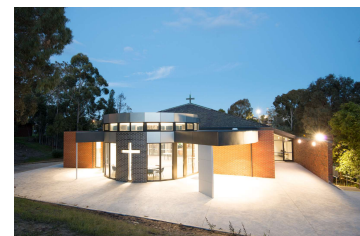




St Kevin's Catholic Parish



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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 Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
First Communions Weekend

19/20th October, 2024

Our Presider today is: Fr Charles Balnaves

From the Desk of the Parish Priest...

Apology:

To those who did NOT receive a personal invitation in the Stewardship Campaign but who are already giving generously and have been giving for many years: we are sorry for the absence of your invitation. We tried hard but clearly were not vigilant enough with creating the list for printing the invitations. And ... we were selecting some givers to check their details ... and we inadvertently left the envelopes aside.

Our apologies. As David feels and said to me: "it is embarrassing!"

Please don't allow this to affect your discernment of what Christ is asking you to pledge to help spread the Kingdom of God in and through our parish.

Being synodal:

Pope Francis is leading the second gathering of the Synod he initiated on "being a synodal church."

Two things struck me.

One is that the current synod is not expected to deliver a large range of 'new' directions—the work on all sorts of possibilities will take longer with reports being due in the middle of 2025. Yes, the Church moves slowly!

The other is that the synod is not a synod about synodality but a synod specifically about being a synodal church. It is not an abstract discussion about an idea "synodality" but a practical experience of working, thinking, acting in a way that is synodal. The hundreds of members of the synod are living an experience of praying together, open to the Holy Spirit, walking together, listening deeply to each other, hearing each other, praying together. They are seeking to be open to surprise about ways forward which are unexpected but address the matters under discussion in a 'new way'.

I like the synodal approach. As I look back, this is the approach I work best with though I didn't know the term 'being synodal'. Hearing all views and finding a common way forwards with the Holy Spirit guiding us.

God bless, Fr Charles

St Kevin's Parish proudly extends a warm welcome to the following children who come to the Table of the Lord for the first time this weekend.

Congratulations and Welcome to:

Cleo Abel	Michael Alescio	Mackenzie Anderson	Adele Cappelloto	Ben Chapman
Bradley Chapman	Lacey Clarke	Liliana Ferlito	Dominic Fernandez	Isabella Fernandez
Archer Gaffy	Alonso Guerra	Abigail Hall	Kate Harman	Austin Harrison
Samuel Humphreys	Sebastian North	Jackson Novoselac	Milana Nunziato	
Imogen Paterson-Caracoglia	Isobel Paterson-Caracoglia	Mia Purcell		
Alyssa Russo	Arthur Scully	Sammy Toscano		
Irene Ye	Kane Young			



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

Saturday	5.30pm	First Communion Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses (First Communion @ 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	Masses



We pray for Better Health:

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, James Jackson and Elysia Pozzebon.

Anniversaries:

Mary Bonnici, Eahle Kim, Eddie Lim and Marta Mlikota.

Recently Deceased:

Fr Charles’ Prayer Intention for this week:

For Tuong Nguyen, as he commits his life to Christ Jesus on 27th October and every day, and discerns further for priestly ordination.

Our next

Parish Bookish Morning Tea

will be held on

Thursday, 31st October at

10.00am and continues

every fortnight.

All are welcome to join in the fun!

Looking forward to seeing you all then!!

ATTENTION ALL MASS VOLUNTEERS

- please check your email inbox.

By now you should have received an email listing your rostered dates for the next roster. You should also have received from the Parish Office, a copy of the roster together with the relevant contact lists. If you haven’t received these emails please ring the Parish Office or Pauline Erickson on 0407 824 638. Thanks everyone.

Any new volunteers out there?

Ring Pauline 0407 824 638.

Thanksgiving Program

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend will conclude our parish offertory giving process. For those of you who have returned your pledge cards, thank you very much for doing so. For those who haven’t returned your pledge cards as yet, you can return them in the offertory collections at Mass, at the designated box in the Gathering Space or to the parish office. There will also be generic pledge cards on the table this weekend that can be filled out and returned straight away.

Thank you for your faithful participation in our parish offertory process over the past few weeks. Each offering, no matter the amount, is an expression of love and gratitude to God. It is a testament to your faith and trust in His provision.

God bless, Fr Charles

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 path of meditation is the path of faith.

The sign of faith is silence.

The door to silence is the MANTRA.

Going through the door,

we discover comm-union with God.

LITURGY ROSTER			
Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 19/20 th October 2024			
1 st Read: Isaiah 53: 10-11 2 nd Read: Hebrews 4: 4-16 Gos: Mark 10: 35-45			
Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Tiziana D’Costa	1 st Communion Family	Lawrence Cecconello Maryanne McNamara
8.30am	Frank Ozzimo	Pauline Erickson	Adrian Teo Frances Bettiol
10.00am	Tiziana D’Costa	1 st Communion Family	Lyn Murphy Lyn Robinson
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 26/27 th October 2024			
1 st Read: Jeremiah 31: 7-9 2 nd Read: Hebrews 5: 1-6 Gos: Mark 10: 46-52			
Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Margaret Turner	Kathy Pearce	Anne Maguire Lynne O’Brien
8.30am	Jessica Bartholomeusz	Pauline Erickson	Penny Teo Mary Waddick
10.00am	Frances Johnson	Miriam Ayoub	Carmel Shiel Tony Whelan

RCIA

Are you interested in learning about Catholicism? Learning more about Jesus?

Are you, or is someone you know, curious about this?

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) has begun its next series of meetings for St Gregory’s and St Kevin’s parishes at St Gregory’s Church. For more information, please phone the Parish Office (9412 8425) or speak with Fr Charles. Warm welcome assured.

