



# 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 B

Pentecost Sunday  
Laudato Si Week  
Confirmations Sunday

18/19<sup>th</sup> May, 2024

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

### *From the desk of Fr Charles...*

#### Alpha:

Thank you to those who have signed up for Alpha. Please continue to give your names, but we will now have to put you on a waiting list as we are full up. We can only manage 16 or so people until we have more leaders coming through the system. There will be another Alpha later in the year.

#### Safeguarding:

There was a regional Safeguarding Gathering this past Tuesday, held at St Kevin's with much of the St Greg's and St Kevin's Safeguarding Committees attending (thank you very much). The gathering was held to introduce a new "Self-Assessment" tool and it looks much easier to work through than the old one.

Thank you Ana and Margaret, Gianna and Marcello, Vera and Michelle, Viviana and now also (Fr) Isaac — I thank them but also I thank you, the people who have to live these policies so we develop a culture where we are aware of safety generally and especially safety for our children.

One discussion was around the length of the new Code of Conduct (14 pages) - why does a code need to be that long? Can I just sign the last page and leave the rest unread? Well ... you can I suppose, I guess I wouldn't know if you did that but ... Brech and Tara, our Safeguarding advisers at the gathering, said "Would you sign a mortgage without knowing what the terms are? Would you expect to get a driver's licence if you only skimmed the rules?" There are still copies of the new code on the table in the Gathering Space — take one, have a proper read.

PS: We will expect volunteers to sign the new code — but not for a year or so.

#### Questions and Answers and Pentecost:

I have been continuing my journey of spending time in Q&A's with children in the schools. It is illuminating and wonderful.

One question particularly struck me this week. What age was Jesus when he died? I said 33! Another voice said 30! Hmm. Actually both answers can be right because the Gospels are fuzzy on this and the calendar we use: Gregorian or Julian? Makes 3 years difference.

We could argue about the difference—but that would mean we ignored the real focus of the question: Jesus!! The Jesus who died and was Resurrected and at Pentecost sent the Holy Spirit to lead us: Halleluiah! We have the power to change the world: little by little: if we allow the Holy Spirit to guide us.

*God bless, Fr Charles*



### About Laudato Si' Week

Laudato Si' Week is a celebration held annually in May to mark the anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical on caring for creation.

Sponsored by the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, this global celebration unites Catholics to listen and respond together to the cry of creation, rejoice in the progress we have made in bringing Laudato Si' to life, and intensify our efforts through the Laudato Si' Action Platform as well as other opportunities for education and action. In Laudato Si' Week 2024, let us gather in community to contemplate the wonder of creation and nurture seeds of hope for our "suffering planet" (LD 2).

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

Saturday 5.30pm Mass  
Sunday 8.30am & 10.00am Masses  
Tuesday 8.15am 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 Masses



We pray for Better Health:

Danielle Hardy, Maeve & John Reardon, Eugenia Pozzebon, Margaret Turner, Graham & Jason Gooden, Lynda O'Meara, Milda Sarzetakas, Andrew Amalfi, Ana Saro, Fr Terry Kean, Teresa Paolilli, Frankie Pettinella, Margaret Enriquez, Lucia Butler, Rosanna Campagna, Fr Brendan Dillon, Greg Hodson, Brooke Evans, Anne Materazzo, Melissa Wirata, Peter Sheehan, Sharon Hibbert and Rosemarie Cameron.

Anniversaries:

Kevin Cheng Shou Kong, John Dickenson, Monique Daisy Chong, Fortunata Butta, Jan Dalton, Carmel Artomonow, Lisetta Beltramello and Giuseppe Sciarrone.

Recently Deceased:

LITURGY ROSTER

Pentecost Sunday – 18/19<sup>th</sup> May 2024

1<sup>st</sup> Read: Acts 2: 1-11 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: Galatians 5: 16-25 Gos: John 15: 26-27; 16: 12-15

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Rachel Marini	Kathy Pearce	Bredenia Raquel Anne Maguire
8.30am	Frank Ozzimo		Paul Polidano Penny Teo
10.00am	Carmel Purdey	Liz O'Connell	Lyn Robinson Tony Robinson

The Most Holy Trinity – 25/26<sup>th</sup> May 2024

1<sup>st</sup> Read: Deut 4: 32-34, 39-40 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: Romans 8: 14-17 Gos: Matthew 26: 16-20

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Lucy Halliburton	Hannah Halliburton	Lawrence Cecconello Maryanne McNamara
8.30am	Paul Polidano		Pat Rowland Frances Bettiol
10.00am	Vianney Shiel	Carmel Shiel	Raffaella Dinelli Geraldine Williams

Feast Days this week:...

