



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 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

14/15th September, 2024

Social Services Sunday

Baptism Presentation Weekend

Our Presider today is: Fr Gerry McKernan

From the Desk of our Parish Priest...

Falls / Medical Issues / Occupational Health and Safety:

Your help please!

Over the past year or so we've had a number of medical issues and falls (with several ambulances being called). A few people have had medical emergencies, and with this there could have been a thread of lack of hydration? I'm not sure. A person who fainted just last week. A person who cut themselves in the kitchen. Trips on seemingly smooth concrete.

As these things have happened, I've arranged for potential slip and trip hazards to be removed or ameliorated; moved blockages; carried out repairs. Each time there is an incident we seek to prevent a repeat and look to see what can be done to prevent other unexpected falls. And recently I have looked around with David Hii, business manager, seeking to identify potential risks.

Two things I would ask of you:

1. Keep hydrated; carry water with you;

And also: eat some breakfast before coming out (if you're over 65 (I think) the fasting rules become voluntary and indeed they are never meant to compromise health.)

2. Be intentional with your walking:

Stay focussed! (Don't rush, it's Ok to be a little late.)

Use a walker or stick when you need (don't allow vanity to cloud your judgement).

Look ahead, look carefully, avoid uncertain places.

Report any suspect matters.

One very interesting thing I learnt with my Mother-in-Law after she had a serious stroke was the importance of doing one thing at a time as mobility or cognition become impaired. One thing that was difficult for her to give up was talking to someone while she walked around and taking bites of food at the same time. Once she had the stroke it was: walk! Just walk! Focus on walking.

Special Events:

October 6th: Coptic Catholic event 1 pm at St Gregory the Great: Bishop Thomas, Fr Isaac's bishop, will be celebrating Mass —come along and see the Coptic Catholic way.

October 27th: Ordination of Tuong Nguyen (Jude as we remember him). During 5 pm Mass that day at St Gregory the Great. An important moment. Please put aside the time—this will be a very special event.

You will find further details of these events and booking for them soon.

God bless, Fr Charles



The next batch of parish Thanksgiving Envelopes have been prepared by our ever efficient Peter Norman (thank you very much Peter) and are now ready for collection from the table in the Gathering Space.

Please remember to collect yours before leaving today. Thank you.

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

Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses Baptism Presentation @ 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	
	10.15am	Adoration
Thursday	8.30am	Adoration
	9.15am	Mass
Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Baptism @ 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:

Jasmine Milanes, Ann Tipton, Nathan Jones, Margaret Cunningham, Danny Frawley, Antonio Ziino, Rosemary Mercieca, Donald Mullin and Liberato Crescia.

Recently Deceased:

Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this week: For the success of our third Alpha Experience starting in October, and that it will include a significant number of those not connected to Christ.



Feast Days this week:...

16th September

Ss Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian
Remembered as compassionate pastors who developed the Church's teaching and practice of reconciliation.

20th September

Ss Andrew Kim Tai Gùn, Paul Chùng Ha-Sang and Companions
Remembered for their fearless witness in the face of torture and death.

21st September St Matthew

Jesus met him and called him to be an apostle. Venerated as the author of the gospel which highlights Jesus' role as Messiah and underlines the presence of the kingdom of God in the Church.

LITURGY ROSTER

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 14/15th September 2024
1st Read: Isaiah: 50: 5-9 2nd 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

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 21st/22nd September 2024
1st Read: Wisdom 2: 12, 17-20 2nd Read: James 3: 16-4: 3 Gos: Mark 9: 30-37

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Janet Parsons	Daniel Marini	Anne Maguire Lynne O'Brien
8.30am	Paul Polidano	Erika Castro	Pat Rowland Frances Bettiol
10.00am	Miriam Ayoub	Bernard Butler	Tony Whelan Raffaella Dinelli

Baptism Welcome

This weekend we welcome:

Nicholas and Sonia

who will be introducing

Leonardo David Sabadin

to our Parish Community in preparation for his Baptism next weekend.

Celebration
of the
Sacrament of Baptism



Our next

Parish Bookish Morning Tea

will be held on Thursday,
26th September at 10.00am
and continues every fortnight.



All are welcome to join in the fun!

Looking forward to seeing you all then!



