



# 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

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

13/14<sup>th</sup> July, 2024

National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) Sunday

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

### *From the desk of the PP...*

**Parish Census:** It's been ten years or more since we did a proper parish census. Data gets ... old, out of date. New people join the parish and we don't have your details. Starting now, for four weekends we will be asking everyone to fill in a card or enter your details via a QR code survey (I've tried it and it works thank you David).

I shall make time this first week for you to fill in your details. An up to date database of your details will allow us to better plan for the future and keep you informed about matters that impact on you and your ability to contribute to and participate in the spreading of the Good News of Christ Jesus Our Lord.

**Stewardship Campaign:** early notice: we have settled on October as the month for carrying out our Stewardship campaign—this will be an opportunity for us to discuss and consider and pray about our contributions to building the Kingdom of God in the world today through support of St Kevin's with your time, talent and treasure. It is a long time since we formally reviewed and re-pledged ourselves to how we can help spread the Good News using all our talents from prayers to skills to money to intellect to caring and so on. Stay tuned.

**RCIA:** The opportunity to journey to full initiation into discipleship will begin in September. We have half a dozen people from St Greg's and St Kevin's ready to start along the journey into faith. I will lead the group this year. Please keep the candidates and catechumens and the whole RCIA team in your prayers.

If you know anyone who might be interested—let me know please.

**Faith Support and Formation:** We are successfully along the way with the Alpha Experience. But as the name implies it is only a beginning—there is much more that is needed. Over the coming year I would like to see us able to begin a range of things like bible study, speakers for special topics, groups for faith sharing, prayer groups for particular intentions, expanding adoration, anointing Masses, ... there are many, many things we can do that can help us grow in personal faith and witness and capacity for evangelisation. This won't all happen at once. It will need lots of support and help from people across the parish. What might you be interested in?

*God Bless, Fr Charles*



**KEEP THE FIRE BURNING!  
BLAK, LOUD AND PROUD**  
7-14 JULY 2024

This weekend we celebrate the end of:

### **NAIDOC Week (National Aboriginal and Islanders Day Observance Committee Week)**

This is a time to honour and learn about the cultures, traditions and spirituality of Australia's First Nations people, and an opportunity for all members of the Catholic community to reflect on the contributions of Indigenous peoples to the Church and society.

### **What is Cultural Appreciation?**

Cultural Appreciation means appreciating another culture in a respectful, sincere way that helps broaden perspectives and build cross-cultural connections.

### ***Thank You to our Liturgy Team!***

My sincere congratulations to the Liturgy Team for the thoughtful and inspiring Masses last week to honour our First Nations sisters and brothers during NAIDOC week. I am in awe at the huge amount of work and preparation that the team put into it. Our solidarity makes an important statement about this key social justice issue and it is testament of our commitment to follow Jesus' example. Well done!

*Blessings, Tiziana*

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	
Thursday	8.30am	Adoration
	9.15am	Mass
Saturday	5.30pm	Baptism Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses



We pray for Better Health:

Milda Sarzetakas, Andrew Amalfi, Ana Saro, Fr Terry Kean, Teresa Paolilli, Frankie Pettinella, Margaret Enriquez, Lucia Butler, Rosanna Campagna, Greg Hodson, Brooke Evans, Anne Materazzo, Melissa Wirata, Sharon Hibbert, Rosemarie Cameron, Dorothea (Dot) Sharkey, Alexandra Franke, Aisha Yahiat and Jane O’Brien.

Anniversaries:

Andrew Tomaro, Gino Natoli, Carmel Scaffidi, Livio Dinelli, Joe Norman (6), Remo Moscardini (6), John Turner (2), Pietro Di Rosa and Spiro Portelli.

Recently Deceased: Winifred Eileen Harrison

LITURGY ROSTER

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 13/14<sup>th</sup> July 2024

1<sup>st</sup> Read: Amos &: 12-15 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: Ephesians 1: 3-14 Gos: Mark 6: 7-13

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Pauline Erickson	Margaret Turner	Daniel Marini Lawrence Cecconello
8.30am	Jessica Bartholomeusz		Penny Teo Mary Waddick
10.00am	Miriam Ayoub	Liz O’Connell	Carmel Purdey Raffaela Dinelli

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 20/21<sup>st</sup> July 2024

1<sup>st</sup> Read: Jeremiah 23: 1-6 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: Ephesians 2: 13-18 Gos: Mark 6: 30-34

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Janet Parsons	Christine Marini	Lynne O’Brien Anne Maguire
8.30am	Pauline Erickson		Pat Rowland Frances Bettiol
10.00am	Frances Johnson	Miriam Ayoub	Lyn Robinson Tony Robinson

Feast Days this week:...

