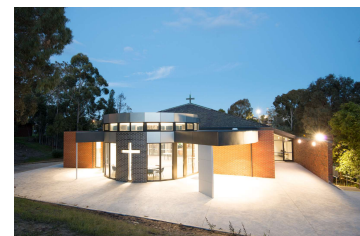




St Kevin's Catholic Parish



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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 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Baptisms Weekend

21st/22nd September, 2024

Our Presider today is: Fr Charles Balnaves

A Word From the Lay Ecclesial Leader...

Have you tried Alpha? Would you like to? Do you know someone who might like to try it?

What is Alpha? **Alpha** is an opportunity for people to share a meal, ask questions about important matters of life, faith and meaning and, in the search for the answer, come to know Jesus and grow closer to God.

We are running Alpha from 9 October to 4 December on Wednesday night: 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm. Dinner provided. It's an evening of fun, films and conversation.

The overwhelming response we get from Alpha participants is that it's so much more than they expected - with the added bonus of making new friends.

This is what participants have told us:

'I would recommend Alpha: there's so much to gain'

'I have grown in faith'

'It helped increase the sense of community'

'It's life changing'

Sound good? Reach out to me if you or someone you know is interested tiziana.dcosta@cam.org.au.

Everyone is welcome.

Blessings, Tiziana



Little Kev's Playgroup

St Kevin's Parish Playgroup
Every Monday during School Term
9.30 am – 11 am. Begins Monday 7 October
26-44 Herlihys Road, Lower Templestowe, in the church gathering space.
For ages 0-5 years – Registration required

Connect with other parents and bring your little one for nursery rhymes, sensory play, books and more.

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

Shane Sahas Jayawardhana

Son of Don and Shashika
Little brother of Shawn
and
Leonardo David Sabadin

Son of Nicholas and Sonia

Thanksgiving Offerings

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, Lucy Bisetto and Guadalupe Cameron.

Anniversaries:

John Shine, Ken Liu, Ercole Monaco, Michelle Reardon, Carmel Philips, Lorna James and Denis Houlihan.

Recently Deceased:

Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this week:

For the successful preparation for and carrying out of our Thanksgiving Campaign during October.



Feast Days this week:...

23rd September

St Pius of Pietrelcina
A mystic who received the marks of the stigmata in 1918, a renowned holy man, and a charity worker who founded a hospital. His ascetic life of pain led to special compassion for the suffering. Remembered as an extraordinary confessor and spiritual director

27th September

St Vincent De Paul
Committed above all to the oppressed and disadvantaged, he founded the Daughters of Charity with Louise de Marillac to work with the needy. Remembered especially for his practical concern for the poor and the sick.


LITURGY ROSTER

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


Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 28/29th September 2024
1st Read: Numbers 11: 25-29 2nd Read: James 5: 1-6 Gos: Mark 9: 38-43, 47-48

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Tasha Vercauteran	Margaret Turner	Lawrence Cecconello Maryanne McNamara
8.30am	Pauline Erickson	Pam Rivera	Penny Teo Paul Polidano
10.00am	Jessica Bartholomeusz	Frances Johnson	Geraldine Williams Lyn Robinson



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!!



To all Mass volunteers.

Last week an email was sent to all Mass volunteers asking for any known unavailability for the next roster from Nov '24 till end of April '25. If you haven't replied and you are aware of any upcoming holidays or events, please reply as soon as possible. A non reply is usually viewed as "I'm available".

More volunteers are still required in all Mass roles. Are there family members out there who would like to join the team? Ring the Parish office and we will get back to you.



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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From the Desk of the Parish Priest:

Take the Way of the Gospel Workshop:

My Leadership Group (See the photo: David Hii, me, Alfred Ablaza, Margaret O'Donnell, Tiziana D'Costa [Carmel Purdey could not be there]) joined me on Thursday afternoon just past to attend a workshop launching a "Parish Resource Guide." This guide is aimed to help parishes undertake a journey into becoming more and more parishes which live the Gospel and seek to spread the Good News: parishes which gather to worship in praise and thanksgiving and also actively, intentionally, go out and seek to bring people to Jesus, gently invite people to come and get to know the person of Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, and fall in love with him as we have.



St Greg's and St Kevin's together have already started on this journey. That is why I formed the leadership group which helps me by devoting a lot of time and effort into helping devise and help others implement ways to grow to be what we want to be as people who follow the command of Jesus to "Go and Make Disciples."

I'd like to give a special thanks to Tiziana who responded to an invitation from the Archdiocese to speak about what we've been doing and what we've achieved. She spoke wonderfully clearly about our journey so far and the ways in which the Holy Spirit has been with us along the way in Alpha, re-vitalising / starting ministries.

