



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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 18/19th November, 2023
Baptism Weekend

Our Presider today is: Fr Charles Balnaves

From the PP...

Bereavement Mass:

Thursday evening saw about 50 people gather to remember those who have died during the past twelve months, and to bless the new plaques on the Memorial Wall.

It was a slightly sad but mostly joyful evening. **Thank you** to all who came along but **special thanks** to Lyn Murphy who took the main lead in organising the evening so delightfully. There were of course many others who helped ensure the evening was such a success.

November Masses:

I have been arranging with others (Tarrawarra Abbey, Aid to the Church in Need) to offer some of the November Masses that have been requested. I cannot meaningfully and in a reasonable time, celebrate the 187 Masses that have been requested so far for the month. So I am requesting others to assist. The Abbey and Aid to the Church in Need will benefit spiritually from celebrating the Masses but are also most appreciative of the Mass offerings which go with the request for Masses. Rest assured your request does not get pushed aside because I am busy.

Communion to the Aged and Infirm

Most of the members of the parish ministry to the elderly in Aged Care and to those we visit at home gathered on Thursday afternoon. The purpose was to say a gentle thank you to the members (Lyn, Pat, Ann, Adrian, Tiziana, Ana, and apologies from three others).

Our purpose was largely about the **thank you** but also served as a moment to recognise the importance of this ministry – and it is a Ministry- and to talk about how we exercise the ministry, the vital importance of spending time to talk with the people to whom we provide Communion, building a relationship. It was also a moment to discuss some “what do I do if... ‘this’ happens” – For example: if a consecrated host is dropped accidentally – how does one dispose of it (bury respectfully in a garden is usually the best). This ministry is basically very straight forward but we have to be careful to ensure we put the resident first in deciding how to actually provide Holy Communion and companionship.

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	



We pray for Better Health:

Fr Brendan Dillon, 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, Ana Saro, Thorold Merrett and Tracey Tucker.

Anniversaries:

Kim West, Karl Haussegger, Nina Luca, Wally McCormack, Bruna Niero and Assunta Raiola

Recently Deceased:

Gillian Barrington (Tony Robinson's sister)

Feast Days this week:...

21st November The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

It celebrates Mary in her grace-filled life, wholly given over to the Holy Spirit from the time of her conception.

22nd November St Cecilia

Remembered in tradition as a virgin, martyred for the faith.

24th November

Sts Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions

Remembered as representatives of the thousands of Christians tortured and martyred in Vietnam between the seventeenth and nineteenth centuries: bishops, presbyters, religious and lay people, both children and adults.

LITURGY ROSTER

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 18/19th November 2023

1st Read: Pro 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31 2nd Read: Thess 5: 1-6 Gos: Matt 25: 14-30

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Rachel Marini	Bredenia Raquel	Anne Maguire
8.30am	Jessica Bartholomeusz		Pat Rowland
10.00am	Julie O'Donnell	Bernard Butler	Tony Whelan

Feast of Christ the King – 25/26th November 2023

1st Read: Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17 2nd Read: Cor 15: 20-26, 28 Gos: Matt 25: 31-46

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Janet Parsons	Christine Marini	Lynne O'Brien
8.30am	Pauline Erickson		Mary Waddick
10.00am	Carmel Purdey	Carmel Shiel	Geraldine Williams

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

Chiara Capri Sheridan

Daughter of Benjamin and Morgana

Little sister of Finnegan

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.

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 was

held last Thursday. A huge thank you to Lyn Murphy and her merry band of helpers who organised a most successful event. We are indeed most blessed to call such caring and compassionate people, St Kevin's Parishioners.

