



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 Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time 4/5th November, 2023
Baptisms and Baptism Welcome Weekend

Our Presider today is: Fr Charles Balnaves

Lots happening for the PP to write about...

Ron Huntley Visit 22nd November 6:30-8:30 pm

You will hear about these important parish events from a member of the Parish Pastoral Council this weekend—someone will talk at each Mass.

They will be saying what I am saying:

This is an important event—important for you as it provides you with an opportunity to help understand, guide and form the future of our parish. Please organise your calendar to enable you to attend this event.

Seeking Staff:

You will see on the other page that we are seeking two roles. A parish secretary for Doncaster, and a Mission Support Leader—Operations for the two parishes. Spread the news.

Replacing a secretary is a routine part of parish life—the secretary is crucial for an effectively operating parish.

The Operations role is new: through this role will help enable the parish to focus on evangelisation: on growing our mission to follow Jesus Christ in thought, word and deed and to spread the Good News gently to others.

All Souls Day Cemetery Visits:

As I write this I am about to finish a very full day. Three "All Souls Day" Masses; Templestowe, Warrandyte and Eltham cemeteries visited; Parish Pastoral Council Meeting; RCIA discussions about 'where is God amidst the horrors of life'.

A full day: a wonderful day. Thank you to all who came to the cemeteries with me to bless the graves of some of people we know and love. I find this a deeply meaningful way to walk in prayer and be with those on the journey into Christ: the walking and the presence among the graves reinforces the deep knowledge and certainty I have that death has no power, that God's love and the Communion of Saints is real.

God bless, Fr Charles



Vibrant and Vital Parish Communities

An evening with Ron Huntley

Wednesday, 22 November 2023

6 pm - 8 pm

Dinner provided.

St Gregory the Great

71 Williamsons Rd, Doncaster



Ron Huntley is an international expert on parish renewal. He has helped parishes worldwide to build passion and get results.

Registration on templestowe@cam.org.au, or ring 98505983

doncaster@cam.org.au, or ring 94128425

20 November, 2023



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>

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

Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	(Baptism @ 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 Presentation @ 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, Andrew Amalfi and Ana Saro.

Anniversaries:

Denise Pickard, John McGinty, Piers Clarke and Margaret Gaffney.

Recently Deceased:

Feast Days this week:...

9th November

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
It honours the local Church of Rome as a link with earliest Christian tradition and as a sign of our communion in Christ.

10th November St Leo the Great
Remembered for the clarity of his thought on the two natures of Christ, affirmed at the Council of Chalcedon, for his eloquent sermons, and for the prayers he composed for the Roman liturgy.

11th November St Martin of Tours
Widely remembered for his legendary generosity to the poor, for arguing against the persecution of heretics, and especially for his active evangelisation and pastoral care of rural areas.

Fr Charles Balnaves will be on a Retreat next week. Therefore, there will NOT be a weekday Mass on Tuesday, 7th November NOR Thursday, 9th November. HOWEVER Tiziana D'Costa will be leading a **Service of the Word with Communion** on Thursday morning at 9.15am. All welcome.

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



Mia Rose and Mateo Joseph Gutierrez

Children of Jose and Gullu

LITURGY ROSTER

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time – 4/5th November 2023

1st Read: Deuteronomy 6: 2-6 2nd 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

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 11/12th November 2023

1st Read: Wisdom 6: 12-16 2nd Read: Thessalonians 4: 13-18 Gos: Matt 25: 1-13

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Lucy Halliburton	Kathy Pearce	Lawrence Ceconello
8.30am	Paul Polidano		Penny Teo
10.00am	Tony Byrne	Miriam Ayoub	Raffaella Dinelli



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 St Kevin's Parish will cover costs.

11 NOVEMBER Remembrance Day

A special **Remembrance Day Mass** will be celebrated at St Gregory the Great Church Doncaster on Sunday 12 November @ 10.30am.

November is traditionally the month when we remember our deceased loved ones.

If you would like Father to include them in our prayers, please complete the appropriate envelopes which are on the table in the Gathering Space and hand them directly to him. Thank you.

St Kevin's Annual Bereavement Mass

16th 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

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.

Every religion has meditation as a way to wisdom. As we seek to follow Christ more closely through meditation, we will be led to greater respect for other religions, those who seek God with a sincere heart.



JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Parish Secretary, St Gregroy the Great Parish: Fr Charles is looking for a parish secretary for three days per week. If you're interested please contact him (mob: 0417 319 556), or email: Charles.Balnaves@cam.org.au for more information and a position description. Applications open till November 27th.

Mission Support Leader, Operations.

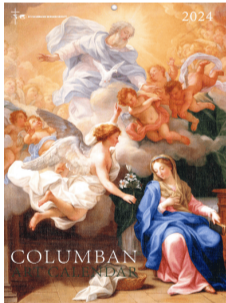
The parishes of St Kevin and St Gregory the Great are looking for a Mission Support Leader - Operations. The MSLO is co-responsible with the Parish Priest and the leadership team of the parishes to ensure that the operational elements of parish life are carried out effectively to meet the pastoral needs of the parish and the legal obligations of the businesses.

The purpose of the role is to actively steward the Parishes in their strategic needs and take responsibility for the day-to-day operational needs of the Parishes.

