



St Kevin's Catholic Parish

26-44 Herlihys Road, Templestowe Lower



Mass Times

St Kevin's: 5.30pm Saturdays

8.30am and 10.00am Sundays

St Gregory the Great: 6.00pm Saturdays

9.00am, 10.30am and 5.00pm Sundays

Reconciliation at St Gregory the Great every

Saturday morning at 9.30am

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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.

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

29/30th March, 2025

Our Presider today is: Fr Charles Balnaves



Words From the Desk of our PP...

Archdiocesan Assembly 2026/2027

There is to be an Archdiocesan Assembly in 2026/2027. This is consistent with the implementation phase of the Synod on being a Synodal Church. We don't know the form it will take or the themes or the dates but several questions have been put out to parish priests seeking to start to frame these perspectives.

- What key issues, themes or hopes should we consider bringing forward?
- How can we ensure broad consultation and engagement at the local level in the lead up to the Assembly?
- How can we begin preparing parishes for the Assembly?

My first thought is to say: the decrees of the Australian Plenary Council and the directions arising from the Synod on Being a Synodal Church should form the core of themes that are crafted to focus on what can best be done in Melbourne. Clearly thought, a single Assembly, especially not the first, cannot answer all questions and progress all matters.

My question to you, therefore, is to ask you to ponder in prayer a little, and then send in your thoughts on what is most important for an Assembly to consider Doncaster@cam.org.au or Templestowe@cam.org.au. These can jump start a more focussed effort to get your input where it can best help the Assembly.

I don't see this Assembly as diverting us from the principal directions the parishes are already pursuing in improving our Worship; expanding our care for those in need; and growing our capacity to be Missionary Disciples. Rather, I see this Assembly as an opportunity to help ensure that the things we need to support our efforts are recognised as important for the Archdiocese.

Visit to the Sick/Home bound

If you know of people/someone who can't make it out to join our weekend Masses and could benefit from a home visit – please let us know. People in need rarely speak up. Please help them to in the most polite and gentle of ways. There are already people we are helping regularly in one way or another. Comments I hear suggest that there are many more whom we could at least be organising to provide visits and conversations along with Holy Communion and/or Anointing. Let the office know, or tell me.

God bless, Fr Charles.



Fourth Sunday of Lent
29th and 30th of March 2025

Irene lives in the Kongolo Region in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and faced immense challenges after losing her father to war and raising her children in poverty. With support from Caritas Australia, Irene received vocational training in sewing and farming and can now support her whole family.



Please donate today. You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion **Or by calling:** 1800 024 413

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

Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses
Monday	8.30am	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
Thursday	8.15am	Adoration
	9.15am	Mass
	9.45am	Lenten Reflection
Friday	9.30am	Adoration at St Gregory the Great Church
Saturday	5.30pm	Mass



We pray for Better Health:

Elysia Pozzebon, Shiela O'Donoghue, Wang Wei Qiao, Nady Botrous, Michelle, Melissa Wirata, Michael Angelo Yambao, Rosanna Campagna, Gabriella Cunico, Alexandra Bateman, Alan Benn, Federico Aspromonte, Peter Ryan, Anton Urbas, Rosemarie Cameron, Eugenia Pozzebon, Luisa Yambao, Dr Noel Smyth, Aileen Kent, Ruth Shiel and Fr Frank Maloney.

Anniversaries:

Rita Farrella, Wilma Barrow, Diane Hubbard, Mary Collins, Greg Ireland, Denise Rogers, Tyson Maffei and Mary Borg.

Recently Deceased:

Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for the Fourth Sunday of Lent: For school Principals, especially Gabee Leone at St Kevin's and Michelle Verna at St Charles – that they will remain open to being filled with the Holy Spirit.



