



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

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd/3rd November, 2024

Our Presider today is: Fr Charles Balnaves

From the Desk of the Parish Priest...

Deacon Tuong Nguyen

What a marvellous ordination ceremony last Sunday evening.

The most important pieces happened smoothly: Tuong became Deacon Tuong – no hitches, he spoke clearly, firmly, correctly and confidently, taking on the reality and role of being a Minister of the Word and of the Blood and an ambassador of Christ to the world. And ...

Our celebration of the Eucharist was enhanced by having nearly twenty priests concelebrating and the choir and the congregation singing up for the praise of God.

And then the food / the community spirit afterwards was just humbling to see.

And congratulations to you – the people of St Greg's and St Kevin's for your smiling, welcoming, warmth: I have received several comments and compliments on this so: well done indeed. And Bishop Tony says thank you for the work done and the welcome.

So, from me to **everyone** who worked so hard: thank you from the depths of my heart for making this event so very special and successful.

And from Deacon Tuong: thank you, and thank you again.

Stewardship / Thanksgiving Campaign:

Thank you everyone who has sent in your new pledge. You are most generous.

For those who haven't pledged or pledged anew: please do consider your choice and bring back the pledge card filled in.

There are pledge cards still available. Just pick one up and fill it in and return it.

Rite for Christian Initiation of Adults:

Please keep our Candidates for Initiation in your prayers each day and week until Easter. Jayden, Yvonne, Hannah, and Elijah were welcomed and accepted

God bless, Fr Charles



We would like to thank you for your generosity supporting the Church in Mongolia and House of Mercy.

Thanks to your kindness, people like Chuluunbaatar will have access to the support they need to help them get back on their feet. Your gift will also support a variety of Church programs around the world.

To learn more about the impact your support is making, please visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work. Here, you can also sign up to our regular newsletter to keep up to date with the latest news.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at catholicmission.org.au/mongolia. Your action will make a profound change on people's lives.



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

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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 (not today due to Cup)
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, Elysia Pozzebon and Shiela O'Donoghue.

Anniversaries:

Denise Pickard, John McGinty, Piers Clarke, Assunta Raiola and Margaret Gaffney.

Recently Deceased:

Marian Carol Mezzina and Pat Ford

Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this week:

For Jayden, Yvonne, Hannah and Elijah that they will journey joyfully towards Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at Easter 2025.



Feast Days this week:...

4th November St Charles Borromeo

Prominent in the sessions of the council of Trent and eventually became archbishop of Milan. Known for implementing the Council's reforms in liturgy, education, presbyteral formation, and diocesan organisation. Remembered as an exemplary and pastoral bishop and an ardent proponent of reform and renewal.

9th November The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

It honours the local Church of Rome as a link with earliest Christian tradition and as a sign of our communion in Christ. The anniversary has been celebrated as a feast of the Latin Church on this date since the twelfth century.

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time – 2nd/3rd November 2024

1st Read: Deuteronomy 6: 2-6 2nd Read: Hebrews 7: 23-28 Gos: Mark 12: 28-34

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

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 9/10th November 2024

1st Read: Deuteronomy 6: 2-6 2nd Read: Hebrews 7: 23-28 Gos: Mark 12: 28-34

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

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.

Every religion has meditation as a way to wisdom.

As we seek to follow Christ more closely through meditation,

we will be led to greater respect for other religions,

those who seek God with a sincere heart.



Our next **Parish Bookish Morning Tea** will be held on **Thursday, 7th November** 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

PLAYGROUP

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

Sessions will resume on Monday, 11th November. See you then!

Social Justice Action

St Kevin's Parish, Templestowe



CANNED FOOD COLLECTION

For Christmas Hampers
You are invited to contribute

From November 1 – November 17 we are collecting canned fruit, vegetables, pulses, tuna, fish, meat and soups for families experiencing financial hardship, homelessness, mental health issues and refugees and asylum seekers.

(no glass bottles or jars please)

In 2023 CatholicCare Victoria prepared and delivered 620 Christmas food hampers to families facing financial hardship. Help us to help them gift nutritious food hampers to families in 2024.

There is a basket in the Gathering Space for your donations. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.
Our sincere thanks.

Queries: Carmel Purdey carmelpurdey@gmail.com

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**).

Secondly, contributions can be made to **THANKSGIVING OFFERING** via the **Tap and Go Machines** that are provided in the Church.

SECOND COLLECTION – the moneys contributed in the **SECOND COLLECTION** form part of the St Kevin's Parish Social Justice Appeal program.

Note: The weekly Parish Newsletter provides details of the current Appeal.