This is a one year fixed-term contract, with the potential opportunity to progress to a permanent position. The position is 30-35 hours per week, based at the Parish Office in St Gregory's the Great (Doncaster) 60% and St Kevin's (Templestowe) 40%. Terms and conditions are governed by the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Application closing date 21st November, 2023. <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies/mission-support-leader-operations-st-gregorys-the-great-doncaster-and-st-kevins-templestowe>

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

Beyond 2nd Collections

St Kevin's parishioners don't seek praise and glory for their regular contributions to support many people in need, locally, further afield and around the world, through 2nd Collections. However they deserve to know that their regular contributions continue to provide support where it is most needed. The recent spontaneous Caritas GAZA emergency collection raised \$517.40. The prior collection for Parish families with special Needs raised \$647.10. In organising these appeals, mostly a year in advance apart from spontaneous urgent appeals, our Parish is guided in its balance of 2nd Collections by Archdiocesan advice on particular appeals. Others are decided in advance within our Parish, together with spontaneous emergency appeals when they arise, like the recent Gaza Appeal. Calls on people's generosity are many and ever growing, and of course there's a limit to how much people can contribute against increasing living costs, while recognising that these circumstances adversely affect those in need all the more. Below you can read about our Parish success recently donating contributed nappies towards helping 280,000 recognised disadvantaged Australian children. This is all the more reason to let St Kevin's people know that our contributions added to those of others really do help where it's most needed.

- John Costa, SJA

The Nappy Collective

Many thanks to those who generously donated nappies for our Nappy Drive. Members of our Social Justice Action Group delivered our donations to Manningham Uniting Church, who are an official collection point for the charity.



Our donation of 25 bags of nappies will go towards the Nappy Collective's effort to help keep disadvantaged little ones clean, happy and healthy. Through the Nappy Collective's Community Partner groups, the nappies will go directly to families who need them. Thank you for your generosity. <https://www.thenappycollective.com/>



Save the Date!

Sunday, 3rd December from 6.00pm

For a joint Christmas Celebration together with St Gregory the Great Parish. We are looking for a few volunteers to help organise the event. If you are interested, please let our parish office know. More details to come. Thank you.



The next **St Kevin's Men's Social Group** takes place on **Friday, 10th 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

Q: How do you make a small fortune on horse racing?

A: Start with a large fortune!



DRIFTED AWAY? FEELING LOST?

LANDINGS PROGRAM LAUNCHES EARLY 2024

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

In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

God graciously hear us.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Malachi 1: 14 – 2: 2. 8-10

A reading from the prophet Malachi

You have strayed from the way, you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.

In most Bibles the short book of the prophet Malachi appears as the last work of the Old Testament. This placement might suggest it was chronologically closest to the birth of Christ but that's not the case. It is generally agreed to have been written at the time the exiles had returned home from Babylon and were rebuilding Jerusalem, the temple and their identity. The prophet castigates both priests and people for their failure to be faithful to the covenant. Today's reading comes from Malachi's diatribe against the priests. The whole passage, apart from the concluding verse, is spoken directly by "the Lord of hosts". It begins with the assertion that God is a great king "feared throughout the nations". This leads to the condemnation of the priests. The charges are severe: they haven't glorified God's name, they have strayed from the way and caused others to stumble, they have destroyed the covenant. As a result, they will be cursed and made "contemptible and vile". The reading ends on a plaintive note, as the prophet laments the community's loss of faith. The bulk of the text reads like the address of a trial judge. The priest-defendants are in God's court, accused and threatened.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 2: 7-9. 13

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

We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our lives as well.

After the introduction and thanksgiving with which his first letter to the Thessalonians begins, Paul proceeds to reflect on his ministry among them. Today's reading is a short excerpt from this section of the letter. He presents himself in the appealing guise of a devoted and loving mother looking after her children. But whatever sentimental appeal this image may have had is immediately toughened by Paul's reminder of how hard he worked for them, "slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you". It was a particular concern of Paul to earn his own living and not be dependent on the financial support of the community. Having made this point, Paul returns to thanksgiving. He's grateful that the Thessalonians accepted his preaching "as God's message" and not merely something Paul had invented on his own. Perhaps he's alluding here to the fact that the ancient world had its fair share of itinerant preachers making all sorts of idiosyncratic claims. Not only did the Thessalonians accept the gospel as God's word and not just an interesting idea, they let it become a dynamic force in their lives.



BOOKISH MORNING TEA

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

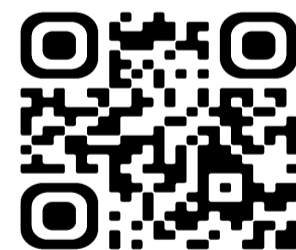
Please make sure you mark this date in your diary and we look forward to enjoying some special time together.

A cowboy buys a horse from the town pastor. The pastor explains, "to make the horse go, you gotta yell, 'Thank God!' and to make it stop, yell, 'Hallelujah.'" The cowboy rides off. He rides all day and starts to nod off in the saddle when he notices he is about to ride straight over a cliff. Searching his memory, he yells to the horse, "Hallelujah! Hallelujah!" The horse grinds to a stop just at the edge of the cliff. The cowboy wipes the sweat off his forehead. "Phew!" the cowboy sighs. "Thank God!"

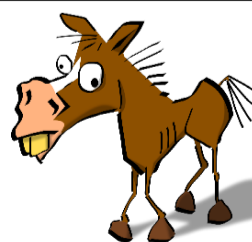


A convenient way to make contributions to our parish and its appeals is to use this QR Code and following these simple steps:

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.



A pony goes to the doctor and tells him, "Doc, I think I'm dying. I have this terrible sore throat." The doctor assures him, "It's okay—you're just a little horse."

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

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

