



# 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

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7/8<sup>th</sup> September, 2024

Child Protection Week - Safeguarding Sunday

Baptism, Baptism Presentation and Welcome to First Eucharist Catechist Candidates Weekend

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

### *From the Desk of our Parish Priest...*

#### **Organising the Mass:**

Every week if you are on one of our longer rosters (eg lector, special minister) you might look at the boxes in the newsletter that remind you whether you are rostered on this week or next week. Perhaps for most who come to Mass, and your presence is essential and much valued, you just skip over that because it is not relevant for you this week. I have had two discussions, one during a PPC meeting, about what it takes to organise Mass each week. So I thought I would outline some of what happens. Some is rostered, some is self-organising:

- Sacristans and helpers: I put them first because without them the door wouldn't be open and the Church would not be set up and ready for Mass (and cleared up after Mass).
- Parish secretary: prepare the bulletin, which involves discussion with various roster members, talking to other parishes, locating all the names for memorial Masses and much more.
- Prepare the PowerPoint pack for presentation of our multi-media Mass. Which takes knowing the Mass, finding the readings, liaising with the musician(s).
- Choosing the hymns to go with the Mass – not just any hymns but hymns that speak into the readings and any special focus of the Mass
- Musicians / Singers / Choir – preparing the hymns, practicing them and singing at Mass.
- Presenting the multi-media pack – knowing how the Mass flows so that the right elements are shown at the right time, and adjusting for any changes that might arise during Mass.
- Altar Servers who help the flow of the actions of the Mass happen more smoothly and effectively.
- Lectors, preparing the readings during the week so that they are able to proclaim them as best they can as they speak God's Word. Commentators.
- Special Ministers, those who assist with distribution of Holy Communion/
- Welcomers at the door to say hello and help newcomers find their way.
- Baptism preparation / organisation (and I won't begin on the other sacraments).
- Hospitality providers, who prepare and provide tea/coffee/water/cake – setting up / clearing up, purchasing needs, providing a smile.
- Collectors, Counters, Offertory procession.

And the people you don't ever see:

- They prepare the flowers and those who put up other things to beautify our Church.
- Those who do dusting and window cleaning; checking the toilets are clean – in addition to the main cleaner who comes once a week.
- Those who do repairs.
- And always I spend time and great care preparing the readings; reflecting; meditating; reading commentaries; preparing my homily; preparing the notices in a form I feel speaks clearly; seeking to integrate current events in the parish and in the world, giving input for all aspects of the liturgy.

I am out of space! I am sure I've missed some who help make the Mass happen each week. If I have left you off—please, tell me, I'll include you next week. Everyone, pray for all who help. And, please, if you aren't already in this mix, consider if there is a piece of this rich tapestry that you could contribute to.

**God bless, Fr Charles**

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

Saturday 5.30pm Mass  
Sunday 8.30am & 10.00am Masses. Welcoming Mass for 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Catechist Candidates, Baptism and Baptism Present @ 10am  
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 Baptism Presentation Mass @ 10am



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, Angelina Amalfi, Alexander, Felipe, Anne, Izabella Fantin, Carmel Purdey and Lucy Bisetto.

Anniversaries:

Lauren Williams, Allan Robinson, John Brennan, Therese Lavery, Michael Sciavarrello, James & Mary Bone and Jim Bone.

Recently Deceased:

Heather, Elizabeth and Jacqueline, Mary Calleja, Fr Desmond Magennis PE and Rev Prof Gerald O'Collins SJ AC

Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this week:

For the successful preparation for, and carrying out of, our 2024 Stewardship Campaign during October.



Feast Days this week:...

13<sup>th</sup> September

St John Chrysostom  
His reforms, preaching, and ascetic life led to opposition from court and clergy and eventual banishment. Remembered for his simplicity of life, his care of the poor, the courage of his witness, and his effective preaching of the Scriptures.

15<sup>th</sup> September

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
A feast of the Lord, it celebrates the 'lifting up' of the Son of Man on the cross, into glory, and the paradox of the cross as a sign of humiliation and death, yet the source of victory and life.

