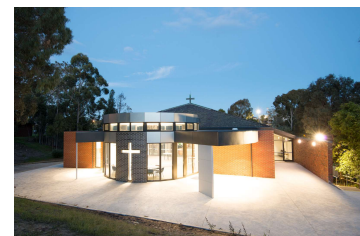




# St Kevin's Catholic Parish

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.

Year C

Fourth Sunday of Easter – Good Shepherd Sunday

10/11<sup>th</sup> May, 2025

Mother's Day Weekend

Baptism Presentation Weekend

**Our Presider today is:** Fr Isaac Zaki



## We have a new pope! Pope Leo XIV



### Pope Leo XIV:

Wonderful good news that a new pope has been selected relatively quickly, in the afternoon of just the second day of the Conclave. When a pope is chosen their selection is guided by the Holy Spirit and requires the votes of at least two thirds plus one of cardinals present.

I don't know anything about our new pope and his background so ... I pray that he will be visionary in helping lead us into God's desire for peace and justice for all the world.

We pray for Pope Leo XIV – "Hail Mary, full of grace the Lord is with thee. Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death, Amen.

**Fr Charles**

## Mother's Day

My mother (and father) abhorred the commercial event that was presented as MOTHERS DAY—and that was sixty years ago!

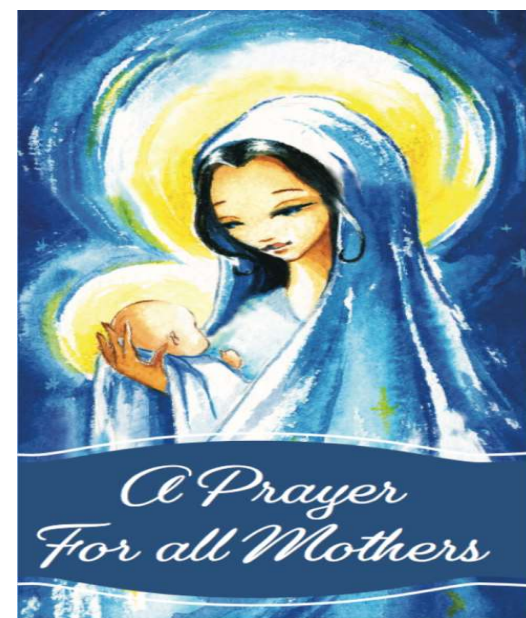
My mother said "I would be delighted to receive a gift from you for Mother's Day—but only if you have made it yourself." So, always, since then for mother, wife, daughter-in-law I don't buy a gift, I present something from me. Occasionally I miss a year but always I present my thanks, blessing and expectation for God's grace for them.

So, today, to all our mothers for this Mother's Day a prayer from me:

*You take on the joyful (though not always happy) task of caring, each and every day. Caring with a cackle of delight when children are healthy and strong and need amusement. Caring with soothing lullaby when there is illness and what is needed is just to sit quietly and comfort a fevered brow. Caring with a laugh when the toileting misses the pot. Caring and caring ...*

*Thank you for allowing the Holy Spirit to enter your heart and give you the strength, courage, wisdom and love to be that most wonderful of vocations: a mother.*

**God bless each of you, Fr Charles.**



## Our hard-working Craft Group Ladies have created beautifully handmade, bespoke beanies which are for sale.

The parish of St Kevin's is very proud indeed of our Craft Group Ladies who work fervently throughout the year to provide warm blankets and beanies to the following organisations: \* Missionaries of Charity Fitzroy and Timor

\* St Kilda Mums

\* Exodus Community

\* Sacred Heart Missions St Kilda

\* Parish Nursing Homes

\* Sick Parishioners

**Beanies are currently for sale @ \$5 each. Proceeds go towards purchasing more wool for this hard-working group to continue their good works.**





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
Friday	9.30am	Adoration at St Gregory the Great Church
Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	



We pray for Better Health:

Elysia Pozzebon, Wang Wei Qiao, Michelle, Melissa Wirata, Michael Angelo Yambao, Rosanna Campagna, Gabriella Cunico, Alexandra Bateman, Alan Benn, Federico Aspromonte, Peter Ryan, Rosemarie Cameron, Eugenia Pozzebon, Dr Noel Smyth, Aileen Kent, Ruth Shiel, Fr Frank Maloney, Rachel Hally and Vin Natoli.

Anniversaries:

Graham Lewis Morrison, Ron Polidano, Michael Williamson, Savina Baruta, Brendan Edwards, Enzo Pieropan, Russell Healy, Annesley Noble and Peter Maher.

Recently Deceased:

Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this Week: For the new Government of Australia, that it will place justice, mercy and the sanctity of life first among its criteria for action.



Feast Days this week:...

