



# 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

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
World Mission Day Appeal

26/27<sup>th</sup> October, 2024

**Our Presider today is:** Fr Gerry McKernan

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

#### Stewardship Campaign:

Please do bring back your completed pledge and put it in the Stewardship Pledge box or in with the collection, or drop it in at the office or post it. Thank you for your generosity, we need your ongoing generosity, your assistance financially, to help ensure that we can continue to be vibrant and vital.

#### Ordination: Tuong Nguyen:

On Thursday evening, with Mary Stocco from St Greg's, I spent an hour and a half with Tuong (Jude) and the master of ceremonies and some of those who will assist at the Mass at 5 pm on Sunday.

It was wonderful to walk through the preparation—it took me back to 2012 when I was ordained, as a permanent deacon, along with six other men.

It feels very different being in the parish church instead of the Cathedral, but ... watching Tuong and John and Joshua, (two of the other ordinands, to be ordained in other parishes) was illuminating—the sense of waiting, of achievement, of excitement, of awe, of feeling lost amidst all the intricacies of the ceremony, of the Holy Spirit guiding matters in the ways that were needed.

I took a moment at the end of the rehearsal to pray over each of the ordinands—calling the Holy Spirit to fill them and support them and guide them over the coming year as they follow the call towards priesthood. It is only since coming to St Greg's and St Kevin's that I made the move from saying "I will pray for you" when someone says they are unwell / or going through something, to saying "May I pray over / with you now" and then praying, and far more intentionally asking the Holy Spirit to work. Participating in Alpha as a leader brought this form of prayer into even greater focus for me. I've thought in the past that we ignore the Holy Spirit—most of our normal prayers (Our Father, Hail Mary, Fatima prayer, Hail Holy Queen) don't mention the Holy Spirit (yes the Glory Be does of course). This form of prayer is a wonderful addition to our book of prayers—trusting God that he will send the Holy Spirit to come and to act—in some often mysterious way. Come Holy Spirit.

By the way: a big thank you already: there has been an enormous amount of work going on behind the scenes for us as well. Arranging live-streaming; arranging the catering; arranging the safeguarding and the safety; getting booklets prepared and printed; checking numbers ... so much happens to ensure a wonderful evening.

Thank you to everyone who has helped already and will help during and after the Mass.

*God bless, Fr Charles*



#### Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> November

Our chance to celebrate the call to holiness each of us received at Baptism.

Masses: 9.00am at St Gregory the Great together with the school  
11.45am at St Kevin's together with the School.

*All are welcome to attend.*



#### Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November

- Vigil Mass on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 7pm at St Kevin's Templestowe
- 2<sup>nd</sup> November 9am at St Gregory the Great Doncaster
- Blessing of the graves at Templestowe Cemetery after 11am



#### The Synod on Being a Synodal Church

Australia's own Geraldine Doogue travelled to Rome to report and to attend press conferences on the Synod. She has posted online seven episodes of her successful podcast "Plenary Matters". She conducts conversations with a range of interesting observers or Synod participants. Well worth a listen. Search Geraldine Doogue podcast Plenary Matters.

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

Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses
Monday	9.30am	Little Kev's Playgroup
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:

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, Elysia Pozzebon and Shiela O'Donoghue.

Anniversaries:

Laurie Dwyer, Gwen Reddick, Christie Cameron, Antoinette Maher, Aldo Tesa, Marco Finadri and Margaret Gaffney.

Recently Deceased:

Ivan Cvetko (Frances Johnson's Grandfather), Gustavo Gutierrez and Mary Therese McGinty.

Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this week:

For those who have joined the process to be initiated as Roman Catholics, and those who support the journey.



Feast Days this week:...

28<sup>th</sup> October Saints Simon and Jude

A tradition has Simon and Jude preaching and being martyred in Persia. Honoured among the twelve apostles, the first followers of Christ.