15<sup>th</sup> July St Bonaventure  
Died at Lyons (France) on this day in 1274  
He joined the Franciscans when studying in Paris and eventually became minister general of the order.  
Later appointed cardinal-bishop of Albano and died assisting Pope Gregory X during the Council of Lyons.  
Known as the “Seraphic Doctor”.  
Remembered as a teacher, for his extensive biblical and mystical writings, and for his holiness, gentleness and compassion.

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.

We have to be gentle and self-understanding.  
Experience will teach us the value  
of meditation.

The longer we keep meditating the more  
we will see that our day has  
more purpose.

The more we begin to see  
meaning in everything,  
the more love grows in our heart.

That is the test of meditation: signs of love growing  
silently in our heart.

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**OPEN DAY**  
9.00AM-10.30AM  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August  
Book your tour here:

**SEAFARERS SUNDAY**

Seafarers Sunday is an important opportunity to remember and pray for the seafarers whose tireless work in very challenging conditions benefits us all.

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health.

Next week is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea.

There will be an Appeal for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church.

Funds collected will be used to provide practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously.

To donate or for more information, visit:  
[www.stellamarisaustralia.org](http://www.stellamarisaustralia.org)





Our next **Parish Bookish Morning Tea** will be held on **Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> July** at 10.00am and continues every fortnight.

All are welcome to join in the fun!  
Looking forward to seeing you all then!!



## YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU

### ***Urgent help required please!***

We are in desperate need of someone to help at 8.30am Mass as either Lector or preferably Lector/Commentator. The job is not difficult and full instruction will be provided. All age groups most welcome to join our team. Please contact Pauline Erickson on 0407 824 638 or ring the Parish Office.

### **Parish Census**

We are running a parish census from this weekend!

Everyone is invited to please make sure to fill out a parish census card **or** fill out an online parish census form via the QR code provided below.

The Census is very important:



1. It helps the parish leadership to understand both the practical and the spiritual needs of our community.
2. It helps with parish membership and donations/thanksgiving appeals.

We really appreciate your help!



▶ **Parish Census 2024**



The Parish of St Kevin's Templestowe is looking to commence a new playgroup for babies and toddlers. To help us get started, we are seeking donations of clean, age appropriate toys in good working order.

If you happen to have any sitting at home that nobody uses/wants any more, please consider donating them towards our parish playgroup.

Thank you all.

***Well done*** to our hard-working craft group ladies who gather weekly to produce warm, woollen items to distribute freely to the needy in our community. Here below is a grateful letter we received recently from Br Harry Prout from the Olympic Village Exodus Community:



exodus  
COMMUNITY

273 Liberty Parade, Heidelberg West,

Re: Fabulous knitters

Terry and Christine Maher visited us yesterday and delivered another lot of beautifully knitted items! And some collector stamps and envelopes from a kind donor.

On Wednesdays, we have a weekly Drop In and lunch. About 40 local people attend for hospitality, catch up and delicious lunch. At today's event, I have already shown off some of the knitting and guests are making suggestions as to who in the community might appreciate a blanket.

There were a lot of comments about the time, care and thoughtfulness that has gone into creating these beautifully knitted items! It is difficult to convey the admiration and appreciation that our community have for you at St Kevin's: and gratefulness that you continue to include us.

Thank you – and if I am able to take pictures or record comments from those who receive a blanket, or the lovely knitted jumper and matching beanie, I will pass them on.

Be assured your kind and generous work will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you!

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

When Italian migrants arrived in Australia post-World War II, it was hard to find olive oil for cooking in grocery shops. I am reliably told that, in those days, olive oil could only be found at the chemist!

Things have changed a lot since then. Australian society embraced Mediterranean food, and cooking with olive oil, to everyone's benefit. It is a well-known fact that a Mediterranean diet is good for our health.

