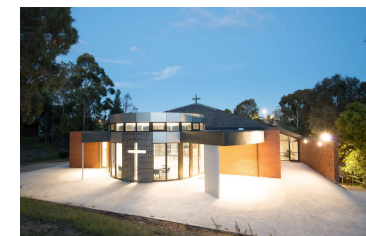




# St Kevin's Catholic Parish



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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 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time                                      9/10<sup>th</sup> November, 2024  
Baptisms Presentation Weekend

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

### From the Desk of our PP...

#### Retreat:

I shall be off for a Retreat for the coming week – back on Friday.

Fr Isaac will be filling in for the Masses I would otherwise have been doing if here. (Thank you for this wonderful support Fr Isaac.)

When I first came across 'a retreat' in Sixth Form, some months before the end of High School back in 1969, it was one day and I saw it as, I guess, just a bit of a lark. Which looking back on it is a bit of pity.

Now, one of the things I make sure to make time for each year is a retreat – usually Monday-Friday lunchtime (to fit in between weekend Masses). There is something amazingly refreshing, renewing and redeeming, about taking time away to just walk with Jesus – all day.

It is hard to make time (and I don't have family dependent on me to make it even more difficult to make time) but please – even if it is just for a half day or one day retreat – please seek to MAKE time to be free and dawdle around with Jesus the Christ for a while.

#### Fr Isaac:

I think I have announced his departure before but now it is upon us: this coming week (formally the 13<sup>th</sup> November) marks the end of Fr Isaac's appointment as Assistant Priest with St Gregory's and St Kevin's parishes. I shall miss him. We shall miss him. We will be organising a morning tea in each parish as a little extra thank you and farewell. It won't be a complete Good Bye as Fr Isaac will provide supply at various times throughout the coming year and he is only as far away as Flemington so you can invite him over too. Fr Isaac, you have been a wonderful generous-hearted, caring, willing, energetic and faith-filled assistant: my thanks and my prayers go with you into your new Hospital Ministry. Hopefully none of us need to go to hospital but if we do, hopefully we will see your smile and hear your laugh.

*God bless, Fr Charles*

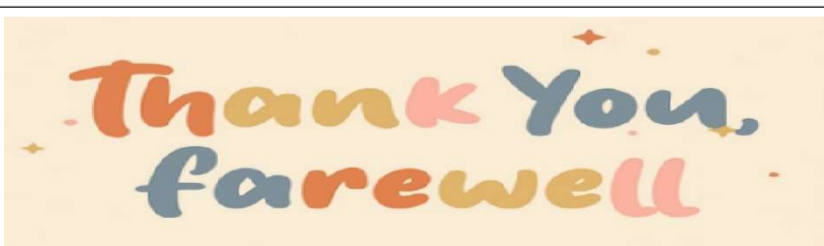
### Baptisms Welcome!

This weekend we welcome:

Xavier and Madeleine Morello

who will be introducing Jacques and Luca to our Community in preparation for their Baptisms next weekend.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism



Fr Isaac Zaki, our Assistant Priest, will be leaving us soon and moving to Flemington Parish.

We will celebrate a 'Thank you and Farewell' event on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> November. It will begin with our usual Mass at 10.00am (which Fr Isaac will celebrate) followed by cake and coffee/tea afterwards.

All are welcome to come and to thank Fr Isaac for his time with us.

THE INAUGURAL  
**NICHOLAS TONTI-FILIPPINI**  
MEMORIAL MASS AND ORATION  
'CHRISTIAN ETHICS AND THE IMAGO DEI'  
PROF TRACEY ROWLAND  
**FRI NOV 29**  
MASS: ST PATRICKS CATHEDRAL, 5PM  
ORATION: PARK HYATT, MELBOURNE, 6.30PM  
10TH ANNIVERSARY MEMORIAL  
A MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED BY ARCHBISHOP PETER COMENSOLI AND AN ORATION WILL BE DELIVERED BY PROF TRACEY ROWLAND TO HONOUR THE LIFE, WORK AND LEGACY OF PROF NICHOLAS TONTI-FILIPPINI  
5/7/1956 - 7/11/2014  
[TRYBOOKING.COM/CWCDG](http://TRYBOOKING.COM/CWCDG)



## 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, Elysia Pozzebon, Shiela O'Donoghue and Wang Wei Qiao.

## Anniversaries:

Angel Ibrahim and Giuseppina Bolzonello

## Recently Deceased:

Teresa Paolilli

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

For the repose of all the 300 or more souls for whom November prayers have been requested across St Greg's and St Kevin's.