Healing Mass

With Fr Eusebius, CSE and Sisters of Daughters of Carmel

Come and join us for
Mass and Adoration with
intention of healing
follows with healing
prayer ministry

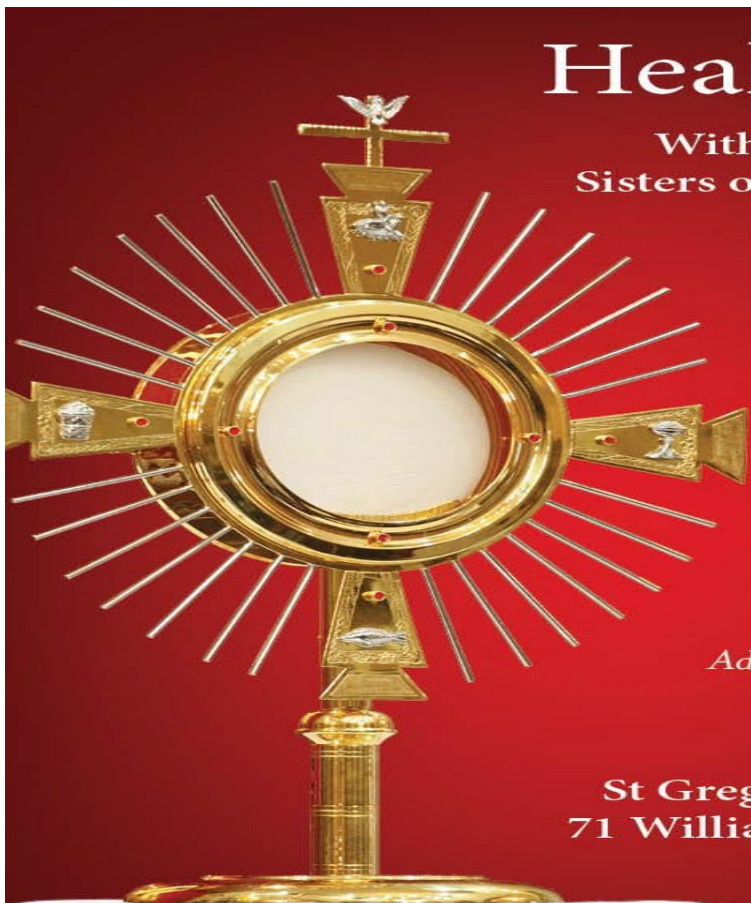
SATURDAY,
12 OCT 2024
6.00 PM

(Mass at 6PM followed by
Adoration and Healing Prayers)

There will be individual prayers
offered after the service

St Gregory the Great Church
71 Williamsons Rd, Doncaster

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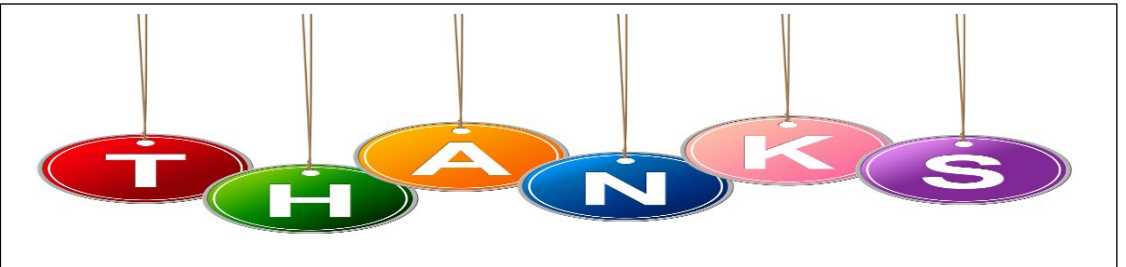


The groundwork for the next Mass roster from November 2024 till April 2025 has begun. We warmly welcome any new volunteers who would like to join the team. We are looking for Lectors and/or Commentators and Eucharistic Ministers at all Masses. You would be rostered approximately once per month. Full training and support provided. Please contact the Parish office or Pauline Erickson 0407824638.

**With joy and hope,
Archbishop Comensoli reflects on Pope’s tour**

In a letter to the clergy and faithful of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli reflects on his recent trip to Indonesia as part of Pope Francis’ current tour of our region. Observing that the Church in Australia is ‘taking on a more Asian face of Christ, and a less Anglo-European one’, he asks, ‘What does a more Asian way in Christ look and feel like? And how do we embrace it with joy and hope?’

This letter is on the noticeboard in the Gathering Space.



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.



Diaconate Ordination

Do you remember Tuong (Jude) Nguyen? He is a Seminarian who lived and worked with us in 2022 whilst he learnt about parish life. He is now being ordained as a Deacon and we are all invited to join him in this special ceremony to pray for him and to join in a celebration afterwards.

When: Sunday, 27th October at 5.00pm

Where: St Gregory the Great Church, 71 Williamsons Road, Doncaster

RSVP: 13th October. Please indicate your intention to attend via the sign-up sheets in the Gathering Space.

 **Catholic Social Services
Victoria**

This Sunday we mark **Social Services Sunday**, where we give thanks for all who provide care and support to those who are marginalised and vulnerable within our community.

A Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of
Mary Vittoria Calleja

will be held here at St Kevin's Church, on Wednesday
2nd October 2024 at 11.00am.