1<sup>st</sup> November All Saints

Honoured today are all holy men and women in glory with Christ: known or unknown, mighty or lowly, all whose lives were modelled on the Beatitudes and on the great commandment of love.

2<sup>nd</sup> November All Souls Day

It expresses Christian faith in the communion of saints and our need to pray for one another in the Church, especially those souls in purgatory who have been buried in their human imperfection.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 26/27<sup>th</sup> October 2024  
1<sup>st</sup> Read: Jeremiah 31: 7-9 2<sup>nd</sup> 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		Frances Bettiol Mary Waddick
10.00am	Frances Johnson	Miriam Ayoub	Carmel Shiel Tony Whelan

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time – 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024  
1<sup>st</sup> Read: Deuteronomy 6: 2-6 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: Hebrews 7: 23-28 Gos: Mark 12: 28-34

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Tasha Vercauteren	Margaret Turner	Lawrence Cecconello Maryanne McNamara
8.30am	Pauline Erickson		Adrian Teo Frances Bettiol
10.00am	Carmel Purdey	Bernard Butler	Lyn Murphy Carmel Shiel

Thanksgiving Program

Thank you for your involvement in the Parish Offertory Giving program. I hope this process allowed you to prayerfully discern your offering towards our community. It has been so encouraging to see such a large number of pledge cards being returned to our parish office.

Thank you to everyone who handed in their cards. We are now in the follow up week where we will be seeking any pledges which haven't been returned. If you haven't already done so, I encourage you to carefully consider your offering and return your pledge cards to the parish office or into any Mass collections.

God bless, Fr Charles



Our next  
Parish Bookish Morning Tea

will be held on  
Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> October at 10.00am and continues every fortnight.

All are welcome to join in the fun!  
Looking forward to seeing you all then!!



Little Kev's



Due to the Cup Day long weekend, there will not be a Little Kev's Playgroup session on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> November.

Sessions will resume on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> November. See you all then!

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.

In meditation we are totally open to God's present moment.  
If we can be faithful to the practice,  
our ability to love will grow.  
In meditation we grow beyond ourselves,  
into God.



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 can make the necessary arrangement through the Parish Office.

On the spot electronic contributions can be made by one of two (2) methods.

**Firstly**, by scanning the QR Code which is printed on the back page of the weekly Parish Bulletin (**Note: Using this option allows the contributor to direct to where their contribution will go, namely: Thanksgiving Offering, Presbytery Offering or Social Justice Appeal**).

*We invite informal and professional carers to join us for time out to*

REST  
REFLECT  
*and*  
RENEW

*Facilitators:*  
*Karen Rolfe and Sr Brigid cp*

THURSDAY 7 NOV  
9.30AM - 1.00PM

*Cost: \$30 - BYO Lunch*  
*Holy Cross Retreat Centre*  
*207 Serpells Road, Templestowe*

*Reserve your place -*  
*bridget.m64@gmail.com*

**Reflection Day at Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre**  
The Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre will be hosting 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/](http://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)



**On Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> November, we celebrate the Feast Day of St Charles Borromeo**  
Mass will be celebrated at our St Charles Primary School on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30pm.  
All are invited and welcome to attend.

**MEN'S SOCIAL GROUP**



ST KEVIN'S PARISH, TEMPLESTOWE

The next **St Kevin's Men's Social Group** takes place on **Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> November @ 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 welcome. Supper provided. BYO alcoholic drinks. \$8 donation suggested. For catering purposes, please add your name to the sign-up sheet, or you can ring the parish office, or email Tiziana at [tiziana.dcosta@cam.org.au](mailto:tiziana.dcosta@cam.org.au)

**TGI’s Youth Group News:**  
Congratulations to Kirsten O’Brien who has won the “*Love of Learning Award*” as she completes her time at CLC.



**Fr Gustavo Gutiérrez, champion of the poor, dies aged 96**  
Fr Gustavo Gutiérrez was a pioneer of liberation theology, a movement advocating for social justice and the liberation of the poor. His ideals changed Catholic theology and had a profound influence on Pope Francis. He had become known as “one of the great theologians of our time.”