## **Feast Days this week:...**

**11<sup>th</sup> November** St Martin of Tours

*Bishop of Tours for twenty-five years.*

*One of the first non-martyrs to be venerated as a saint. Widely remembered for his legendary generosity to the poor, for arguing against the persecution of heretics and especially for his active evangelisation and pastoral care of rural areas.*

**12<sup>th</sup> November** St Josephat

*Worked strenuously to uphold and spread the Union of Brest-Litovsk by which Churches of the province of Kiev, with their Byzantine liturgy and customs, had entered into communion with Rome. In a complex situation of national and religious antagonism, he was killed by violent opponents.*

*Remembered for his energetic pastoral reform and courageous ecumenism.*

## LITURGY ROSTER

**Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 9/10<sup>th</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**

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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 16/17<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

**1<sup>st</sup> Read: Daniel 12: 1-3 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: Hebrews 10: 11-14, 18 Gos: Mark 13: 24-32**

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Fiona Watson	Bredenia Raquel	Maryanne McNamara Lawrence Ceconello
8.30am	Frank Ozzimo	Pamela Rivera	Frances Bettiol Penny Teo
10.00am	Frances Johnson	Carmel Shiel	Tony Robinson Lyn Robinson

**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.**

As we meditate, egoism goes; personal desire goes; possessiveness also goes.

We leave our old ways, our old selves, and open to this new life, this new way which is the way of God.



Our next **Parish Bookish Morning Tea** will be held on **Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> November** at 10.00am and continues every fortnight.

All are welcome to join in the fun!  
Looking forward to seeing you all 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](mailto:carmelpurdey@gmail.com)

## 2025 COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR

The new Columban Calendars for 2024 are available from the table in the Gathering Space. \$10 each. Please place cash in the box provided. Thank you.



## 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 (THANKSGIVING OFFERING)** and who have chosen to make regular cash contributions, they can place their contributions in the **FIRST COLLECTION** using the Program's two-sided envelopes which carry a contributor number. The **THANKSGIVING OFFERING** contribution is placed in the **GREEN** side of the envelope and the **PRESBYTERY OFFERING** contribution 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** – **Electronic Contributions** to **THANKSGIVING OFFERING** can be made via the EFTPOS (Tap and Go) machine which is located on the table under the Parish Newsletter stand, near the Gathering Space entrance door.

**Direct Debit** – Parishioners wishing to make regular contributions to **THANKSGIVING OFFERING** via Direct Debit can make the necessary arrangement through the Parish Office.

**SECOND COLLECTION (SOCIAL JUSTICE)** – the moneys contributed via the **SECOND COLLECTION** form part of the St Kevin's Parish Social Justice Appeal program which may also include *one-off collections at Christmas and Easter*.

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

### St Kevin's Annual Bereavement Mass

21<sup>st</sup> 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*

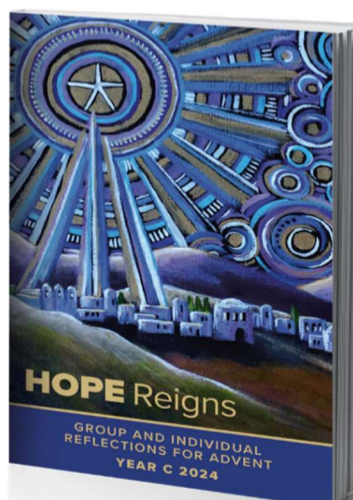
11 NOVEMBER  
*Remembrance Day*

November is traditionally the month when we remember our deceased loved ones. If you would like Father to include them in our prayers, please complete the appropriate envelopes which are on the table in the Gathering Space and hand them directly to him. Thank you.

REMEMBRANCE DAY  
**SERVICE**  
10.30 AM  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2024.  
DONCASTER RSL  
CNR. LEEDS STREET & DONCASTER ROAD  
DONCASTER EAST.

**GUEST SPEAKER**  
MAJOR KYM BISHOP

OUTDOOR SERVICE | SEATING AVAILABLE  
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### HOPE REIGNS ADVENT REFLECTION SERIES AT ST KEVIN'S PARISH

**When:** Tuesday/Thursday mornings @ 9.45am

**Dates:** 28<sup>th</sup> November (Thursday)

5<sup>th</sup> December (Thursday)

12<sup>th</sup> December (Thursday)

17<sup>th</sup> December (Tuesday)

**Where:** St Kevin's Church Gathering Space

Come and join our Lay Ecclesial Leader, Tiziana D'Costa, as she leads us into a reflection and discussion series on learning what 'Hope Reigns' means – seeking to help prepare you for the birth of Emmanuel, God with us.