Rosary will be offered prior to the service at 10.30am
at the church.

*Following the service the cortege will leave for the
Fawknor Memorial Park*

where Mary will be laid to rest with her beloved Lewis.



THE COPTIC CATHOLIC
CHURCH OF
MELBOURNE

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO
WELCOME BISHOP THOMAS
HABIB THE APOSTOLIC VISITOR,
TO CELEBRATE COPTIC
CATHOLIC MASS ON SUNDAY
THE 6TH OF OCTOBER 2024 AT
1:00PM AT ST. GREGORY THE
GREAT, CATHOLIC CHURCH.
71 WILLIAMSONS ROAD,
DONCASTER FOLLOWED BY
LUNCH AT THE CHURCH HALL.

RSVP BY 25TH OF SEPTEMBER 2024 TO
doncaster@cam.org.au
OR VIA THE SIGN-UP SHEET AT NARTHEX

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

I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
in the land of the living.

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer.

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

<i>First Reading</i>	<i>Second Reading</i>
<p><u>Isaiah 50: 5-9</u></p> <p>A reading from the prophet Isaiah <i>I gave my body to those who struck me.</i></p> <p>If today's reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah sounds somewhat familiar, that's probably because it shares verses with the first reading for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. Both are excerpts from the third of Isaiah's four oracles known collectively as the Servant Songs. These are powerfully moving passages found in various places in chapters 40-52 of Isaiah, collectively known as the Book of Consolation for the encouragement it offers the exiles in Babylon.</p> <p>The servant is a mysterious figure who endures great suffering in the service of God. This person has been variously identified as Isaiah himself, Moses, another salvific individual, or the people of Israel personified. Parallels with the suffering undergone by Jesus have led to the songs being given a Christian interpretation. As we will hear in today's gospel reading, Jesus, like the servant, is anointed for a mission that provokes hostility and involves suffering but advances the cause of salvation.</p> <p>We hear today of the servant's personal experience. He presents himself as a disciple who listens to the Lord, suffers severe physical and verbal abuse, but refuses to resist. "I set my face like flint," he says, in words that echo how Jesus "set his face to go to Jerusalem" (Lk 9:51). This steely resolve gives him the strength to defy his accusers like a defendant well represented in a court of law.</p> <p>There's pathos in the description of the servant's suffering, but the dominant tone of the text is one of unflinching determination, based on confidence in God's help. This is the spirit which will be conveyed to the assembly by a strong and assertive proclamation.</p>	<p><u>James 2: 14-18</u></p> <p>A reading from the letter of St James <i>Faith without good works is dead.</i></p> <p>The elegant Greek in which the letter of James is written is put to sturdy rhetorical use. The author pulls no punches in tackling his imagined opponents. Today he mounts his case against those who claim to be believers but whose supposed faith doesn't find expression in good works. Like a skilled barrister in court he articulates their position then demolishes it. The truth he wishes to uphold is that faith of its nature issues in good deeds. Faith has no claim to authenticity if it remains an abstract proposition and doesn't lead to actions like clothing the ill-clad and feeding the hungry.</p> <p>His assertion that faith without works is dead may seem to go counter to Paul's insistence that we are saved by faith, not the works of the Law. This is not the case. Each one is responding to different claims. Paul's letters generally begin with a theological response to issues in the community, then move into exhortation as to how believers should behave. Romans 12-15 offers a lengthy example of the works that flow from faith.</p> <p>Today's reading might well be taken for a debater's script.</p> <p><i>Taken from "Break Open the Word"</i></p>

Strong association between suitable accommodation and Mental Health

It's well known by mental health authorities in Australia and around the world that suitable and stable accommodation is fundamental to mental health, especially for single or lonely people. During COVID in Melbourne there was a marked improvement in the mental health of many regular Melbourne street sleepers, who for a while were provided government funded housing. But then the COVID ERA subsided. At least however we're very happy to update on our 80+ YO former St Kevin's parishioner who spent years here knitting for others in need, then suddenly found herself obliged to leave her rental accommodation in Croydon due to its sale. To cut a lengthy and stressful story short, after extreme effort by many people and agencies, and uplifting support from St Kevin's and St Greg's parishioners, suitable accommodation was at last found last Friday - JIT! This basic human right has become one of the greatest social and public policy challenges in Australia where there's now a crippling shortage of housing. By providential coincidence, a St Kevin's parishioner and his partner who spend only one week in six in their comfortable Lower Plenty townhouse and are willing to modestly rent another bedroom and full use of the apartment apart from the other bedroom, say to a (probably) single student/recent graduate/young teacher. If you know of anyone who this might assist, just leave a message at the Parish Office - **John Costa, SJA**