Baptisms, RCIA, people joining the Church:

Please, encourage your friends, ask them to just come along and see how friendly Jesus is. We are not seeing many requests for baptism or much interest in RCIA. Please. Make an effort; suggest to your friends that baptising their children is vitally important; invite a friend to join you and come to the first session on becoming catholic. Take a risk! What can go wrong? They say no? So you move on and ask someone else.



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

St Kevin's Catholic Parish, Templestowe – An explanation of PARISH COLLECTIONS

How to contribute and where does the money go?

At each Parish weekend Mass, there are generally two (2) collections, namely:

FIRST COLLECTION – the first collection combines two (2) collections, the **THANKSGIVING OFFERING collection**, the funds from which go toward the upkeep of the Parish Church and to pay our Parish operating costs; and the **PRESBYTERY OFFERING collection** which supports the Parish Priest.

How to make your contribution:

AT MASS Contributions

Cash Contributions - For those parishioners who have signed up to the **St Kevin's Parish Thanksgiving Offering Program (THANSKGIVING OFFERING)** and who have chosen to make regular cash contributions, they can place their contributions in the Program's two-sided envelopes which carry a contributor number. The **THANKSGIVING OFFERING** is placed in the **GREEN** side of the envelope and the **PRESBYTERY OFFERING** is placed in the **RED** side of the envelope.

Note: Loose money (notes or coins) which is contributed via the **FIRST** collection is regarded as a contribution to the **PRESBYTERY OFFERING**.

Electronic or Direct Debit Contributions - Parishioners wishing to make regular contributions to **THANKSGIVING OFFERING** via Direct Debit



Spiritual Retreats at Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, East Melbourne

The Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre will begin a series of reflection nights and retreats commencing with a Reflection Day focussing on the central theme of the Year of Jubilee 2025

: Hearing the Audacious Call to be Pilgrims of Hope

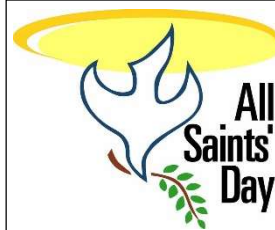
The day will include times of contemplation using scripture and times of prayer. www.mmhc.org.au/spiritual-retreat/

Day: Monday, 28th October, 2024

Time: 9.30am to 3.15pm.

Venue: Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, 362 Albert Street, East Melbourne

Price: \$120 (Morning tea provided, BYO Lunch)



Friday, 1st November is All Saints Day

Masses will be celebrated as follows:

9.00am St Gregory the Great Doncaster

11.45am St Kevin's Lower Templestowe



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; the Vatican Synod website can be found at synod.va.



Our fourteen Australian representatives.

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

Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer.

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

First Reading	Second Reading
<p><u>Isaiah 53: 10-11</u></p> <p>A reading from the prophet Isaiah</p> <p><i>If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, and have long life.</i></p> <p>The solemn reading of the entire fourth song of the suffering servant (Is 52:13–53:12) on Good Friday afternoon is powerfully moving. There are so many striking parallels with Jesus’ passion and death. It is a sombre moment in the liturgies of the paschal triduum. Today we have a fragment from that song, just two verses from the final section. The choice of this affect-laden text has been inspired by Jesus’ saying in the gospel that the Son of Man came “to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.”</p> <p>The passage begins with the disconcerting statement, “The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering.” These jarring words make sense if they are understood to mean that the servant’s suffering is in accord with God’s loving saving purpose. They do not mean that God demands, much less takes pleasure in, the servant’s pain. The rest is plainly positive. The servant shall have a long life, see his heirs, see the light and be content. Crucially, his willingness to suffer for the faults of others will “justify many.” This appears to be the only example in the entire Old Testament of such surrogate suffering. The prophet does not venture to explain how the servant’s obedience achieves this salvation.</p>	<p><u>Hebrews 4: 14-16</u></p> <p>A reading from the letter to the Hebrews</p> <p><i>Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.</i></p> <p>Today’s reading is the second of three from Hebrews that follow immediately on from each other. This and next week’s text serve as an introduction to the central body of the work that’s devoted to the priesthood of Jesus Christ (5:11–10:18). The uniqueness of Christ is spelt out plainly. He is the “supreme high priest” because he is both Son of God and so completely like us as to have “been tempted in every way that we are.”</p> <p>The nature of those temptations is not spelt out. They bring to mind the story of Jesus’ testing by the devil in the desert and also on Calvary by the passers-by, chief priests and scribes (Mk 15:29-32). The difference here is that the author links Jesus’ temptations with our human condition in a way that the gospel writers do not. He swiftly adds that though tempted Jesus did not sin.</p> <p>It is as his divine-human priestly self that Jesus has entered the heavenly realm and taken his place on the throne of grace. From there he dispenses mercy. This is close to the heart of the whole exhortation. Through Christ we have access to the heavens and to mercy, unlike the Israelites of old who depended on the high priest entering the Holy of Holies once a year on the Day of Atonement. The author is keen for his readership to hold fast to the faith and stay confident.</p> <p>The message of this reading is of great importance for believers of all generations.</p> <p><i>Taken from “Break Open the Word”</i></p>



GO AND INVITE
EVERYONE
to the banquet

In Mongolia, Chuluunbaatar suffered a life-altering injury while trying to rescue a submerged vehicle, leaving him unable to work and reliant on scarce support services for basic needs. Without shelter and food, Chuluunbaatar faces the real risk of freezing to death.

Resources are limited, but the Church in Mongolia is working hard to provide essential services to people in need.

This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance these vital services. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope and tangible assistance to individuals like Chuluunbaatar.



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/mongolia



Safeguarding is
everyone's responsibility.

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