20<sup>th</sup> May The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church  
The Second Vatican Council proclaimed the title Mother of the Church. Christ on the cross entrusted his mother to St John: This is your mother. The memorial, on the day after Pentecost, remembers her maternal presence among the disciples of Christ from the beginning.

24<sup>th</sup> May Our Lady, Help of Christians  
The Virgin Mary has often been invoked in times of religious strife. The first Australian provincial synod held in Sydney in 1844 placed the Church in Australia under Mary's patronage invited by the title Help of Christians. The solemn feast is an occasion to seek Mary's help and protection for our Church and nation.

St Kevin's Christian Meditation, each Wednesday 9:30am ONLINE via Zoom. Open to all parishioners including members of the wider community. Why not try it? Contact the Parish House for the online link. All welcome. In meditation, we become aware of God's Presence: not 'out there' but as an inner experience. We live in this Presence more sure, more hopeful, stronger. God is the soil in which we are planted. Our faith cannot be shaken even in events that seem like a huge cyclone. We cannot be uprooted once we are on this pilgrimage. We always draw closer and stronger to Jesus, to his goodness, compassion and injustice.

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OPEN DAYS  
9.00AM-10.30AM

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August

Book your tour here:

NOW MORE THAN EVER  
NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2024  
27 MAY – 3 JUNE  
#NRW2024  
RECONCILIATION.ORG.AU

National Reconciliation Week – 27 May – 3 June 2024

About the theme

The National Reconciliation Week theme for 2024, **Now More Than Ever**, is a reminder to all of us that no matter what, the fight for justice and the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will —and must —continue.





**We pray for these young people in our Parish as they  
receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend.**

**Confirmation is conferred by Fr Tony Kerin**

*Lucas Caio  
Gabriel Ciro  
Alexander Fusco  
Chantelle Giang  
Brona Green  
Phoenix Harrison*

*George Karagiannis  
Lennix Nunziato  
Sienna Paterson-Caracoglia  
Mark Purcell  
Patrick Scully  
Anastasia Simonovski*

*Liam Singh  
Isaac Strong  
Matthew Tan  
Aria Toscano  
Asher Trewella  
Liesel Vercauteren*

***Congratulations Children!***

### **Alpha: you are welcome to join.**

We are beginning the next Alpha Experience on Thursday May 30th 7:00—8:30 pm for 11 weeks with a retreat day on Saturday July 13th. Everyone is welcome to express interest in participating: so please call the office and put forward your name. We are limited in how many people we can have participate in each experience of Alpha (16 or 24 depending on who is willing and able to help lead the nights), so it is possible that your interest may have to wait until the next Alpha to be fulfilled. Yes I plan, we plan, that Alpha will be an ongoing effort in the parish. It has its limitations, but it is an effective experience to help all of us become more deeply aware of Jesus and who Jesus is for us (and doubly for those who are not baptised).

Experience elsewhere shows that most people come to Alpha because of a personal invitation (as opposed to this sort of notice in the bulletin), so most people coming will probably be invited personally but it is not exclusive: please, express your interest. A limit we are imposing at present is on the number of people from other parishes who can come along. We want to build the experience and the leadership base in St Greg's and St Kevin's before we start being more open beyond our parishes.

**Fr Charles**



### **Parish Mass Count**

As we have now entered the merry month of May it is time for our Annual Mass Count. Please consider assisting with counting the number of Mass attendees.

Counters are requested to count the number of folk who are at Mass. Counting sheets are provided on the bench in the sacristy near the money bags.



### **Our next Parish Bookish Morning Tea**

will be held on **Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> May** at 10.00am and continues every fortnight.



### **Interpreting the signs of the times: doing theology in a synodal way**

Meeting 23 May 5 pm-6.30 pm at

Newman College, University of Melbourne

The meeting will include a talk by Fr A.E Orobator, SJ, a response by Prof Robyn Horner, Professor of Theology, ACU and discussion from the floor.

Register now to ensure you have a seat, at

<https://www.trybooking.com/CQLKM>

The presentation will be recorded for later viewing.

In late 2023 Pope Francis issued an Apostolic Letter calling for a 'paradigm shift' in theology for world of today. His call was for theologians, priests, and parishioners 'to start from the different contexts and concrete situations in which peoples are inserted', allowing themselves 'to be seriously challenged by reality', and to discern the "signs of the times" in the light of the gospel?

Fr Orobator, SJ is the Dean of the Jesuit School of Theology, Santa Clara University, California. He is a Nigerian by birth and is former head of the Jesuit Conference of Africa and Madagascar. He has been deeply involved in the different stages of the current Synod on Synodality, including his participation in the First Assembly in October 2023 in Rome, at the invitation of the Pope.

This important meeting has been made possible by Newman College and is facilitated by the Sense of the Faithful group.

All will be warmly welcome.

