



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

Catholic Missions Weekend - Baptism and Baptism Presentation Weekend

*Our Presider today is:* Fr Terry Kean

### **Thoughts ... from the desk of the Parish Priest**

**Ron Huntley?** Who is he? Why would I go and see him on the 22nd of November?

I guess I'd hope you trust me to only invite people **worth** coming to hear and discuss the future of our parish with. But ... I know that's not enough. So here's a little more about him:

**Ron Huntley** works internationally with church leaders to build passion and get results. Ron's love for Jesus, people, and the church drive him to make a difference in the lives of parishes, parishioners, priests, and ministry leaders everywhere. I can lend you his book "Unlocking your Parish" if that would help. Or you can go online and hear him in his podcasts at <https://www.ronhuntley.com/podcast>. He is now a dear friend of mine and I'd love you to meet him and experience his love of Jesus Christ.

My hope and expectation is that on November 22nd he will help point us towards ways we can change and grow. Grow in our experience of and love for Jesus Christ and learn ways in which we can share our faith more effectively in an uninterested society. Please do come along. This is an important gathering.

**All Souls Day: Cemetery Visits:** In addition to the Masses for All Souls Day November 2, I shall be visiting 3 Cemeteries to bless graves:  
Templestowe Cemetery (263-283 Foote Street, Templestowe) - arrive at the top of the hill inside: 10:00 am; stay till 10:45 am  
Andersons Creek Cemetery (11 Blair Street, Warrandyte) - arrive: main Cemetery Road entrance 12:30 pm ; stay till 12:45 pm  
Eltham Cemetery (40 Mount Pleasant Road, Eltham) - arrive at the Cemetery Road (side street) entrance 1:30 pm till 2:15 pm.

*God bless, Fr Charles*

### **A word from the Lay Ecclesial Leader**


A huge **thank you** to all who attended the Parish Open Forum on Thursday night!

It was a wonderful evening; we came together and discussed the way forward for the parish with goodwill and a spirit of collaboration. Your thoughts and feedback are invaluable. We are undertaking this process as a synodal community: walking together and listening to one another under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

I am inspired by your love and commitment to our parish. Each one of us is a light of Christ in the community, the pebble that creates ripples in the pond.

I look forward to working together with you to make our parish vibrant and vital. It takes determination and effort, but we are doing it together with God's help.


*Blessings, Tiziana*



**Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November**

Our chance to celebrate the call to holiness each of us received at Baptism.

Masses: 9.00am at St Gregory the Great, Doncaster  
12.45pm at St Kevin's together with the School  
2.30pm at St Charles Borromeo together with the School  
7.00pm at St Kevin's Templestowe



**Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

Mass will be celebrated at St Kevin's at 9.15am and then again at St Gregory the Great Church, 71 Williamsons Road, Doncaster at 7.00pm.

*All are welcome to attend.*



**MEN'S SOCIAL GROUP**

ST KEVIN'S PARISH, TEMPLESTOWE

The next **St Kevin's Men's Social Group** takes place on **Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> November @ 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 welcome. Supper provided. BYO alcoholic drinks. \$7 donation suggested. For catering purposes, please add your name to the sign-up sheet, or you can ring the parish office, or email Tiziana at [tiziana.dcosta@cam.org.au](mailto:tiziana.dcosta@cam.org.au)

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

Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am (Baptism & Baptism Prep @ 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
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, Milda Sarzetakas and Andrew Amalfi.

### Anniversaries:

Laurie Dwyer, Gwen Reddick, Christie Cameron, Antoinette Maher, Aldo Tesa, Marco Finadri and Margaret Gaffney.

### Recently Deceased:

### Feast Days this week:...

**1<sup>st</sup> November** All Saints

Honoured today are all holy men and women in glory with Christ: known or unknown, mighty or lowly, all whose lives were modelled on the Beatitudes and on the great commandment of love.

**2<sup>nd</sup> November** All Souls

Expresses Christian faith in the communion of saints and our need to pray for one another in the Church, especially those souls in purgatory 'who have been buried in this human imperfection'.

**4<sup>th</sup> November** St Charles Borromeo

Remembered as an exemplary and pastoral bishop and an ardent proponent of reform and renewal.

**On Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> November, we celebrate the Feast Day of**



**St Charles Borromeo**

Mass will be celebrated at our St Charles Primary School on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 2.00pm.

All are invited and welcome to attend.

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



Luisa Josephine Azzopardi  
Daughter of Matthew and Vanessa

### **Baptisms Welcome!**

This weekend we welcome:

Jose and Gullu Gutierrez

who will be introducing Mateo Joseph and Mia Rose to our Community in preparation for their Baptisms next weekend.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism



### **St Kevin's Annual Bereavement Mass**

**16<sup>th</sup> November @ 7.30pm**

As a compassionate people, we are encouraged to come together on this important night in support of all who are grieving the death of a loved one. At this Mass, we shall also bless the plaques on our memorial wall. All are welcome, in particular those who have lost loved ones in the last 12 months.

