



# 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

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

27/28<sup>th</sup> July, 2024

Stella Maris Weekend (Care, Welfare and Support for Seafarers)

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

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

Over the decades I have become more and more aware of the presence of the work of the Holy Spirit and the call to intentional discipleship that the Holy Spirit makes.

It is easy to dismiss things as irrelevant or as coincidence but so often these moments are real and meaningful for each of us and they are calling us along the path of following Jesus Christ so that we can become disciples who go and make disciples.

Some examples:

My mother walking down Regent Street (I think it was) in London and a voice from above said loudly "Joyce!!! STOP ARGUING" – and she did, and listened to the call and became a Catholic and not only influenced me and my brothers but became a significant player in the World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations and a major part of the ACT's bioethics commentary for some years. All because of that voice ... of the Holy Spirit.

For me: a voice calling me to Applied Mathematics, called me into a stream of business where my honesty (no I'm not perfect) was able to keep the company on a better path of social benefit.

For me: a brochure handed innocently to me calling me to go to a conference in Sydney – a conference about the Permanent Diaconate that spoke to me and to Tanya, my wife, about where my next calling should be.

For me: that voice in the darkness that said "Charles, you should be more, be a priest" and ... here I am.

The bus that flashes past and you realise the route sign says "You are Loved" ... how does that change you because in that moment it can be a call to ... joy – the joy of Jesus Christ's love and grace and mercy.

Listening to a story being told: the dream that leaves a powerful impression of being rescued from the wilderness – the person telling the story knows their story of the Holy Spirit's presence but for me also it had an impact: Wow! Today loving Father you are still guiding through dreams as you guided Joseph when he accepted Mary into his home; and as you guided Elizabeth as she welcomed Mary (and Jesus). Thank you for this insight loving Father.

The text message I received telling of miracle healings just around the corner from St Greg's. Hmmm ... is it a scam ... but ... The spirit is calling me to be open further to the truth that God's love is spread wherever the wind of the Holy Spirit blows – just as John 3:8 says "The wind [of the Holy Spirit] blows where it pleases ..."

That moment when my Mother-in-Law looked at me – deeply – honestly – truthfully – after a major new stroke, days before she died. The eyes of Christ Jesus – speaking of love, speaking of thanks for the care I gave to her and the care I gave to my wife – care arising from love, love inspired by Jesus. The Holy Spirit opening her heart and mine to know each other as God knows us – for just that moment. Grace upon grace.

The sense that I needed some guidance – the sense is a call of the Holy Spirit – and the need born out of seeking guidance from a capable advisor.

Not everything is a call of the Holy Spirit. The devil can seek to imitate the call – but always with a sense of unease, or jangling. A sense of this could work also but ... not for me???

Especially for significant issues we need to talk to others to seek advice (for my vocational call I spoke to Tanya, Chris Toms, the others interested in the Permanent Diaconate, the Vicar General, the Archbishop, the national representative of the Permanent Diaconate) and when it came to the priesthood there were even more people I discerned with.

But ... the call is there. I encourage you ... look into your hearts, your lives – can you see / feel / discern / know the Holy Spirit working within you and your life?

**God bless, and Spirit fill you, Fr Charles**



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	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses



We pray for Better Health:

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, Jane O'Brien, Bernard Mohar and Angelina Amalfi.

Anniversaries:

Maria Amato, Domenico Morello, Alberico Mollica, Joy Lewis, Nick Corken, May Poon, Carlo & Len Bettiol, Gary Neal and Maree Metcalfe.

Recently Deceased:

Antonio Salvatore Strangis

Feast Days this week:...

29<sup>th</sup> July

Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus Siblings, Mary, Martha & Lazarus were friends of Jesus & welcomed him into their home in Bethany.

31<sup>st</sup> July St Ignatius of Loyola Remembered for his loyalty to the Church and its renewal, his ministry to the marginal, his concern for education, and his dedication to the greater glory of God, the motto of the Jesuits.

1<sup>st</sup> August St Alphonsus Liguori Remembered as a popular preacher, devotional writer and as a master of moral theology.

3<sup>rd</sup> August St Dominic Remembered as a preacher, organiser and patron of learning.