The next **St Kevin's Men's Social Group** takes place on **Friday, 8th 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

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

REST
REFLECT
and
RENEW

Facilitators:

Karen Rolfe and Sr Brigid cp

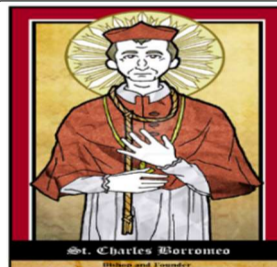
THURSDAY 7 NOV

9.30AM - 1.00PM

Cost: \$30 - BYO Lunch

*Holy Cross Retreat Centre
207 Serpells Road, Templestowe*

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



On Monday, 4th November, we celebrate the Feast Day of St Charles Borromeo

Mass will be celebrated at our St Charles Primary School on Wednesday, 6th November at 2.30pm.

All are invited and welcome to attend.

A cowboy buys a horse from the town pastor.
The pastor explains, "to make the horse go, you gotta yell, 'Thank God!' and to make it stop, yell, 'Hallelujah!'"
The cowboy rides off. He rides all day and starts to nod off in the saddle when he notices he is about to ride straight over a cliff.
Searching his memory, he yells to the horse, "Hallelujah! Hallelujah!"
The horse grinds to a stop just at the edge of the cliff.
The cowboy wipes the sweat off his forehead.
"Phew!" the cowboy sighs. "Thank God!"



St Kevin's Annual Bereavement Mass

21st November @ 7.30pm

As a compassionate people, we are encouraged to come together on this important night in support of all who are grieving the death of a loved one. At this Mass, we shall also bless the plaques on our memorial wall. All are welcome, in particular those who have lost loved ones in the last 12 months.

For further information, please contact Lyn Murphy on 9857 4437 or 0419 897582.

Memorial Book:

If you wish to have a relative or friend inscribed in this precious book, please fill out a form from the table in the Gathering Space and hand it into the parish office.
Thank you.



In Loving Memory

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

I love you, O Lord,
my strength.

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Deuteronomy 6: 2-6

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.

The faith-defining prayer that devout Jews recite twice daily is named after its first word, Shema, meaning "Hear" or "Listen." The full prayer combines three texts, two from Deuteronomy (6:4-9 and 11:13-21) and one from Numbers (15:37-41). Today's reading includes only part of the first one, which seems rather a pity. This is preceded by Moses' exhortation to the people to observe the Law in full. In what sounds rather like a transactional proposition, such obedience promises to bring the blessings of a long life, male progeny and material prosperity.

As in ancient times, the Shema Yisrael serves as a confession of faith in the one true God. The Israelites had come to believe that God was God alone, not simply the greatest of the gods. Furthermore, this one God had adopted Israel, delivered them from bondage and given them a covenant code of conduct. These blessings called for a total response of love, engaging one's whole heart, soul and strength. It entailed both inner allegiance and outer witness.

This text anticipates Jesus' citation of the Shema in today's gospel.

Second Reading

Hebrews 7: 23-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

This one, because he remains for ever, has an eternal priesthood.

The whole of chapter seven in the letter to the Hebrews is an imaginative treatment of two Old Testament texts. The first, Genesis 14:18-19, introduces the enigmatic figure of Melchizedek, priest and king. The second, Psalm 109/110:4, picks up on this: "The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change. 'You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.'" This is the oath referred to at the end of today's reading.

The lectionary bypasses much of the author's complex argumentation. It includes just one passage whose point is relatively clear. Unlike the priests of old who came and went and who had to keep offering sacrifice for their own sins as well as those of others, Christ is the unique eternal priest whose intercession for sinners is never-ending.

Two Sundays ago, the author made the point that Jesus was "tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin" (4:15). Today he expounds on Christ's sinlessness. Priests under the Law were "subject to weakness" but, as the ideal high priest, Christ is "holy, innocent and uncontaminated . . . the Son who is made perfect for ever."

This is not an easy text for the assembly to grasp. Its style of reasoning is unfamiliar to today's believers.

Taken from "Break Open the Word"

War on children.

66 dead children since 2020 (not in Gaza where UN estimates another 12,000 children have died since late 2023)

It's actually much closer to Home, in Victoria, together with 5400 abuse claims, as revealed at the Yoorook Justice Commission (reported on 28 October by The Age Victorian State political Reporter, Kieran Roomey). This refers to children who have been 'clients' of the family services system since 1 January 2020. The Commission said it was "beyond disappointment" that the (State) government's response to its report on this 12 months ago which had called for significant change, warning ministers might be called back to testify on their lack of progress. Catherine Liddle, chief executive for indigenous children peak body SNAICC, said the Australian Institute of Health report showed the system was failing first nations children in particular. "Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children are 26 times more likely to be in the youth justice system with over involvement in child protection, according to this report. With the over-representation of our children in out-of-home care continuing to rise, this is truly a confronting statistic"We need more investment in supporting families, preventing child removals, and supporting cultural connections for children in care. In May, Commissioner for Children and Young people Liana Buchanan revealed there had been 160 reports of 85 children living in residential care being victims of child prostitution in just one year, including some as young as 11. Dismal failure of the 'Indigenous Voice' campaign should also further prompt strong attention now to successful Treaty developments ahead to reduce shameful inequality gaps between first nations and all other Australian peoples! What can we also do about Gaza? - John Costa SJA

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

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

