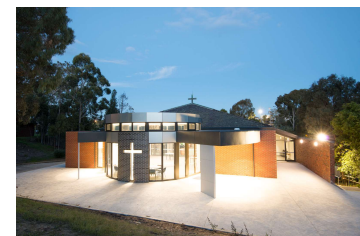




St Kevin's Catholic Parish



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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 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 28/29th September, 2024

Baptism Presentation Weekend – World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Our Presider today is: Fr Isaac Zaki

From the desk of the Parish Priest...

Vibrant / Vital / Viable:

During my weekly meeting this week with David Hii, our Business Manager, he asked me “what do you mean when you say that parishes should be Vibrant, Vital and Viable?”

I think we'd all agree these 'feel right' – certainly they make me say yes I want my parish to be like that. But what do the words actually 'mean' in relation to a parish?

I adopted these words based on some work done by the Archdiocese a couple of years ago. But while I know what they mean at an intuitive level the words that go with explaining them escaped me at the time. David and I discussed the meaning so we could put some words to what would otherwise just be 'jargon'.

A Vibrant Parish: vibrant: full of energy and life: this is to do with how we live our faith as a community: with energy and life and joy: gathering with energy that is tangible to those who visit. Having lots of active, exciting supporting ministries surrounding our celebration of the Mass where the Word and the Eucharist inspire people as well as feeding them. The way in which we seek to reach out beyond our Mass numbers and reach into the world to announce the Good News and invite others to join.

A Vital Parish: A parish that has good leadership, by capable people who are faithful, available, contagious and teachable. A parish that is grounded in a synodal Spirit led journey, with capable, collaborative management and a sense of co-responsibility for parish life – co-responsibility that extends through all aspects of parish life.

A Viable Parish: this is the nuts and bolts of daily operation, and the finances needed to operate as a parish in today's world in Australia. Without adequate money and proper management of it and careful use of funds, a parish cannot function. Managing the operation of the parish well enhances its mission, purposes and directions.

When I speak of having a vision that St Greg's and St Kevin's seek “to be a community of two parishes that intentionally reaches out to bring people to Jesus Christ” these characteristics of vibrancy, vitality, and viability lie behind making the vision possible.

Alpha:

Please consider coming for the Alpha Experience if you haven't been. Or please invite people you know to join up with the latest Alpha experience: it starts at 6:30 pm on Wednesday October 9th at St Kevin's in the gathering space. I personally recommend Alpha – it is worthwhile going on this journey. Call or email the parish office.

God bless, Fr Charles



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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Thanksgiving Program

Dear Parishioners, next weekend, we will commence our Offertory Giving Campaign in our St Kevin's parish community, which will run over the next three weeks. Please pray for our community as we enter into this time of discernment. Our offering is a powerful witness and a personal prayer. You are encouraged to engage prayerfully with the content presented and provided over this time and we look forward to growing and going deeper in our relationship with Christ through this process.

Baptism Welcome

This weekend we welcome:



Daniel and Samantha

who will be introducing

Rocky Archer Pica

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

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, Lucy Bisetto, Guadalupe Cameron and Pat Ford.

Anniversaries:

Kristina Kulpinska, Wladyslawa Kulpinska, Gino Trentini, Denis Houlihan, Orazio Torre, Palmira Dinelli, Catherine Conti and Mary Sanderson.

Recently Deceased:

Br Calixtus (De La Salle Malvern)

Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this week:

For each of us to have the strength and wisdom to be willing and able to invite others to come and find Christ Jesus.



Feast Days this week:...

30th September St Jerome

Often irascible and intolerant, he is remembered for his asceticism and scholarship and, above all, for his incomparable service to the word of God

1st October

St Thérèse of the Child Jesus

Remembered for her humble obedience and her fidelity to ordinary duties as the path to sanctity.

2nd October

The Holy Guardian Angels

This feast associates the human race with the eternal song of praise in heaven.

4th October St Francis of Assisi

Remembered for preaching the poor and crucified Christ in both word and humble action.

LITURGY ROSTER

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

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – 5/6th October 2024

1st Read: Genesis 2: 18-24 2nd Read: Hebrews 2: 9-11 Gos: Mark 10: 2-16

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Daniel Marini	Janet Parsons	Anne Maguire Maryanne McNamara
8.30am	Pauline Erickson	Pam Rivera	Mary Waddick Pat Rowland
10.00am	Tony Byrne	Liz O'Connell	Kaye Byrne Tony Whelan

Our next



Parish Bookish Morning Tea

will be held on **Thursday, 3rd October** at 10.00am and continues every fortnight.

Please note the change of date!



All are welcome to join in the fun!

To all Mass volunteers.

Recently, 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

INFO: Vera
doncaster@cam.org.au



HOLY TRINITY COMMUNITY

holytrinitycarmel.com #Sharethejoy



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.