### **Come Away Day**

The next **Come Away Day** of the year will be held at Holy Cross on **Wednesday 22nd MAY**. The theme of the day is:

**'COME REST AWHILE AND RENEW'**. This is an opportunity to continue the flow of the Spirit's gifts into our lives. The day's program provides opportunities for prayer, reflection and group interaction in the beautiful grounds and facilities of Holy Cross. All are welcome. Just come as you are. BYO lunch. Registration is from 9.30am. The program concludes with a celebration of the Eucharist with a departure time of around 2pm. The cost of the day is \$25.00 or a donation according to your means. For any further details contact

Sr Brigid cp on [bridget.m64@gmail.com](mailto:bridget.m64@gmail.com)

### **Maintenance / Leaks**

Keeping our buildings in good condition is an on-going challenge. Most recently, the monthly cleaning of the gathering space gutters stopped (inexplicably), and we got a minor flood through into our toilets.

Do you know someone who might commit to get up on the roof once a month (safely) and check and clear the gutters: it takes only half an hour but it needs to be done 'religiously' or things go wrong.

**Fr Charles**

*On Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June we celebrate*

*St Kevin's Feast Day*

A special commemorative Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday morning, 5<sup>th</sup> June at 10.00am. All welcome.

For information on our Parish Schools please contact:

St Kevin's Primary School  
Phone: 9273 9999

St Charles Borromeo Primary School  
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## Responsorial Psalm

Lord, send out your Spirit  
and renew the face of the earth.

## Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Christ, graciously hear us.

### REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS FOR THE FEAST OF PENTECOST SUNDAY

#### First Reading

##### Acts of the Apostles 2: 1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.*

When God called Moses and the Israelites into covenant at Mt Sinai, awe-inspiring phenomena accompanied the event. Thunder, lightning, cloud, smoke, fire and a thunderous trumpet all testified to God's might and majesty. The descent of the Spirit on the apostles in Jerusalem is also marked by impressive signs – tongues of fire, a powerful and noisy wind, and a language epiphany.

The apostles were being "clothed with the power from on high" and "baptised with the Holy Spirit" just as Jesus had promised (Lk 24:49; Acts 1:5). Obedient to his command, they had stayed in the city and prayed in the upper room "together with several women, including Mary, the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers" (Acts 1:14).

They were not alone in Jerusalem. Jewish pilgrims from all parts of the diaspora had come to the city to celebrate the autumn harvest festival of Pentecost and commemorate the Sinai covenant and the giving of the Mosaic Law. This feast and much else in the Jewish tradition, such as creation, Babel and the oracles of the prophets, forms the backdrop to this new event.

#### Second Reading

##### 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

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

*In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.*

The tenor of the optional second reading for Year B text may deter its use. (The second reading and gospel for Year A may also be read in Years B and C.) Following the tumultuous energy of the Pentecost event, echoed in the psalm, the text from Galatians may come as something of a let-down. It presents a rather dark portrait of human nature, illumined only by a couple of shafts of light. Having championed the cause of freedom (5:1), Paul feels the need to issue a stern warning against its abuse. He enumerates at length the rotten fruits that self-indulgence engenders, all of which are destructive of community. Lists of moral evils like these were conventional in writings of the time. It's worth noting that few of Paul's list are so-called sins of the flesh.

Only towards the end of the passage does Paul offer a counter-list of the fruits of the Spirit, such as peace, goodness and patience. All are manifestations of the love that binds a community together. They are subject to no law or limit. But no sooner has Paul raised our spirits than he issues a further warning. You cannot belong to Christ, he writes, without crucifying all self-indulgent desires and passions.

If the first reading left us intoxicated with the Spirit, this one sobers us up with a large dose of cold water.

### My neighbour took his life rather than face homelessness. Will Anyone bother to notice?

*(Edited extracts from Sue Williams, The Age, 14 May 2024).*

We lost one of our neighbours the other day. He climbed over the balcony railing and threw himself from the top floor of his apartment building onto the ground below. He'd been in that unit for 23 years and was a regular sight to all of us living in the little cluster of towers in Sydney's Kings Cross, as he sat on a chair on his open balcony, watching the world go by ... But last week, the world no longer passed by; it stopped right at his door. His nine-level building of 35 cheap rented studios, he learnt, is about to be torn down and redeveloped into a flashy new one of just 12 luxury three-bedroom apartments. He was set to be evicted, and homeless. This is the real face of the housing crisis: a middle-aged, lonely man, battling to survive on a low income, who felt he'd run out of options. This neighbourhood was his home, everyone he knew and everything he did was here ... What options can we in St Kevin's parish offer those in need? Do we notice those in need? We know an elderly lady and former Knitting Group member, now in Croydon, in urgent need of rental accommodation - **John Costa. SJA**

# Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

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

