYTERY OFFERING**.

**Electronic or Direct Debit Contributions** - Parishioners wishing to make regular contributions to **THANKSGIVING OFFERING** via Direct Debit can make the necessary arrangement through the Parish Office.

**On the spot electronic contributions can be made by one of two (2) methods.**

**Firstly**, by scanning the QR Code which is printed on the back page of the weekly Parish Bulletin (**Note: Using this option allows the contributor to direct to where their contribution will go, namely: Thanksgiving Offering, Presbytery Offering or Social Justice Appeal**).

**Secondly**, contributions can be made to **THANKSGIVING OFFERING** via the **Tap and Go Machines** that are provided in the Church.

**SECOND COLLECTION** – the moneys contributed in the **SECOND COLLECTION** form part of the St Kevin's Parish Social Justice Appeal program.

**Note:** The weekly Parish Newsletter provides details of the current Appeal.

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

Give the Lord glory and honour.

### Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord hear our prayer.

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

### First Reading

#### Isaiah 45: 1. 4-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah  
*I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.*

The benign view of other nations that emerges in the latter parts of Isaiah reaches a high point in today's reading. The Persian emperor Cyrus is addressed as God's anointed, meaning messiah. Normally only conferred on Israel's own kings, this high title is bestowed on Cyrus as God's agent on Israel's behalf. With divine assistance he conquers Babylon and allows the exiles to return to their homeland and rebuild Jerusalem and the temple, though none of this is mentioned in the reading.

The whole point, as Isaiah makes clear, is not to exalt Cyrus as such. It's to show Cyrus and all people that the God of Israel is the supreme Lord of all. For all his success in establishing and extending the Persian empire, Cyrus is the servant of God's masterplan of salvation. Isaiah's pronouncement testifies to God's sovereign freedom in bringing this plan to fulfilment.

### Second Reading

#### 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians  
*We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.*

In the course of the final few Sundays of the Church's year, the gospel reading will testify to the increasingly tense conflict between Jesus and the religious authorities. Before this reaches its climax in Jesus' betrayal and crucifixion, he is prompted to speak in apocalyptic terms of the turmoil of the end times. Fittingly, the end times loom large in the letter we read during these same weeks, Paul's first to the Thessalonians, perhaps the oldest writing of the New Testament. A key issue he addresses is the Thessalonians' anxiety and confusion about Christ's return in glory.

This is not at all evident from the affectionate and encouraging words with which the letter begins. In the customary style of letters in the ancient world, Paul and his co-workers commence with greetings to the community, a prayer of thanksgiving and words of affirmation. The lectionary doesn't always include the initial words of Paul's letters, so it's refreshing to see a good model of them here.

The Thessalonians are commended for their active faith, love and hope, these three virtues being mentioned together here for the first time. Paul also applauds the community's response to his proclamation of the good news. They haven't simply listened to mere words, but have allowed his message to have a dramatic effect in their lives. They have laid themselves open to the power of the Holy Spirit and become true believers.



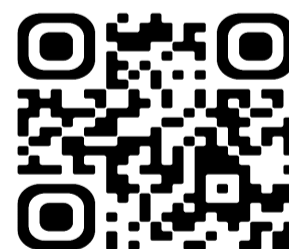
### BOOKISH MORNING TEA

Our next Bookish Morning Tea will take place on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> October and continues every fortnight.

Please make sure you mark this date in your diary and we look forward to enjoying some special time together.

A convenient way to make contributions to our parish and its appeals 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.



### TO ALL OUR MOST NEEDED MASS LITURGY VOLUNTEERS

Please check your email inboxes for the fresh Liturgy Rosters which were sent out recently. Thank you for all that you do for us and for our parish and a special "thank you" to Pauline Erickson who works tirelessly at incorporating special requests while also helping to ensure our Mass Celebrations are always covered and run smoothly. **THANK YOU EVERYONE!**

## Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

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