Booklets are available from the table in the Gathering Space. They cost \$10 each (please place money in the same collection box as for payment for Columban Calendars).

All are welcome to purchase a booklet to take home, read and reflect upon, regardless of whether you would like to attend the Advent Reflection Series or not.

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

Praise the Lord,  
O my soul!

## Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer.

### REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### First Reading

#### 1 Kings 17: 10-16

A reading from the first book of the Kings

*The widow made a little scone from her flour meal and brought it to Elijah.*

The trusting faith of a poor widow is at the heart of both the first reading and the gospel. Neither, however, is named. In each case it's the male protagonist who dominates the story - Elijah in the first case and Jesus in the second.

The prophet Elijah's mission in the northern kingdom of the 9th century BC was to uphold the worship of the God of Israel. The last six chapters of 1 Kings and the first of 2 Kings are devoted to Elijah's dramatic exploits in defence of the Lord. The Elijah cycle glorifies both the prophet and the Lord over against the Phoenician god Baal, whose cult had been introduced by King Ahab and his wife Jezebel. They became Elijah's mortal enemies.

Today's story is set in the heartland of Baal worship. Elijah is in enemy territory. He is vulnerable and in need of God's protection, though the widow's plight is far more dire. She and her son are at the point of death. Though presumably not a believer in Elijah's God, she takes him at his word, shares her food, and is miraculously blessed.

It's a colourful tale, with plenty of human appeal as well as impressive heavenly providence. Jesus cites it when he faces opposition in his hometown synagogue (Lk 4:26).

#### Second Reading

#### Hebrews 9: 24-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.*

Today's reading from Hebrews is unlikely to be readily understood by the faithful at large. To decode it fully one needs to have some grasp of both Platonic philosophy and ancient Jewish worship traditions. Platonic philosophy lies behind the contrast between the earthly sanctuary (the Holy of Holies in the Temple) and the heavenly sanctuary (the realm of God's presence). Along with this spatial dimension there's a temporal one. The high priests of old had to perform an annual blood ritual on the Day of Atonement (along with a range of other sacrifices) to atone for their own and others' sin. By contrast, Christ's single self-sacrifice has done away with sin once and for all; it is eternally present in the sight of God. The author writes of this self-sacrifice in the light of the fourth song of the suffering servant in Isaiah: "he was bearing the faults of many and praying all the while for sinners" (53:12).

Jewish thought comes to the fore again in the expectation of Christ's return. History has a destination. Christ's second appearing will not be an occasion of judgement - sin has already been dealt with - but of the granting of salvation.

A simple message may be distilled from this complexity: Christ has atoned for sin once and for all.

*Taken from "Break Open the Word"*

### Further to last newsletter's depressing SJA 'war on children' commentary...

Beyond the unacceptable 66 conflict-related Australian dead children since 2020, a global perspective is important on conflicts, also affecting large numbers of innocent children. According to Caritas, Gaza is currently the deadliest place for civilians in the world. Since escalation of the conflict began last October, over 42,000 people have died in the **Gaza Strip** and more than 99,000 others were injured. Over 60% of the casualties are civilians. Some 1.9 million people have been forced to leave their homes, almost the entire Gaza population; Next in order of severity, Caritas reports that fighting between the Sudanese army and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces has caused an enormous humanitarian crisis. More than 18,000 people have lost their lives, over 33,000 others have been injured, and up to 12 million people have had to leave their homes. These include 4.6 million children, making **Sudan** the country with the highest number of displaced children in the world. In further descending order of conflict, Caritas reports next on deaths, suffering and displacements in **Ukraine**; **Syria** follows, where the war has entered its 14th year; 5th on the Caritas list is **Democratic Republic of Congo** where humanitarian needs are estimated at 25.4 million people, the highest of any country globally; UNICEF highlights Water scarcity affecting children particularly hard, revealing that one in three children in the world (739 million) live in areas exposed to high/very high/growing levels of water scarcity; Caritas then lists **Yemen, Myanmar and Niger**. These data also clearly highlight the importance of Charity. St Kevin's 2nd Collections last weekend generously contributed \$1,342.20 to Catholic World Mission Sunday, and earlier \$1,304 to NAPCAN (Child Abuse) - *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.