LITURGY ROSTER

Fourth Sunday of Lent – 29/30th March 2025

1st Read: Joshua 5: 9-12 2nd Read: 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21 Gos: Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Fiona Watson	Kathy Pearce	Maryanne McNamara Margaret Turner
8.30am	Pauline Erickson		Adrian Teo Pat Rowland
10.00am	Vianney Shiel	Trish Wilson	Tony Robinson Lyn Robinson

Fifth Sunday of Lent – 5/6th April 2025

1st Read: Isaiah 43: 16-21 2nd Read: Philippians 3: 8-14 Gos: John 8: 1-11

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Daniel Marini	Rachel Marini	Anne Maguire Lynne O'Brien
8.30am	Paul Polidano		Mary Waddick Pat Rowland
10.00am	Tony Byrne	Bernard Butler	Kaye Byrne Geraldine Williams



Currently on hold, returns on Wednesdays in term 2.

Watch this space for more updates!

EASTER TIMETABLE 2024

10 th April:	Communal Penance Service at 7.30pm – St Gregory the Great, Doncaster
12 th /13 th April:	Palm Sunday – Masses as per usual
17 th April:	Holy Thursday – Mass at 7.30pm
18 th April:	Good Friday – Stations of the Cross @ at 10.00am – St Gregory the Great – Passion of our Lord @ 3.00pm – St Gregory the Great and St Kevin's
19 th April:	Easter Vigil Masses @ 6.30pm – St Gregory the Great 8.30pm – St Kevin's
20 th April:	Easter Sunday Masses @ 8.30 and 10.00am



April Youth Group is cancelled.

In consideration of the long weekend and the Easter school holidays, our Youth Group on Saturday 26 April is cancelled.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our next Youth Group on Saturday 17 May!

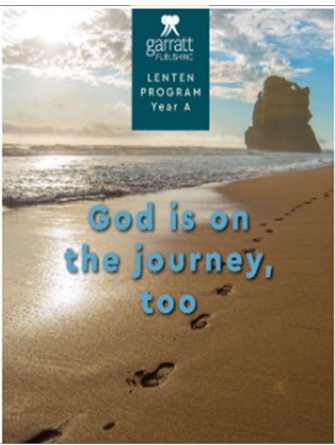
Parish Lenten Communal Penance Service

Will be held on Thursday, 10th April at 7.30pm at St Gregory the Great Church, 71 Williamsons Road, Doncaster.



BOOKISH MORNING TEA

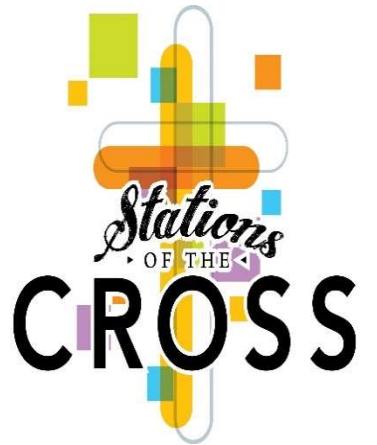
Our next Bookish Morning Tea is scheduled for Thursday 3rd April. All are welcome to come to the Parish House on this morning at 10.30am for a chat, browse through the book swap library and a delicious morning tea! Hope to see you there!!!



Stations of the Cross are conducted every Friday evening during Lent at 7.00pm at St Gregory the Great Church, 71 Williamsons Road, Doncaster.

Our weekly **Lenten Program** in St Kevin's Chapel continues every Thursday morning directly after the 9.15am Mass. This program is guided by our Lay Ecclesial Leader, Tiziana D'Costa, who uses the Lenten Program booklet written by Fr Christopher Monaghan, a Passionist Priest. This booklet is provided for you all to use during the Program or for you to study at home if you are not able to attend every session.

There is no charge for this booklet, however a donation would be appreciated.



Permanent Diaconate Information Session 3 May 2025

Following the success of the permanent diaconate information sessions in 2024, we will be holding another session for those interested.

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. It is an ordained ministry of service. The information session is open to everyone interested in learning more about the permanent diaconate. If you have attended any previous session, you are also welcome to attend this session. Wives most welcome.

The session will be on Saturday morning, 3rd May and will be in person. If you are interested email Deacon Kevin Pattison Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au with full name and parish, but if you forget, then just turn up on Saturday morning. All are welcome.