A recent article in *The Swag* magazine highlighted the outcomes of two significant Church gatherings last July in two different cities in two different countries, Italy and the USA. It is written by Massimo Faggioli, who has a deep knowledge of both countries and both churches. His article is a reflection on these gatherings and well worth a read. Copies can be obtained from the table in the Gathering Space.

**A Prayer for the Elderly...**  
Lord, you give us length of days as a token of your love, and as they pass, you teach us to take delight in that life which will endure for all eternity. You accompany our journey with the many gifts of Christ, that we may remain in your love as our years increase and fulfil the purpose to which you call us. Though bodily vigour may fade, your ceaseless love is always new; for you strengthen in us the gifts of your Spirit that we may make our way, secure in hope, to you, the Lord in whom we put our faith. Amen. © 2024 Diocese of Sandhurst

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Responsorial Psalm

The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, graciously hear us.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF  
THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading	Second Reading
<p><u><a href="#">Jeremiah 31: 7-9</a></u></p> <p>A reading from the prophet Jeremiah</p> <p><i>I shall lead them back in mercy – both the blind and the lame.</i></p> <p>The lectionary pendulum has swung wildly from one extreme to the other. Last week we read from the sombre song of the suffering servant. Today we hear one of the most exuberant texts in the three-year cycle. It's an exultant poem celebrating the return of the northern tribes to the city of Zion. The northern kingdom of Israel (or Ephraim) had been overrun by the Assyrians in the eighth century and the people scattered. The prophet Jeremiah heralds their in-gathering. Drawn into this new exodus will be the weak and vulnerable, the sorrowful and the unsteady – all those most in need. The poem finishes with one of the several references to God as father that may be found in the Old Testament. The fatherhood of God is not a New Testament invention, though it does take on a wealth of new meaning. There's a case to be made for retaining the description of Ephraim as "my first-born son." It means that the privileges of the first-born son in this ancient patriarchal society were accorded to the people as a whole.</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Hebrews 5: 1-6</a></u></p> <p>A reading from the letter to the Hebrews</p> <p><i>You are a priest forever in the line of Melchizedek.</i></p> <p>In this last of three successive passages from Hebrews, the author wants to establish that Christ was called by God to be priest. To be a priest, he writes, one must be fully human and also appointed by God. The priest's humanity enables him to identify with and represent human beings in their weakness. Divine appointment gives him authority before God. Jesus' call is attested by the quotation from Psalm 109/110.</p> <p>The role of the high priest was actually much more than making sin offerings, but the author homes in on the annual Day of Atonement rite. Every year the high priest entered the Holy of Holies and sprinkled the blood of a sacrificed bull to make atonement for his own sins and those of the people. This ritual is only hinted at here. The author deals with it at length in chapters 9-10.</p> <p>Having affirmed Jesus' humanity in last week's reading, the author is now concerned to argue that Jesus did not claim the honour of being priest for himself. It was bestowed on him by God. In that respect he is like Aaron (though after Aaron the priesthood became hereditary). Jesus is also likened to the mysterious priest-king Melchizedek, a significant figure in Jewish thought around the time of Jesus and the subject of extended discussion in chapter 7.</p> <p><i>Taken from "Break Open the Word"</i></p>



This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Mongolia to help deliver essential services to people who need it most. Lack of access and social stigma mean that some of the most vulnerable people are not getting the support they require.

**The House of Mercy will provide a haven for many people, including those affected by homelessness and domestic violence. Without your partnership, people in need will go without the assistance they require.**

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to "Invite others to the banquet", and we invite you to share the warmth of God's love with our brothers and sisters who need it most in Mongolia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at [catholicmission.org.au/mongolia](http://catholicmission.org.au/mongolia), or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.



Freecall: 1800 257 296  
[catholicmission.org.au/mongolia](http://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.