LITURGY ROSTER

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 27/28<sup>th</sup> July 2024

1<sup>st</sup> Read: 2 Kings 4: 42-44 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: Ephesians 4: 1-6 Gos: John 6: 1-15

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Rachel Marini	Tasha Vercauteran	Lynne O'Brien Bredenia Raquel
8.30am	Frank Ozzimo	Ana Saro	Adrian Teo Frances Bettiol
10.00am	Bernard Butler	Liz O'Connell	Lyn Murphy Geraldine Williams

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> August 2024

1<sup>st</sup> Read: Exodus 16: 2-4, 12-15 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: Ephesians 4: 17, 20-24 Gos: John 6: 24-35

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Janet Parsons	Daniel Marini	Lawrence Cecconello Maryanne McNamara
8.30am	Pauline Erickson		Penny Teo Mary Waddick
10.00am	Tony Byrne	Frances Johnson	Kaye Byrne Carmel Purdey

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OPEN DAY

9.00AM-10.30AM

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August

Book your tour here:



St Kevin's School News!

We welcomed back all our St Kevin's families on their return to school last week. We are all working together on the concept of 'Diversity' this term, connecting it to the Olympic games and discovering more about each other's family history and place of origin.

At the end of this term we are having a massive Art Show and we would love parishioners to enjoy our amazing work. The Art Show will be on the 4th and 5th of September with a special opening on the Sunday 8th of September between 11am - 12:30pm.

We welcome a new Languages Assistant (Italian) Marcello Carrabba and two new students Kai and Harvey to our St Kevin's Community.

Look forward to sharing information about our school every fortnight!

Every blessing, Gabee Leone

St Gregory the Great Parish & St Kevin's Parish invite you to celebrate

# Multicultural Day

on Sunday 18 August  
after 10.30am Mass  
at Church of St Gregory the Great

Multicultural food and drinks will be provided (please do not bring food to share). Silent auction and raffle will be held on the day. Please come along to bid for items and buy tickets. Proceeds will be used to fund social events for our parish and community.

Please be mindful of food intolerances or allergies as food may contain allergens. Parents and carers are kindly requested to please supervise their children at all times.

Come in your cultural costumes or colours to celebrate our diverse heritage and enjoy an afternoon of food and fun!

RSVP: Email [doncaster@cam.org.au](mailto:doncaster@cam.org.au), or use sign up sheets at church or online <https://forms.gle/LNiQX9mrUaf7h1xWA>

See You There!





Our next **Parish Bookish Morning Tea** will be held on **Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> August** at 10.00am and continues every fortnight.

All are welcome to join in the fun!

Looking forward to seeing you all then!!



## Parish Census

We are running a parish census for the next two weeks.

If you haven't already done so, all are 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!



## MEN'S SOCIAL GROUP



ST KEVIN'S PARISH, TEMPLESTOWE

The next **St Kevin's Men's Social Group** takes place on **Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> August @ 7.30pm in the Church Gathering Apace.** Open to men of any age (older teenagers are welcome (with their guardian) - parishioners and non

parishioners alike. All are welcome. Invite a friend, relative or neighbour along. Supper is provided. BYO alcoholic drinks. \$7 donation suggested to cover costs. For catering purposes, please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the entry of the church, or you can ring the parish office on 9850

## Over the coming two weekends, we will be conducting our Annual Propagation of the Faith Appeal

In Mongolia, Chuluunbaatar suffered a life-altering injury while trying to rescue a submerged vehicle, leaving him unable to work and reliant on scarce support services for basic needs. Without shelter and food, Chuluunbaatar faces the real risk of freezing to death.

Resources are limited, but the Church in Mongolia is working hard to provide essential services to people in need.

**This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance these vital services. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope and tangible assistance to individuals like Chuluunbaatar.**



Freecall: 1800 257 296  
catholicmission.org.au/mongolia

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## 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.

Today we pray for all those who live and work at sea. Our second collection will be 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:

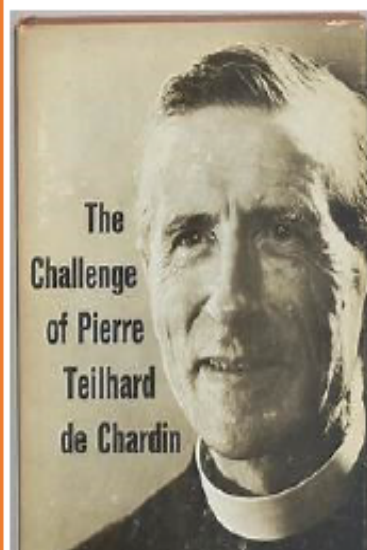
[www.stellamarisaustralia.org](http://www.stellamarisaustralia.org)



## Faith Engaging the World

### Teilhard: Visionary Scientist

### Here Faith & Science Meet



The Challenge of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

**Come together to share in a Video, Pizza, Wine & Discussion**

The life of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, a French Jesuit - paleontologist - visionary, suppressed by his Jesuit order for advocating evolution is revealed in a drama of personal awakening, a search for meaning, scientific adventure, unresolved conflict with authority, and human love.