**13<sup>th</sup> May** Our Lady of Fatima  
*This day commemorates the apparition of Our Lady to three shepherd children in the small village of Fatima in Portugal in 1917. She appeared six times to Lucia, who was 9 years old, and her cousins Francisco (aged 8) and Jacinta (aged 6). A significant day for those who honour the Blessed Virgin Mary and her messages to the world.*

**14<sup>th</sup> May** St Matthias  
*A companion of Jesus and a witness to the resurrection. Chosen by lot to take the place of Judas and so to share the apostolic ministry of the twelve.*



St Kevin's Columbarium: (Status)

We are required to obtain a Council Permit, which takes some time to obtain, and we don't have a full design yet, so we are not ready to start a waiting list / take formal bookings for spaces. Once we have the proper plans in place we will begin a formal process for reserving spaces and paying for them.

In the meantime, if you may be interested in having your cremated remains or the remains of family/friends interred outside the church, please let us know. Having your name / needs as an expression of interest will help us to know how to stage construction and will also help us show Council that there is significant demand. Call or email the office Ph 9850 5983; email templestowe@cam.org.au



Attention all Mass volunteers.

By now you should have received by email, your dates and other information for the new roster beginning the first weekend in May. Please diarise those dates so that you know well ahead of time in order to arrange a swap if needed. If you haven't received your email, please contact Pauline on 0407 824 638.

LITURGY ROSTER

Fourth Sunday of Easter – 10/11<sup>th</sup> May 2025

1<sup>st</sup> Read: Acts 13: 14, 43-52 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: Apocalypse 7: 9, 14-17 Gos: John 10: 27-30

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Daniel Marini	Rachel Marini	Lawrence Cecconello Lynne O'Brien
8.30am	Pauline Erickson		Adrian Teo Pat Rowland
10.00am	Vianney Shiel	Frances Johnson	Lyn Murphy Carmel Purdey

Fifth Sunday of Easter – 17/18<sup>th</sup> May 2025

1<sup>st</sup> Read: Acts 14: 21-27 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: Apocalypse 21: 1-5 Gos: John 13: 31-35

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Bredenia Raquel	Margaret Turner	Lawrence Cecconello Lynne O'Brien
8.30am	Julie O'Donnell	Erika Castro	Liz Polidano Paul Polidano
10.00am	Carmel Purdey	Carmel Shiel	Tony Robinson Lyn Robinson







## Alpha Celebration Dinner Come and See Night

**Wednesday, 4 June**  
**6.30 pm - 8.00 pm**  
**St Kevin's Church, Templestowe**  
**Dinner Provided**

Join us for a celebration of Alpha with fun, food and conversation.  
Open to all our Alpha participants and to anyone interested in Alpha  
RSVP: 28 May [templestowe@cam.org.au](mailto:templestowe@cam.org.au); 03 9850 5983

## Baptism Welcome

This weekend  
we welcome:

**Nicholas and Deanna**  
who will be introducing  
**Alana Grace Spyropoulos**  
to our Parish Community  
in preparation for her  
Baptism next weekend.

Celebration  
of the  
Sacrament of Baptism



**Words from our PP on holidays...**

**Holiday Progress:** As I write this I am in the Nottingham area, England, staying with family. Monday night and most of Tuesday was flying ... flying ... flying ... it is a long way and the first time I made the trip between England and Australia it took 8 weeks by boat so 1 day is a vast improvement. A night in a hotel then drive to family. Quiet, gentle, conversation, laughter, time, space ... a good start before the walk in Spain and other elements. Relaxing into ... being. Many years ago I came to visit thinking I'd be able to see all about Robin Hood ... Ah Well! They aren't interested, pure fantasy. Sightseeing doesn't form a large part of visiting family – family does.

**Mystic Life:** As part of this holiday, I am (finally) getting around to reading more of John of the Cross' writings about mystical doctrine. I am reading an abridgement of the writings, in a book I found on my shelves which originated from my father's library (rather old, 1934 but very well prepared).

I find his words encouraging because they give me hope that the slow progress I make along a path to deeper, contemplative, prayer is worthwhile. A progress from rote prayer to meditative prayer about 'things/matter' is normal but only the start.


If we persevere and seek to calm ourselves, to completely put aside ourselves and the world we can, slowly, and imperfectly perhaps, move towards contemplative prayer where we are completely alone and in the presence of God alone. John of the Cross says that we are all capable of this and it is an infinitely valuable journey even if you and I don't achieve the fullness of mystical life regularly. To have even moments of being with God is a treasure beyond price. Please, persevere in your prayer life, it is your journey into God's being.

**God bless, Fr Charles. Alleluia, Alleluia!!!**

### Day of Solemnity

On **Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> May**, we celebrate the  
**Feast Day of Our Lady, Help of Christians**  
**Patron of Australia**


A special Mass will be celebrated on this day at  
St Gregory the Great Church at 9.00am. All welcome.