LITURGY ROSTER

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 7/8<sup>th</sup> September 2024  
1<sup>st</sup> Read: Isaiah: 35: 4-7 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: James 2: 1-5 Gos: Mark 7: 31-37

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Rachel Marini	Kathy Pearce	Bredenia Raquel Maryanne McNamara
8.30am	Pauline Erickson		Pat Rowland Frances Bettiol
10.00am	Vianney Shiel	Carmel Shiel	Carmel Purdey Raffaela Dinelli

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 14/15<sup>th</sup> September 2024  
1<sup>st</sup> Read: Isaiah: 50: 5-9 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: James 2: 14-18 Gos: Mark 8: 27-35

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Margaret Turner	Christine Marini	Lynne O'Brien Daniel Marini
8.30am	Frank Ozzimo	Erika Castro	Adrian Teo Mary Waddick
10.00am	Carmel Purdey	Jessica Bartholomeusz	Volunteers Required



The next **St Kevin's Men's Social Group** takes place on **Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> September @ 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 5983, or email Tiziana at [tiziana.dcosta@cam.org.au](mailto:tiziana.dcosta@cam.org.au)

Baptism Welcome

This weekend we welcome:

Don and Shashika

who will be introducing

Shane Sahas Jayawardhana

to our Parish Community in preparation for his Baptism in two week's time.



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



Luca Santoro

Son of Daniel and Kristy

Little brother of Sienna and Romeo

A warm welcome to our parish First Eucharist Catechist Children and their families who are joining us for Mass this weekend.



Would you like to know more about what's on offer in our Manningham Community?

Then please help yourself to any of the booklets from various civic bodies from the table in the Gathering Space.

They are all free of any charge.



*"Every conversation matters"*

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY  
8 SEPTEMBER 2024



## Safeguarding Sunday

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that respects the dignity of all children and adults at risk, and empowers and listens to all people, especially those who are vulnerable. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:

<https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Safeguarding-Sunday-2024>.



*Our next*

### Parish Bookish Morning Tea

will be held on **Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> September** at 10.00am and continues every fortnight.

All are welcome to join in the fun!

Looking forward to seeing you all then!!



STELLA MARIS

## Stella Maris Seafarer's Centre Melbourne, Australia

Stella Maris Seafarer's Centre says ***thank you*** for our donations towards Seafarers.

On behalf of our volunteers, staff and Committee of Management, we wish to thank you and your parishioners most sincerely for your parish's recent donation of \$762.20 for our Sea Sunday Appeal. Seafarers provide an essential service globally but are a forgotten workforce. They come from poorer countries, spend long periods away from their family, and often endure dangerous conditions. In Australia, we depend on over 99% of goods to come by ship!

Centres such as Stella Maris provide mental and physical support to all seafarers regardless of race, colour or creed. Our services include Mass on board, assistance with issues relating to working conditions and a comfortable home-away-from home centre which includes a chapel, where they can relax for a few hours away from the confines of their vessel.

Your parish donation will go a long way in helping to maintain the services we provide for all seafarers.

God Bless, Kind Regards, Seamus Quinn, President, Committee of Management, Stella Maris Seafarers' Centre

*Happy  
3<sup>rd</sup>  
anniversary*

to our Parish Priest,

**Fr Charles Balnaves**

who celebrates his third anniversary with us on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> September.

*Congratulations and well done Fr Charles. Thank you very much for all that you do for us and for our parish.*



## TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

*The firstfruits of hope*  
(Rom 8:19-25)

### SEASON OF CREATION 2024

#### Ecumenical Prayer for our Common Home

The Focolare Movement invites you to an Ecumenical Service, linked with groups throughout Oceania, which will include moments of reflection, meditation, music and experiences.

**Place:** St Kevin Parish Church (Gathering Space).

**Time:** 3.45 – 5.00 pm – followed by afternoon tea.

**When:** Sunday 8 September 2024

What is Season of Creation? The Season of Creation is a global ecumenical celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. It is promoted by the World Council of Churches and Pope Francis. and, starts each year on 1 September and finishes on the feast of St Francis, 4 October.

Contact: Therese Clayette - Focolare - Ph 98991696



Recently, we conducted some special collections for fellow parishioners who were needing our support and assistance.