In *"Teilhard: Visionary Scientist,"* a documentary from American broadcaster PBS, four key ideas emerge from the life and mind of Fr. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955): evolution, integration, fire and passion.

*"Someday, after we have mastered the winds, the waves, the tides, and gravity, we shall harness for God the energies of love. And then for the second time in the history of the world, we will have discovered fire." de Chardin.*

**Friday 16 August at 6.30pm**

**\$10 entry donation to cover Pizza & Wine**

**The Gathering Space - Mary Mother of the Church Catholic Parish  
4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe**

**For catering purposes please book by sending an email to our Parish Office [Ivanhoe@cam.org.au](mailto:Ivanhoe@cam.org.au) or phoning 9926 2310**

### FUTURE EVENTS:

Friday 18 October

**'The Stones Cry Out'** The story of Palestinian Christians with a follow up talk by Bishop George Browning, Bishop Emeritus of Canberra and Goulburn.

Friday 15 November

**'The Letter - a message for our earth'** The Pope, the Environmental Crisis, the Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor.

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

The hand of the Lord feeds us;  
he answers all our needs.

## Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Hear our prayer.

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

#### First Reading

##### 2 Kings 4: 42-44

A reading from the second book of the Kings

*They will eat and have some left over.*

The dramatic exploits and oracles of the prophet Elijah and his successor Elisha loom large in the two books of Kings. The figure of Elijah appears a number of times in the gospels but Elisha is named only once, on the occasion when Jesus responds to his critics in the synagogue at Nazareth (Lk 4:27). While none of the gospel writers mention Elisha in their various accounts of the feeding of the crowd in the wilderness, there is great similarity between these stories and today's one about Elisha.

Just as Jesus' disciples question him about how the crowd can be fed, so Elisha's servant queries his master. Elisha, like Jesus, responds authoritatively. As in the gospel stories, a large cohort is amply fed and food is left over. One distinctive feature of the Elisha story is that the loaves fed to the men are from the first-fruits. The author doesn't seem to be concerned that of their nature first-fruits are handed over into God's possession. This brings to mind Jesus' reply to the Pharisees when they complained about the disciples licking ears of corn on the sabbath (Mk 2:23-28).

#### Second Reading

##### Ephesians 4: 1-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

*There is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.*

With today's short reading, the letter to the Ephesians changes mode from teaching to exhortation. The author, whether Paul or a later author writing in his name, spends the rest of the letter spelling out how the baptised should live out their faith. After the initial personal appeal – "I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you" – the verbs become imperative – "Bear with one another" and "Do all you can."

Unity within the Church community was a great preoccupation of Paul's, as he makes plain in a number of places, such as Phil 2:1-11 and 1 Cor 12:4-11. There's no sign that his plea for unity here is prompted by distressing reports of factionalism, ambitions or animosity as was the case in other places. Nonetheless his entreaty is heartfelt. He then proceeds to an unsystematic list of the things that bind everyone together in one Body: the Spirit, peace, hope, the Lord, faith, and baptism, with the climax being reached in "the one God who is Father of all, through all and within all."

In passing it's worth noting that the beautiful prayer Paul prays in 3:14-21 is never heard on a Sunday. It will reward those who check it out.

#### A little more on '2nd Collections'

The response this weekend to the Responsorial Psalm "The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs" relates particularly well to the associated Readings. Perhaps in turn it also relates to the causes and charities which people in our Parish are thoughtfully inspired to support. The parish recently received appreciative messages for \$447.75 contributed to Catholic Mission, and over two weekends for \$984.40 contributed to Pope Francis's annual 'Peter's Pence' collection for those in need. While we don't yet have details for 2024, last year this global campaign raised €48.4 million, funding 236 Charity projects in 76 countries. In mid August the Melbourne Archdiocese which specifies particular collections each year will introduce its new 'Archbishop's Campaign' which we will shortly learn more about. Last Friday we delivered the final batch of collected warm clothes to CatholicCare, who told us that the previous clothes contributed by St Kevin's & St Greg's parishioners had been immediately delivered around Melbourne, Geelong and Ballarat, and were greatly appreciated by freezing refugees, having escaped from very hot countries - **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.