For further information, please contact Lyn Murphy on 9857 4437 or 0419 897582.

### **Memorial Book:**

If you wish to have a relative or friend inscribed in this precious book, please fill out a form from the table in the Gathering Space and hand it into the parish office. Thank you.



*In Loving Memory*

## LITURGY ROSTER

### 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	Janet Parsons	Kathy Pearce	Maryanne McNamara
8.30am	Julie O'Donnell		Pat Rowland
10.00am	Carmel Purdey	Hannah Halliburton	Geraldine Williams

### Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time – 4/5<sup>th</sup> November 2023

**1<sup>st</sup> Read: Deuteronomy 6: 2-6 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: Hebrews 7: 23-28 Gos: Mark 12: 28-34**

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Daniel Marini	Margaret Turner	Bredenia Raquel
8.30am	Pauline Erickson		Frances Bettiol
10.00am	Vianney Shiel	Liz O'Connell	Lyn Murphy



### 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 costs.

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.

In meditation we are totally open to God's present moment.

If we can be faithful to the practice, our ability to love will grow.

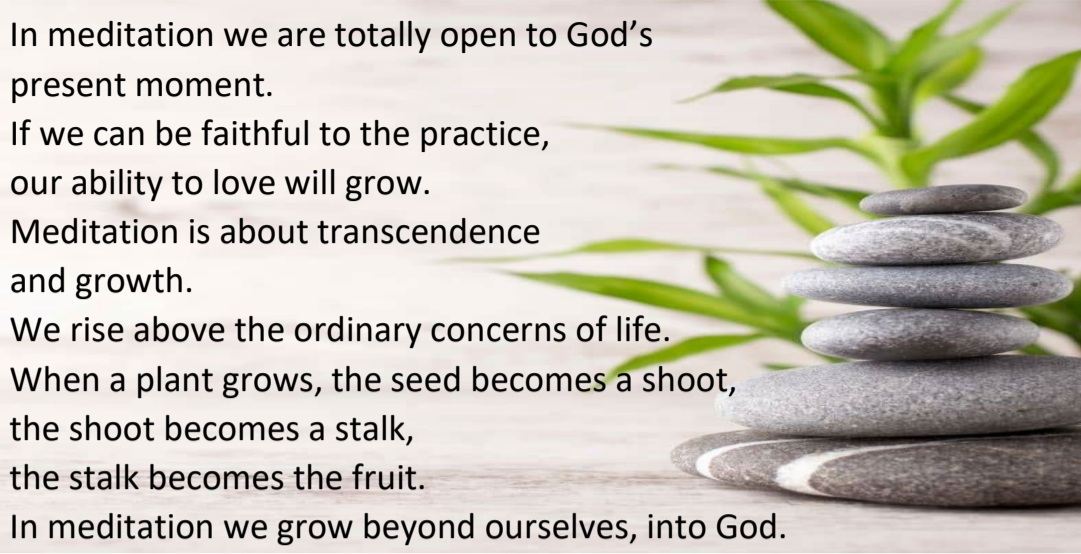
Meditation is about transcendence and growth.

We rise above the ordinary concerns of life.

When a plant grows, the seed becomes a shoot, the shoot becomes a stalk,

the stalk becomes the fruit.

In meditation we grow beyond ourselves, into God.



### Invitation to a conversation

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

You are invited to join in a conversation with Ms Susan Pascoe AM and Bishop Shane Mackinlay together 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 will 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>

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#### 2024 COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR

The new Columban Calendars for 2024 are available from the table in the Gathering Space. \$10 each. Please place cash in the box provided and let's get ready for 2024!

## Social Justice Action

St Kevin's Parish, Templestowe

### Yesterday's News Neither Complete Nor Forgotten

Following relentless reporting of bad News it's natural at times and healthy to briefly seek only good news and forget what's uncomfortable. Mid week at least after the horror of Gaza/Israel and while anticipating even more horror to come the brief shadow of media distraction with happier news briefly provides some therapeutic respite, for those not still suffering. It's a brief opportunity to rebalance, and contemplate the future. Following the failed Referendum those who voted YES have taken time to mourn, reflect and consider the future. NO voters also contemplate the renewed uncertainty left by the Referendum failure. Some narrow media reports described the Referendum outcome as 'resounding' rejection, however 5,392,661 YES votes is far from resounding and tells another story, a story yet to be resolved. Interestingly the Reading from Exodus this weekend provides a reminder of God's special love for the poor and the weak, and his righteous anger when the disenfranchised are treated badly. That's a reminder to each and every one of us to actively do whatever we can to break down divisions and overcome injustice. In a small way at least this weekend's World Mission Sunday, deferred from last Sunday to accommodate the Caritas Gaza emergency Appeal, provides us with such an opportunity.