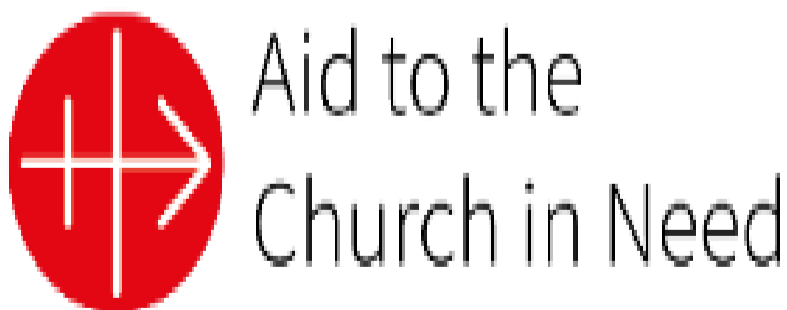
COME AWAY DAY AT HOLY CROSS RETREAT CENTRE, TEMPLESTOWE

The Come Away Days program resumes at Holy Cross on **Tuesday 28 November**. The theme of the day is, **"Bring forth hope."**

The day's program provides opportunities for prayer, reflection and group interaction in the peaceful grounds and facilities of Holy Cross.

What a wonderful opportunity such days offer us to prepare for the Advent season and the gift of Christmas. You are invited to support the day financially according to your means, using \$25.00 per person as a guide. All are welcome. BYO lunch. Registration is from 9.30am.

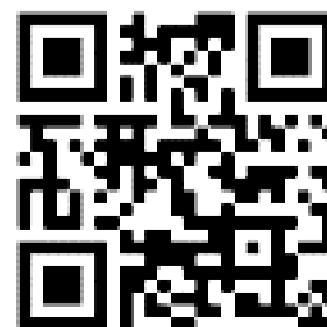
The day concludes after lunch with a celebration of the Eucharist. For further details contact Frank Burke, burke.frank942@yahoo.com.au or 0407998781.



Together we can keep the faith alive – Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)

Did you know that across the world tens of millions of Christian families are in exile following persecution because of their faith? Aid to the Church in Need is a spiritual and pastoral charity which seeks to keep the flame of faith alive in those places where it is at risk of extinction.

This weekend we welcome to our parish an ACN speaker who will share with us about the work of Aid to the Church in Need and how we can help our suffering and persecuted brothers and sisters.

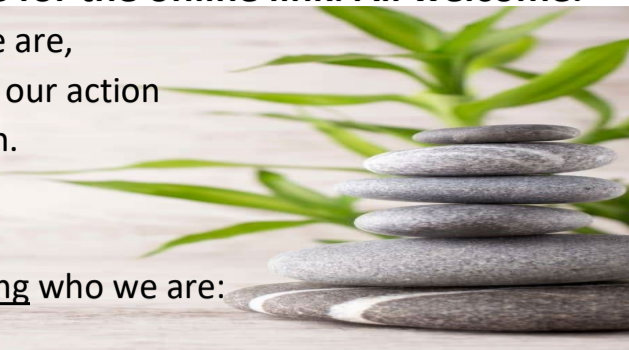


St Kevin's Christian Meditation, each Wednesday 9:30am
ONLINE via Zoom. Why not try it?

Contact the Parish House for the online link. All welcome.

The more active and busy we are,
the more important it is that our action
is grounded in contemplation.
Contemplation means deep,
silent comm-union.

We know who we are by being who we are:
rooted in Christ and his love.



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!



Landings Program begins February 2024!

If you or someone you know is thinking of returning to church regularly after a time away, please let us know. LANDINGS is an eight-week program that offers "a safe place to land," a place for listening and for being heard, a place for asking questions and for reconnecting with the faith as an adult. We begin our first session at St Kevin's on 21 February 2024. If you or someone you know are interested, please contact Ana at the parish office on 03 9850 5983 or templestowe@cam.org.au for more information.

Social Justice Action

St Kevin's Parish, Templestowe

SJA has arranged and is currently advertising a Parish Zoom Presentation by **Clare Marotta of St Vincent De Paul** from **7:30pm - 8:30pm on Wednesday 29 October.**

The Topic is **St Vincent de Paul Values, and Actions.**

The event requires REGISTRATION. In the short time available we've opted simply for **Phone or eMail registration via the Parish office.**

If you are interested in attending this presentation, please contact the Parish office to securely record your Name, Email address (and ideally also phone number) so that we can later **email the Zoom link access to you.**

Please note that the parish office is only open from Tuesday to Friday, so please contact us at your earliest convenience in order to register.

