



# 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 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Baptism Weekend

5/6<sup>th</sup> October, 2024

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

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

**Alpha:** The October/November Alpha Experience has been withdrawn as sufficient people did not come forward to make it viable. In one way I am very disappointed—I had thought, had hoped there was a measure of enthusiasm that would make this experience even more successful than the last two. But ...

If you signed up for this time—don't despair—we will contact you again in the New Year.

Clearly the Holy Spirit wants us to do more planning between now and February 2025 so that we can provide an even more life-giving Alpha Experience. I talk often about the call of the Holy Spirit and usually in terms of the things I am led to accept and take up and do, with advice from others. This time it's different—this is a call to discern further. One part of this discernment will be for most of the leaders to go to an Alpha conference and hear and learn more about how to be effective in inviting people to come and try it out.

### Things coming up:

**Coptic Mass:** This weekend—we pray it goes well. We pray that Bishop Thomas and Fr Isaac will give us a new insight into the rich variety of ways we can express our faith in Word and Eucharist.

**Ordination to Diaconate:** Tuong Nguyen (Jude) - please keep Tuong in your prayers every day as his ordination to the Diaconate approaches on 27th October

**Marriage:** We give thanks and praise for the Marriage of Melissa Haddad and Steven Deshong who received the sacrament of Matrimony on Saturday. We pray that they will be open to all the graces that God brings into their lives. I have several more marriages coming up: Jessica and Kenn, Kristina and Louis, Richard and Helena, Nadine and Alain. Pray for each of them.

**Advent:** Almost upon us, with Christmas just around the corner after that. If you have any ideas about how you would like us to make Advent and Christmas particularly special this year. Please let me know.

*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,

This weekend, we will commence the Offertory Giving program in our parish community which will run over the next three weeks.

The call to generosity is God's invitation to us to deepen our faith and is a vital part of our identity as Christians.

You are encouraged to prayerfully engage with this time.

We look forward to growing deeper in our relationship with Christ through this process.

*God bless, Fr Charles*

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

Rocky Archer Pica

Son of Daniel and Samantha



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

Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses Baptism @ 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	10.15am	Adoration
	8.30am	Adoration
Friday	9.15am	Mass
	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, Angelina Amalfi, Alexander, Felipe, Anne, Izabella Fantin, Lucy Bisetto, Guadalupe Cameron, Pat Ford and James Jackson.

### Anniversaries:

Bartolo Natoli, Guido Maffei, Marino Correzzola and Peter Rice.

### Recently Deceased:

### Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this week:

For people to accept the courage by the Holy Spirit to commit to seek to become Baptised Catholics.



### Feast Days this week:...

**7<sup>th</sup> October** Our Lady of the Rosary  
It is a memorial of the Virgin Mary as honoured in the rosary, a form of prayer combining the salutation of the angel with meditation on the saving mysteries of Christ.



**Daylight Savings commences this weekend!**

**Please remember to turn your clocks and watches forward one hour so that we can enjoy the longer days of sunshine for the next few months.**

## LITURGY ROSTER

### Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – 5/6<sup>th</sup> October 2024

**1<sup>st</sup> Read: Genesis 2: 18-24 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

### Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 12/13<sup>th</sup> October 2024

**1<sup>st</sup> Read: Wisdom 7: 7-11 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: Hebrews 4: 12-13 Gos: Mark 10: 17-30**

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Rachel Marini	Kathy Pearce	Daniel Marini Lynne O'Brien
8.30am	Frank Ozzimo	Ana Saro	Paul Polidano Penny Teo
10.00am	Vianney Shiel	Carmel Shiel	Raffaella Dinelli Geraldine Williams

Our next



**Parish Bookish Morning Tea** will be held on **Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> October** at 10.00am and continues every fortnight.

All are welcome to join in the fun!

Looking forward to seeing you all then!!



### A message from our Archbishop...

“As we approach the first anniversary of the 7 October terrorising and evil attack by Hamas on Israel, we have seen from a distance the frightening and destructive consequences that have unfolded, involving many countries and more importantly, many peoples – families, the elderly, the young, the displaced”.

The rest of Archbishop Comensoli's letter to us, together with a Prayer for Peace, written by Cardinal Pizzaballa of Jerusalem, is available to read on the noticeboard in the Gathering Space.

## 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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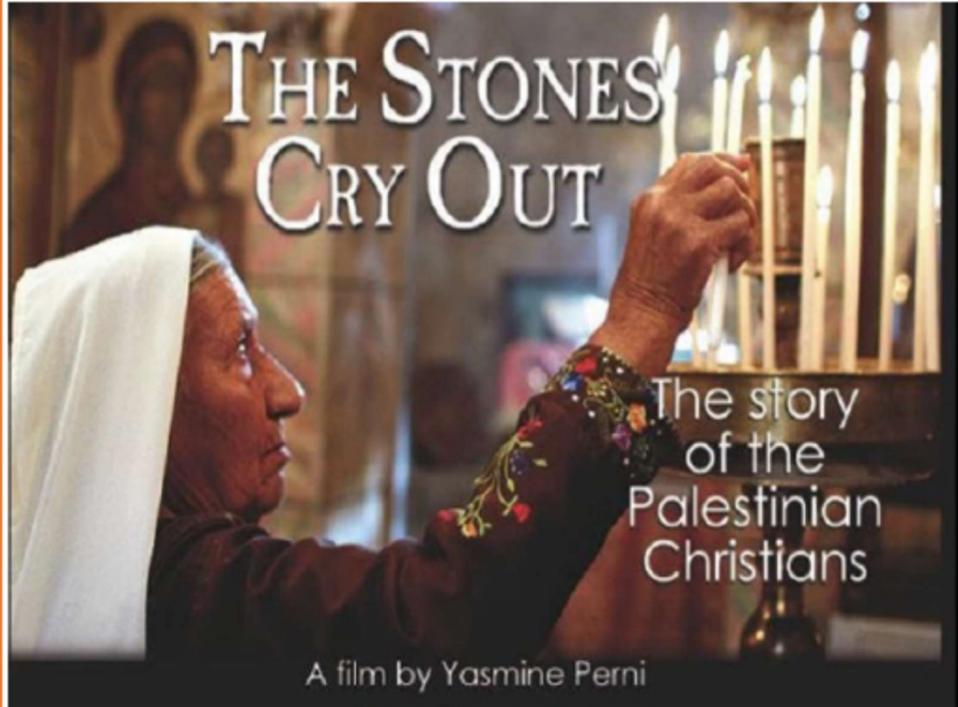