- John Costa, SJA



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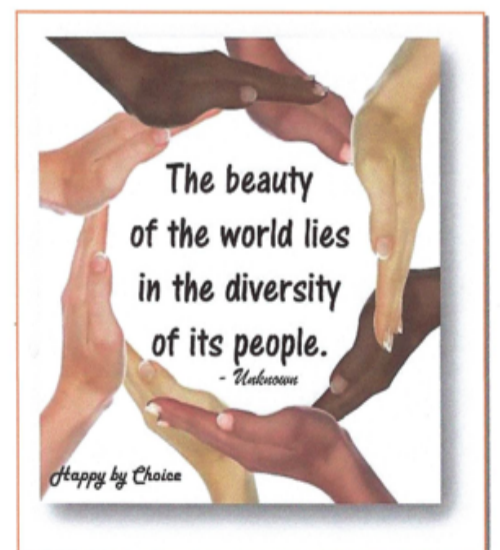
## PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE

Come together for a peaceful prayer time with faith leaders and representatives.



The public is welcome to attend this peaceful prayer time.

Praying together for world peace is not new, at this time the Manningham Interfaith Network wants to share their peace prayers in a public forum. Together we are able to support each other.



**When: Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>  
October 2023**

**Time: 7.30pm**

**Where: Doncaster RSL. Corner  
Doncaster Road and Leeds Street.  
Doncaster East.**

P O Box 4073, Doncaster Heights Vic 3109 Tel 0425 718 937

[www.manninghaminterfaithnetwork.org.au](http://www.manninghaminterfaithnetwork.org.au)

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For information on our Parish Schools please contact:

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**St Charles Borromeo Primary School**  
Phone: 9842 7634

## Responsorial Psalm

I love you, Lord, my strength.

## Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer.

### REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### First Reading

##### Exodus 22: 20-26

A reading from the book of Exodus

*If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.*

As the book of Exodus has come down to us, the story of Moses receiving the Decalogue (Ten Words rather than Ten Commandments) is followed by what is called the Book of the Covenant (Ex 20:22-23:33). This is a collection of laws and regulations governing the life of the community. It spells out the people's obligations towards their neighbours rather than towards God. The code is similar to that contained in other legal documents of the time but is grounded in the living memory of Israel's exodus experience.

Representing all those who are to be treated with kindness and protected are the stranger, the widow and the orphan. These three categories of people continue to be emblematic of the most vulnerable in society who deserve special care. Compassion and kindness towards such needy ones are complemented by fair dealing with people who are in financial straits. They are not to be taken advantage of.

The basis for these ethical imperatives is God's passionate concern for the poor and the weak. This is the fundamental premise on which all neighbourly love is based. It is also the rationale for God's righteous anger when the defenceless are treated badly. Apart from the disturbing reference to God's anger, this is an appealing text for reader and assembly alike.

#### Second Reading

##### 1 Thessalonians 1: 5-10

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

*You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.*

Today's reading from 1 Thessalonians follows immediately on from last week's, with the result that we hear the whole first chapter of the letter. We learn that the Thessalonians have faced "great opposition" ("persecution," NRSV). The joy with which they have embraced the gospel means that they have become model believers for others, not only in Macedonia and the neighbouring province of Achaia, but "everywhere". This is the multiplier effect of Paul's original presentation of himself as a model for the Thessalonians to imitate.

His reference to them having broken "with idolatry" to become "servants of the real, living God" strongly implies that the Thessalonians had come from a pagan rather than a Jewish background. The passage concludes with a brief credal statement. God raised his Son, Jesus, from the dead, and Jesus will return to bring the world to final judgement. This mention of Jesus' return foreshadows Paul's treatment of the community's problematic expectations later in the letter.

If this is indeed Paul's first letter, his characteristic fertility of thought is on display at the outset of his writing career. One thought leads to another, and so the phrases, clauses and sentences pile up. All in all, this is an encouraging and affirmative text.



#### BOOKISH MORNING TEA

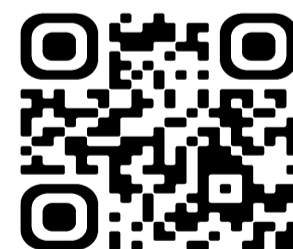
Our next Bookish Morning Tea will take place on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> November and continues every fortnight.

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.



# Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

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