Event Date: Saturday 3 May 2025 10.00am–11.30am. Venue: Catholic Theological College 278 Victoria Parade East Melbourne



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Jubilee Year: "Hope does not disappoint"

– Being Pilgrims of Hope:

A Pilgrims of Hope prayer card is now available for you to take: pick up your copy from the table in the gathering space.

With the Parish Pastoral Council and Liturgy Group, we seek to bring this truth of being Pilgrims of Hope into everything we do. This truth informs and enlivens all that we seek to implement as disciples of Christ to the world around us.



Safe Driver Road Safety Awareness for Older Adults.

Hosted by the Department of Transport and Planning, this presentation provides advice on how older drivers can stay safe and mobile, including information on:

- how age-related changes can affect driving
- tips to optimise driver safety including a self-assessment checklist, vehicle design and road law
- the potential impacts of medical conditions, disability and medication on safe driving
- planning for the future
- where to access support and advice

Tuesday, 15 April 2025; 2 pm to 3.30 pm. Free

To register, visit: <https://www.manningham.vic.gov.au/events/safe-driver-road-safety-awareness-older-adults>

Or ring Manningham City Council on 03 9840 9333

For information on our Parish School please contact:

St Kevin's Primary School
Phone: 9273 9999

Responsorial Psalm

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading

Joshua 5:9-12

A reading from the book of Joshua

The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover.

Moses, who led the people out of bondage in Egypt and journeyed with them for forty years in the desert, dies within sight of the land of milk and honey. Joshua takes over and leads the people into the promised land of Canaan. They no longer need God's gift of manna; they can be fed from the fruit of the land. As they celebrated the first Passover meal on the eve of their departure from Egypt, so now they celebrate their entry into Canaan with a Passover meal.

Scholars debate to what extent all this is actually historical. But it is powerfully symbolic. In this brief reading, there is a wonderful sense of accomplishment as God's promise is fulfilled.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

God reconciled us to himself through Christ.

Freed at last from the wound of corruption and made fully into a new creation, we shall sing to you with gladness the thanksgiving of Christ... These are the final words of the first Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation. They resonate perfectly with this text from Paul in which he speaks of Christ's work of reconciliation. We are called to accept this God-given gift. Then we are to be ambassadors for this work for reconciliation by promoting harmony and unity between people and between the human race and God.

Taken from "Break Open the Word"

Lenten Reflection - Forget painful history or face its truth?

The Victorian Yoorook Justice Commission has just completed Australia's first formal truth-telling inquiry collecting testimonies from hundreds of people to document historical atrocities and other injustices against First Nations people. The consequent ABC TV Four-corners program this week started by recounting the 1843 massacre where dozens of Aboriginal people including children were savagely killed by white settlers. Through many witnesses the inquiry highlighted the extensive loss of life, culture, and land suffered by Aboriginal people due to colonisation, including massacres, systemic racism and forced relocations. It includes poignant personal accounts from many individuals also including Elizabeth Balderstone, Keicha Day, and Peter Sharp the great Grandson of Australia's 2nd Prime Minister Alfred Deakin, who shared their experiences and understanding of the impact of these painful events on their and very many other lives. The Commission's report also discusses ongoing efforts to protect and honour massacre sites, the challenges of systemic reform, and the importance of truth-telling for reconciliation. Despite the shame and horror, it reports mixed responses from governments to the recommendations of the Yoorook Justice Commission and need for systemic changes to address injustices. It concluded by effectively asking "...What happens if we don't talk about it?" and effectively responds "I don't think we can then go on as a nation". In today's challenging world with growing need for human values and care for the dispossessed doesn't this question and response apply to so much else in the world around us, not excluding the institutional Church? Should we simply forget? or be driven by our faith values to face truth, in the lenten spirit of reconciliation, and respond in healing ways while helping the world move forward together?

This weekend the Caritas Project Compassion shares the story of Irene, a 25-year-old single mother of two boys in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Despite extreme poverty, she has become a skilled seamstress now able to support her children's education with her income. - **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.