It is a credit to you, the parishioners of the two wonderful, vibrant parishes which I am blessed to lead: a credit to you that you are allowing this journey and enabling it. There is still a long way to go and I shall be asking you to help more as time goes on. Perhaps by praying for the parish; perhaps by joining an effort; perhaps by inviting people to come to Alpha; perhaps by giving witness to the presence and work of the Holy Spirit for you in your life; perhaps by being even more intentional with your presence and prayerfulness and participation in our Masses.

We've a long way to go yet but we are on the journey.

God bless, Fr Charles



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.

**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
Fawkner Memorial Park
where Mary will be laid to rest with her beloved Lewis.*

Migrant Youth Festival

The ethnic and migrant youth of Melbourne are invited to the inaugural Migrant Youth Festival, an initiative of the Migrant Catholic Chaplaincies. The festival is a unique opportunity to connect with like-minded young people while encountering Jesus and deepen your faith and relationship with God. The day will include a keynote address, a panel featuring Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, group activities and a mini cultural concert. Organised to mark the 110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees.

- When:** Sunday, 29th September
- Where:** Cathedral Hall, Australian Catholic University
22 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy



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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

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St Charles Borromeo Primary School
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Responsorial Psalm

The Lord upholds my life.

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF
THE TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading	Second Reading
<p><u>Wisdom 2: 12, 17-20</u></p> <p>A reading from the book of Wisdom</p> <p><i>Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.</i></p> <p>The choice of this passage from the book of Wisdom is clearly dictated by Jesus' second passion prediction in the gospel reading. There are clear parallels between the fate of the virtuous person and that of Jesus. Just as the godless mock the just by saying that God will rescue them, so the bystanders on Calvary deride Jesus (Mt 27:39-44; Mk 15:23-27). Strong connections like these make it difficult for Christians to appreciate this Old Testament text on its own merits.</p> <p>It has multiple associations with other writings in the Hebrew scriptures. It brings to mind the treatment of Joseph by his brothers (Gen 37:18-20). More especially it has links to the fourth Servant Song in the prophet Isaiah (52:13-53:12) which details the suffering of God's faithful servant and assures him of ultimate vindication. Another close connection is with Psalm 21/22:6-8. The reference to the virtuous man as God's son is not unique. In the century or so before the birth of Jesus, Jewish writings commonly presented God as father.</p> <p>In sum, this reading has a wealth of links to the scriptures both Old and New. It also displays insight into the psychology of those whose unjust ways are threatened with exposure by the example of people with integrity.</p>	<p><u>James 3: 16 – 4: 3</u></p> <p>A reading from the letter of St James</p> <p><i>Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.</i></p> <p>Much of the content and spirit of the letter of James qualify it for inclusion in the Old rather than the New Testament. It would be at home among the wisdom books of the Hebrew scriptures. Today the author contrasts earthly wisdom and its bitter fruits with "the wisdom that comes down from above." To demonstrate the perfection of this wisdom, he names seven attributes. It is pure, peaceful, kindly, considerate, compassionate, good, impartial and sincere. While this may seem a comprehensive list, it's no match for the elaborate catalogue in Wisdom 7:22-8:1.</p> <p>What gives rise to bitter division in the community is conflicting desires within each person's heart. With a measure of poetic license, the author claims that these lead to murder and violence. The problem, he says, is that people are praying for the fulfilment of their own wayward desires rather than in accordance with heavenly wisdom.</p> <p>As the text appears in the lectionary, the author frames his praise of wisdom with warnings about its opposite – a short one to start with, then a longer one.</p> <p><i>Taken from "Break Open the Word"</i></p>



March for the Babies is an annual event held in Melbourne, advocating for the right to life of unborn children. Come and show your support for the unborn. Let's share some details about this meaningful march:

Date and Location: The **2024 March for the Babies** will take place on **Saturday, October 12th**. Participants will gather at **Treasury Gardens** (corner of Spring Street and Wellington Parade) at 12.30pm and then embark on a peaceful walk to **Melbourne Parliament House**. It's a powerful demonstration of solidarity and a call to protect the lives of the most vulnerable among us.

- **Purpose:** The march aims to:
 - **Remember:** It serves as a day of remembrance for unborn children.
 - **Advocate:** Participants peacefully affirm the right to life for every unborn child.
 - **Support Women:** The event also seeks to assist women facing crisis pregnancies.
 - **Respect Conscience:** It advocates for freedom of conscience for healthcare workers who oppose abortion².

So, if you're passionate about this cause, gather your family and friends, wear blue or pink, lace up those walking shoes, and join the peaceful march! Let's show our leaders why we believe that every life matters.