### BOOKISH MORNING TEA

Our next Bookish Morning Tea is scheduled for  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. 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!!!

**House for rent in Lower Plenty.** Close to shops and public transport. Conditions apply. Not suitable for families. Please see Nadia in the Parish Office for more details.



### Parish Mass Count

As we have now entered the merry month of May it is time for our Annual Mass Count. Please consider assisting with counting the number of Mass attendees.


Counters are requested to count the number of folk who are at Mass. Counting sheets are provided on the bench in the sacristy near the money bags.

This information is then forwarded to the Melbourne Archdiocese. It is a process in which we are able to maintain an up-to-date picture of Mass attendance in the Archdiocese, both in our parishes and migrant community centres.

### 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 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.



EMBARK ON A TRANSFORMATIONAL & SPIRITUAL JOURNEY IN THIS YEAR OF JUBILEE

[melbournecatholic.org/jubilee](http://melbournecatholic.org/jubilee)



For information on our Parish School please contact:  
**St Kevin's Primary School**  
Phone: 9273 9999

**Responsorial Psalm**  
We are his people:  
the sheep of his pasture.  
**Response to Prayers of the Faithful**  
Lord, hear our prayer.

**REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF  
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

First Reading	Second Reading
<p><u>Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52</u></p> <p>A reading from the Acts of the Apostles <i>We are now turning to the gentiles.</i></p> <p>Much has happened between last Sunday's story of the apostles' trial and today's account of the mission of Paul and Barnabas. Stephen has been stoned to death; Saul has had his conversion experience; the mission to the Gentiles, revealed to Peter, has begun; the apostle James, son of Zebedee, has been martyred; Herod has died; and Paul has been sent on mission with Barnabas.</p> <p>In Antioch (southern Turkey), Paul and Barnabas connect first with the local Jewish community. We do not hear his lengthy address in the synagogue, but we see the response he gets. The initial enthusiasm of his Jewish hearers changes to hostility when jealous leaders contradict him.</p> <p>Paul decides to focus his mission on the Gentiles who are grateful and very happy with this development. This is one of the most important new directions we see in the whole of the Acts of the Apostles. The light of Christ will shine for all nations, even to the ends of the earth.</p> <p>The text is quite long, but there is a strong narrative thread and vigorous action.</p>	<p><u>Revelation 7:9, 14-17</u></p> <p>A reading from the book of the Apocalypse <i>The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.</i></p> <p>An imaginative vision of the risen Christ enthroned in glory! One that brings comfort and consolation to persecuted Christians everywhere.</p> <p>First, we have the immense crowd that is totally inclusive – people from every nation, race, tribe and language. There is an equal place for all with no discrimination. All are one in Christ.</p> <p>These are the baptised, dressed in their white garments and holding palms of victory in their hands. Baptised into the death and resurrection of Christ, we all share his defeat of sin and death. This is vividly expressed in the first example of the 'clash of symbols': <i>washed their robes white in the blood of the Lamb.</i></p> <p>Then the promise of protection from hunger and thirst is expressed in the second wonderful example of the 'clash of symbols': the Lamb will be their Shepherd! Thus this text also opens up the theme of the good shepherd which returns in the gospel.</p> <p><i>Taken from 'Break Open the Word'</i></p>

**Catholic Social Justice highlighted following the death of Pope Francis (Part 2)**

*As introduced last weekend, a second theme now follows, based on the homily for Pope Francis' funeral by the Dean of the College of Cardinals, Cardinal Re. It provides a further yardstick for Catholic Social Justice from Christ's mission to us all. It also happens to relate to "Good Shephard Sunday" which our Archdiocese and Parish prayerfully observes this weekend. The following Social justice theme is also drawn from Lisa Zengarini, Vatican News, 26 April 2025.*

**2.** Referencing the Gospel passage where Christ charges Peter with shepherding His flock, Cardinal Re remarked that "Despite his frailty and suffering towards the end, Pope Francis chose to follow this path of self-giving until the last day of his earthly life" in which he "followed the footsteps of his Lord, the Good Shepherd". All of us too are called, in various ways, to follow Christ's footsteps "walking as pilgrims of hope on the path of the Gospel".

*Part of the hope for social justice offered by St Kevin's Parishioners comes from our 2nd Collections. Over the Easter Period this resulted in \$518 Catholic Care pastoral support raised for needy Families, Children and Individuals, locally and over the Holy Land, and separately over that period \$1,308.65 for missionary and welfare support at Holy Places. For those able to assist in other ways various forms of social Justice can be offered practically, via our Social Justice Action Group. Enquire SJA or the Parish Office - **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.