- John Costa, SJA

Advent 2023 McKinney Lecture 'Christian Hope in our Contemporary World'

Guest Lecturer Cathy Jenkins

A public lecture sponsored by Banyule Churches Together
Tuesday 5 December at 7.30pm, (at the impressive new)

Mary Mother of the Church Parish Centre

4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe 3079

More information available from our website

Parishioners who have lost a loved one are warmly invited to the **Marcellin College Annual Memorial Mass:**

Day and Date: Thursday 7th December, 2023

Time: 7.30pm followed by a light supper in the Functions Room

Where : Marcellin College Champagnat Chapel

Address: 160 Bulleen Rd, Bulleen VIC 3105

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

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord hear our prayer.

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

First Reading

[Proverbs 31: 10-13. 19-20.30-31](#)

A reading from the book of Proverbs

Give her a share in what she has worked for.

The final chapter of the book of Proverbs is an alphabetical psalm in praise of the "perfect wife". Two things are useful to bear in mind with regard to this idealised portrait of the married woman. The first is that it may have been added to the work to serve as a counter-balance to the negative portrayal of women in its early chapters. The second is that in spite of the constraints of ancient patriarchal societies this woman has an appreciable degree of agency. That said, there is no doubt that her qualities are assessed in terms of their value to her husband: "from her he will derive no little profit ... Advantage and not hurt she brings him". She is praised for her weaving skills and for her generosity to the poor, but the lectionary text omits reference to her enterprise in buying land and planting a vineyard, and in trading her wares with merchants. What we hear puts the emphasis on her domestic role and the honour she brings her husband, neither of which will appeal to a contemporary congregation that takes marriage equality and women's careers for granted. The choice of the reading will only become clear when the gospel parable of the talents is read. In anticipation of that story, the ideal wife is presented as a model of initiative. She's industrious and puts her gifts to good use.

Second Reading

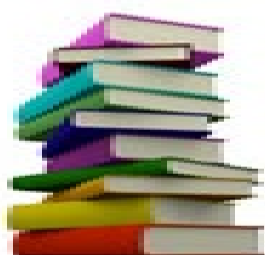
[1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6](#)

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

The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

It seems that some of the Thessalonians had grown complacent, believing that "the Day of the Lord" had already come in the death and resurrection of Jesus. As a result, they considered themselves no longer subject to judgement. Paul is at pains to disillusion them.

While at no time speculating as to when this Day would arrive, he warns them it will take them by surprise if they aren't ready for it. They run the risk of being caught napping. Paul uses two contrasting images to make his point - the householder taken unawares by a night-time thief and the expectant mother whose pregnancy suddenly erupts in birth. One has unhappy consequences, the other joyful. Paul implies that the Thessalonians are letting themselves be mesmerised by the Roman propaganda phrase "peace and security". Without spelling out how, Paul clearly implies that the Day of the Lord will call them to account. They must stay wide awake, remain sober and live as children of the light - advice that may bring last Sunday's parable of the ten wedding attendants to mind.



BOOKISH MORNING TEA

Our next Bookish Morning Tea will take place on Wednesday, 22nd 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.



WITH EXPECTANT HEARTS ADVENT REFLECTION SERIES AT ST KEVIN'S PARISH

When: Thursday mornings @ 9.45am (after 9.15am Mass)

Dates: 30th November

7th December

14th December

21st December

Where: St Kevin's Church Gathering Space

Come and join our Lay Ecclesial Leader, Tiziana D'Costa, as she leads us into a reflection and discussion series on learning what an 'expectant heart' means - increasingly open to hearing and responding to God. Booklets are available from the table in the Gathering Space. Please feel free to take one to read and reflect upon, regardless of whether you would like to attend the Advent Reflection Series or not. Booklets are free. However, a donation would be appreciated.

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

4. Wave your mobile camera over it
5. Click on "Web Address"
6. 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.