Over the last 7 days, we have celebrated NAIDOC Week: the history, culture and achievements of our First Nations People. You would have noticed in last weekend's Masses, several beautiful Indigenous themes in our liturgy. We are indebted to our parish liturgy group. They worked tirelessly to plan and coordinate such thoughtful liturgies to honour and celebrate the rich cultural heritage and contributions of First Nations People to the Australian Catholic Church.

You may well ask: what does olive oil have to do with NAIDOC Week? It's about acceptance and being open minded. Our society was open-minded and accepted Mediterranean food decades ago, and we are all so much better off for doing so. Similarly, let's celebrate and embrace the rich cultural heritage and contributions of our Indigenous brothers and sisters. Let's listen to their voice and aspirations. We will definitely be much better off for it!

***Blessings, Tiziana***

For information on our Parish Schools please contact:

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## Responsorial Psalm

Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.

## Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer.

### REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS FOR THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### First Reading

##### Amos 7: 12-15

A reading from the prophet Amos

*Go, prophesy to my people.*

Today's short passage from the prophet Amos would have been a good match for last Sunday's gospel in which Jesus declares it's the fate of the prophet not to be listened to. Presumably this text was chosen for today because just as Jesus sends the Twelve into potentially unreceptive territory, so Amos was sent from the southern kingdom of Judah to the affluent and corrupt kingdom of Israel. The one clue to the historical circumstances of Amos' mission (7:9-10) places him in Bethel in the mid-8th century before the birth of Christ. This makes him one of the earliest prophets to have his words recorded.

Amos arouses the wrath of the priest Amaziah because he has dared to prophesy that King Jeroboam would die and the people be taken into exile. Amos defends himself from the accusation that he is a career prophet. On the contrary, he was uprooted from his life on the land and dispatched to prophesy to a self-indulgent society that preyed on the poor. Amaziah does not seek to bar Amos from prophesying altogether, only at the royal shrine.

In all likelihood, most members of the gathered assembly will not be familiar with the circumstances of Amos' mission, but the message conveyed by the reading should be clear enough. Troublesome prophets who pass judgement on the status quo and call for a change of heart are not welcome. The reading consists almost entirely of the dialogue between Amaziah and Amos.

#### Second Reading

##### Ephesians 1: 3-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

*Before the world was made, he chose us in Christ.*

Having been treated to several passages from two letters universally attributed to Paul, 1 and 2 Corinthians, we now hear seven excerpts from a different kind of document. Though commonly referred to as Paul's letter to the Ephesians, it may well be a circular letter to a number of churches, written by a follower of Paul, drawing heavily on his letter to the Colossians. It doesn't display Paul's personal touches. Its language is florid and elevated in tone, seemingly inspired by liturgical prayer.

This is evident in today's text, a lengthy prayer in the style of a Jewish blessing. A single sentence in Greek, it is broken down into six or seven in English, depending on the translation. Most of these remain long and complex. As beautiful as the prayer is, pastoral reasons may favour choosing the shorter option.

The first thing to note, of course, is that the reading is a prayer, as the opening words make clear: "Blessed be God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." From then on, however, the prayer becomes a litany of the blessings for which God is to be praised and thanked – adoption, forgiveness, grace, hope, truth, good news, the Holy Spirit, freedom.

### For our 2nd NATSICC Sunday - Our local Aboriginal people, the *Wurunjerri-baluk*

As a young Boy in Ballarat I was very fortunate that a family friend, Aldo Massola, was at the time Curator of Anthropology at Melbourne Museum. Unlike some 'laboratory anthropologists' he understood much from and consequently deeply respected Aboriginal peoples by first learning an Aboriginal language, and consequently being privileged to be accepted into Aboriginal camps over some time, and around camp fires, listening and learning first hand, and writing much about their rich culture, mythology, healing and spirituality. He taught me a great deal which was then counter-cultural, about the rich dignity and community structure of Aboriginal Culture and society. In his 206 page Book 'Bunjil's Cave' which he personally inscribed for me, he included this brief description of our local Wurundjeri people: The *Wurunjerri-balak*, from *wurun*, the river gum, *jerri*, the grub which lives in that tree, and *baluk*, people. They were thus the River Gum Witchetty Grub People, and their territory was the River Yarra watershed."

*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.