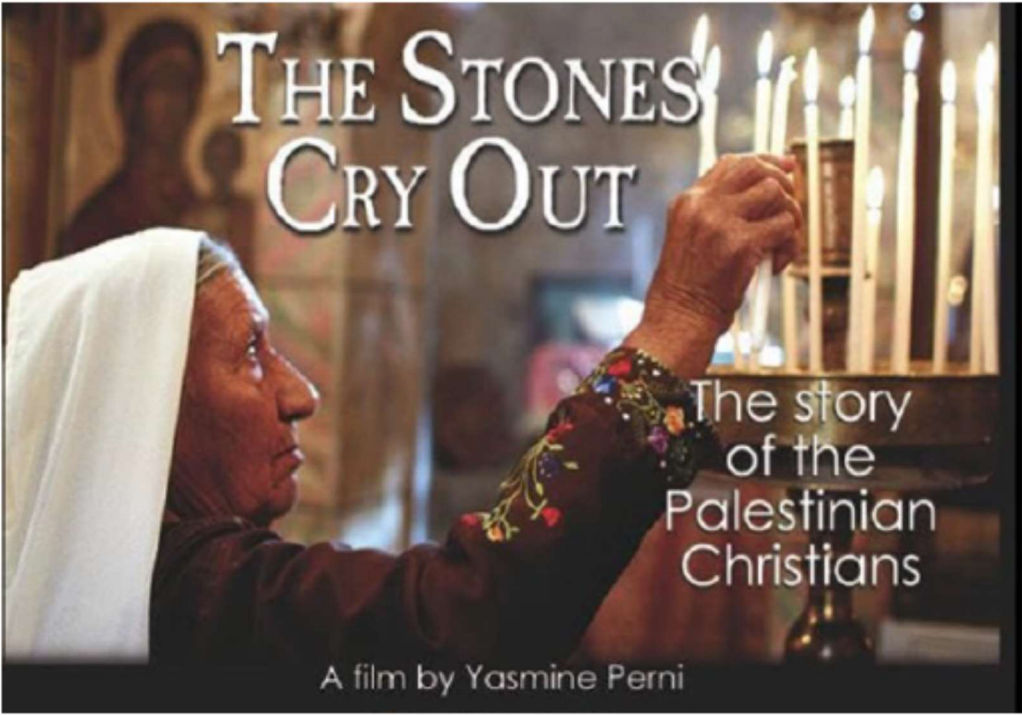
**MEN'S
SOCIAL GROUP**



ST KEVIN'S PARISH, TEMPLESTOWE

The next **St Kevin's Men's Social Group** takes place on **Friday, 11th October @ 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. \$8 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

Faith Engaging the World



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

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

Friday 18 October 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 or phoning 9926 2310**

FUTURE EVENTS: FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER AT 6.30PM
'The Letter - a message for our earth' The Pope, the Environmental Crisis, the Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor.

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

The next edition of **The Swag** magazine is now available from the table in the Gathering Space. It is filled with interesting articles and makes for great reading. Please make sure you pick up your copy before leaving today.



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

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.*

For information on our Parish Schools please contact:

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St Charles Borromeo Primary School
Phone: 9842 7634

Responsorial Psalm

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Graciously hear us, O Lord.

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

First Reading	Second Reading
<p>Numbers 11: 25-29</p> <p>A reading from the book of Numbers</p> <p><i>Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?</i></p> <p>The reading from Numbers appears to be entirely benign, but it's worth reading the earlier part of chapter 11 to see that all is not quite what it seems. On their way through the desert, the people complain again. They are unsatisfied with the manna and want meat to eat. So demanding are they that Moses is reduced to misery and wants to die (11:15). To share the burden of leadership, he is given seventy elders (as in Canaan governance structures) who receive a one-off endowment of his own God-given spirit.</p> <p>More or less as an aside, the author mentions two of the elders who did not come out of the camp to the Tent of Meeting. They too are seized by the spirit of prophecy. In an admirable display of magnanimity, Moses exclaims how good it would be if the entire people shared in this spirit. Such an egalitarian sentiment, it has been suggested, is not typical of Deuteronomy but more in keeping with the prophets after the exile.</p> <p>This passage has been chosen, as will be seen, to connect with the opening verses of today's gospel. It is a short but eventful story, punctuated by strongly voiced interventions from Joshua and Moses.</p>	<p>James 5: 1-6</p> <p>A reading from the letter of St James</p> <p><i>Your wealth is rotting.</i></p> <p>This final excerpt from the letter of James finds the author in full rhetorical flight. He rails against injustice like the prophets of old, such as Amos (8:4-8) and Ezekiel (22:29). They also prophesy doom for the rich and powerful (Am 3:9-12). Indeed, it's not only the prophets who issue such warnings. Jesus does too (Mt 6:19; Lk 12:33-34), not least in the parable of the rich man and Lazarus (Lk 16:19-31).</p> <p>Once again, we hear a passage that could have been entirely from the Old Testament. One of the examples the author gives is that of employers holding back wages. They would have been refusing to pay insecure day labourers their wage until the next day, a practice explicitly forbidden in the Law (Lev 19:13; Dt 24:15). Without much hyperbole, the author accuses them of killing the innocent or just one. This may or may not be an allusion to Jesus or even to James himself (labelled James the Just). More probably it refers generally to the poor and oppressed.</p> <p>The reading is like a volley of fire. Each accusation follows hot on the heels of another.</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.