Here below are their responses:

The first message is from 'Tania' – the family with unwell husband

*A heartfelt thank you to this beautiful community who has reached out to support and love our family during our time in need.*

*Your kindness and generosity has meant so much to us and enabled us to remain hopeful and take some of the life stresses away.*

*We have felt the warmth, love and generosity and are truly grateful for this.*

*Our family has a little 'spring in our step' when we are gifted by your generosity.*

*It definitely lifts us up during the tough times. Thank you so much xxx.*

The second message is from 'Ami' - the single mum with 2 young sons

*Just wanted to let you know how amazing it has been the last week to just have everything here. I ran out of deodorant, and could just grab another without having to think if I could afford it today. Simple things! I've found my smile again. Thank you x.*

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**

Praise the Lord, my soul!

**Response to Prayers of the Faithful**

Lord, hear our prayer.

**REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF  
THE TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

<i>First Reading</i>	<i>Second Reading</i>
<p><a href="#"><u>Isaiah 35: 4-7</u></a></p> <p>A reading from the prophet Isaiah</p> <p><i>Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.</i></p> <p>Chapter 35 of the prophet Isaiah seems to belong more naturally in the section often called Second Isaiah or the Book of Consolation. Chapters 40-55 are comprised of oracles intended to comfort and encourage the Israelites whose exile in Babylon is coming to an end. That appears to be the background for today's reading, a longer version of which is heard in Advent in Year A.</p> <p>Isaiah's joyous evocation of a transformed world is intended to dispel the shame and despair of the exiles deported to Babylon. God is coming to save them. A new era is on its way. The wilderness will become a garden. Handicaps will be healed, as they are in today's gospel story.</p> <p>This is a snapshot of a new world of homecoming, wholeness and fulfilment. It will make most sense to those who understand its background, but even those who aren't familiar with the story of the exile can't fail to be stirred by what this poem promises.</p>	<p><a href="#"><u>James 2: 1-5</u></a></p> <p>A reading from the letter of St James</p> <p><i>Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?</i></p> <p>Today's text from the letter of James makes uncomfortable reading. There's no beating about the bush as he zeroes in on the virus of partiality that can infect a faith community. This is the only place in the letter where Christ is mentioned, other than in the opening words. James' rebuke is wholly in line with Jewish teaching. In the book of Leviticus, for example, judges are instructed not to be partial (19:15). Another Jewish feature of the reading is its use of the word "synagogue" to describe the Christian community's place of assembly. Nowhere else in the New Testament is the word used like this.</p> <p>Few people, devout Christians included, can claim to be innocent of discrimination on the basis of status or wealth. James' example of how an obviously rich person is deferred to at the expense of a shabbily dressed poor person is right on target. He seems to imply that the members of the community are neither rich nor poor, thus more likely to aspire to wealth than choose to be poor. Hence their vulnerability to the practice of unacceptable discrimination. The final sentence of the passage echoes Jesus' endorsement of the poor in the beatitudes (Mt 5:3). In effect, there is an acceptable partiality – that of God's preferential choice of the poor.</p> <p><i>Taken from "Break Open the Word"</i></p>

**Listen and Learn: Indigenous injustice - Descendant's Day**

Descendant's Day on 4 September provides an opportunity for all Victorians to listen and learn truth about Victoria's colonial history. Non-Indigenous witnesses were encouraged to give evidence to Victoria's truth-telling process about the State's colonial past at a Descendants Day hearing at Yoorrook Justice Commission on Wednesday 4 September. The hearing is a day for all Victorians to listen and learn the truth about Victoria's colonial history, and an unbroken line of injustice running from 1834 to this day. Evidence presented will help build a shared understanding of Victoria's colonial history. The Descendants Day hearing will also show truth-telling isn't a process only for First Peoples to take part in. All Victorians have a role to play. By understanding the truth of Victoria's colonial history and how this connects to the present, we can help create transformational change and a better future for everyone. All Victorians are encouraged to come forward and share evidence and information as part of the State's truth-telling process by making a submission. Watch out for details [Edited from Yoorrook Justice Commission] - **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.