### Diaconate Ordination

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, 27<sup>th</sup> October at 5.00pm      **Where:** St Gregory the Great Church, 71 Williamsons Road, Doncaster  
**RSVP:** 13<sup>th</sup> October. Please indicate your intention to attend via the sign-up sheets in the Gathering Space.

## 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](mailto: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.



The next **St Kevin's Men's Social Group** takes place on **Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> October @ 7.30pm** in the **Church Gathering Space**.

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](mailto:tiziana.dcosta@cam.org.au)

CONGRATULATIONS  
on your  
*Wedding Day*

*to Mario and Chiara who are getting married this weekend*

*and to*

*Jessica and Kenn who are getting married next weekend.*

*Wishing you a lifetime of love, joy, good health and happiness.*

**St Kevin's Meditation, each Wednesday 9:30am ONLINE via Zoom.**

**Open to parishioners and members of the wider community. Why not try it? Contact the Parish House for the online link. All welcome.**

The most important thing about Meditation is to start. Just begin.

Once you begin, everything you need for the journey is given to you.

The benefits of meditation are not only spiritual closeness to God but also physical: clearer mind, sharper focus, calmness, controlled emotions, contentment.



During October, the second session of the 'Synod on Synodality' will take place in Rome. It is a follow up to last October's first session. Representatives from all over the world will gather again.

The first session of the Synod took place after a worldwide consultation process that asked people how they thought the church should respond to the challenges that faced it and the world. Our parish made a submission to the consultation.

The aim of the Synod on Synodality is to foster a renewed understanding and practice of synodality. A synodal Church is one that listens intently, encourages co-responsibility of all the baptised, accepts diversity, can live with questions and incompleteness and is a place of dialogue. Listening to God and to our brothers and sisters is the discipline of holiness.

Each week in October we will pray the Prayer for the Synod.

The fourteen Australian representatives to the Synod are Aboriginal leader John Lochowiak, Ms Kelly Paget, Fr Sijeesh Pullenkunnel, Professor Renee Kohler-Ryan, Dr Trudy Dantis, Archbishop of Perth, Timothy Costelloe SDB, Archbishop of Sydney, Anthony Fisher OP, Bishop of Sandhurst Shane Mackinlay, Bishop of Broken Bay, Anthony Randazzo and the Archbishop of Adelaide Patrick O'Regan.

Australian facilitators and experts at the Synod include Dr Sandie Cornish (ACU), Br Ian Cribb SJ (formerly from Melbourne), Adjunct Professor Susan Pascoe (Melbourne) and Fr Ormond Rush.

Live transmissions of some events will be available at [vaticannews.va](http://vaticannews.va); the Vatican Synod website can be found at [synod.va](http://synod.va).



Our fourteen Australian representatives.

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## Responsorial Psalm

May the Lord bless us  
all the days of our lives.

## Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer.

### REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### First Reading

##### [Genesis 2: 18-24](#)

A reading from the book of Genesis

*They were two in one flesh.*

The account of creation found second in the book of Genesis is considered the older of the two. It presents the Creator in more human terms and deals with issues of the human condition in a more down-to-earth way. It is one thing, of course, to summarise its contents, but what light they shed on how human beings are to live today is much less clear.

Where the lectionary picks up the story, the man has already been made from the dust of the earth and had life breathed into him. He has been placed in the garden of delight, been forbidden to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, has named all the animals and found himself to be without a helpmate. The woman is made from a rib taken from him and encased in flesh. They are of the same stuff and are destined to become one flesh. Nonetheless an element of gender and role differentiation has been introduced. They are man and woman, man and wife. Whether the story is to be interpreted today as providing a case for male priority and authority or for gender equality is open to robust debate.

#### Second Reading

##### [Hebrews 2: 9-11](#)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*He who sanctifies, and those who are sanctified have one origin.*

The majestic opening verses of the letter to the Hebrews are allocated to the Day Mass on Christmas Day. In effect, they are rarely heard. Our series of seven readings from Hebrews begins in chapter 2.

Most of this lengthy work is in the form of a highly stylised homily rather than a letter. Its author, date and place of composition, and intended recipients are unknown. It is written in sophisticated Greek by someone who was entirely *au fait* with Jewish scripture and modes of interpretation and with Greek philosophy. It appears to be addressed to Jewish Christians in danger of lapsing from their faith and succumbing to nostalgia for Temple worship. The author argues at length that Christ's priesthood and sacrifice are superior to the old and that through Christ's divine and human nature the faithful have direct access to God. The work makes extensive use of both theological argument and moral exhortation. All this makes it a challenging text for contemporary Christians. Some of the letter's themes are evident in today's short extract – Jesus' divine glory and mortal suffering, his leadership, the notion of perfection, and human solidarity with Jesus.

*Taken from "Break Open the Word"*



**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 abortion<sup>2</sup>.

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.

**Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.**

The Archdiocese is committed to the safety, wellbeing and human dignity of children, young people and adults.