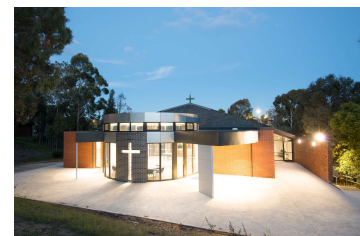




St Kevin's Catholic Parish

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

17/18th May, 2025

Baptism Weekend

Our Presider today is: Fr Anton Aseervathampillai



Words from our PP on holidays:

Fr Charles on The Way

As I write this I am about to begin my third day along the Camino of Santiago de Compostella. I was already at the start of my brief Camino when I looked up Compostella: field of stars. How beautiful! I am still waiting for a fine night when I can get out and maybe see what the night sky looks like here. It must have been stunning to warrant adding it to the name of the city.

The first two days have been ... a struggle physically – my legs ended the days feeling like logs. But ... alongside that – beautiful rolling scenery and green scenery, with lots of country smells and working farms and farm dogs and .. a wonderful sense of just being 'in the moment'. Not all the time, I find it very difficult to 'not think' and sometimes I find myself counting steps but ... maybe that is part of the journey.

I am on a tour with a guide (praise the Lord, Vince is the most amiable man with a sense of humour to be treasured). Nine of us plus him. He shepherds us beautifully. Walking with the slowest to be sure they aren't lost – allowing the fastest their leads. And we keep tabs via a whatsapp group. There is a group of four who get everywhere 30 minutes ahead of me having stopped for coffee and things along the way. Then me and another; and about half hour behind the remainder of the group. Walking at our own pace.

This third day (and indeed the fourth day tomorrow) will bring a shorter total distance but the steepest climbs and descents but ... hopefully my legs will manage.

I keep you in my prayers as I rise and offer Mass and as I walk along. Thank you for keeping me in your prayers.

God bless, 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.

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2025

Bridging Now to Next

27 MAY - 3 JUNE

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The National Reconciliation Week (NRW) 2025

theme, **Bridging Now to Next**, reflects the ongoing connection between past, present and future.

Bridging Now to Next urges us to look ahead and continue the push forward as past lessons guide us.

At a time when Australia faces uncertainty in its reconciliation journey, this theme calls on all Australians to step forward together.

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:

Kevin Cheng Shou Kong, John Dickenson, Monique Daisy Chong, Fortunata Butta, Jan Dalton, Carmel Artomonow, Lisetta Beltramello and Giuseppe Sciarrone.

Recently Deceased:

Pope Francis

Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this Week: Giving thanks for the grace given to us to live our lives full of the Joy of Easter, amidst all the difficulties and successes of our days.



Feast Days this week:...

24th May Our Lady, help of Christians
The Virgin Mary has often been invoked in times of religious strife under the title of Help of Christians. In thanksgiving for the release of Pope Pius VII from captivity in 1814, the feast was established the following year on the anniversary of his restoration.
The first Australian provincial synod held in Sydney in 1844 placed the Church in Australia under Mary's patronage invoked by the title Help of Christians.
The solemn feast is an occasion to seek Mary's help and protection for our Church and nation.

LITURGY ROSTER

Fifth Sunday of Easter – 17/18th May 2025

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

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Bredenia Raquel	Christine Marini	Lawrence Cecconello Lynne O'Brien
8.30am	Julie O'Donnell	Erika Castro	Liz Polidano Paul Polidano
10.00am	Lyn Robinson	Liz O'Connell	Tony Robinson Lyn Robinson

Sixth Sunday of Easter – 24/25th May 2025

1st Read: Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29 2nd Read: Apoc 21: 10-14, 22-23 Gos: John 14: 23-29

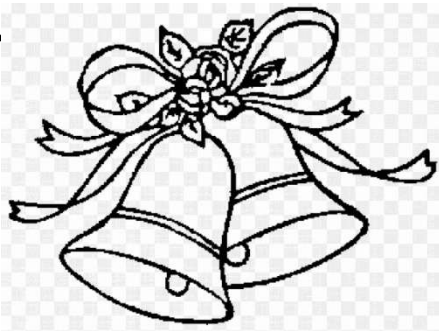
Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Margaret Turner	Kathy Pearce	Maryanne McNamara Anne Maguire
8.30am	Miriam Ayoub		Penny Teo Pat Rowland
10.00am	Jessica Bartholomeusz	Liz O'Connell	Raffaela Dinelli Tony Whelan

On Tuesday, 3rd June we celebrate
St Kevin's Feast Day

A special commemorative Mass will be celebrated on this day at 9.15am together with the schoolchildren. All welcome.



Congratulations to
Michael Lynch
and
Silvana Rodella



who are getting married next Saturday, 24th May. May you enjoy a life together filled with good health and happy days.

Renting of Town House in Lower Plenty

Close to shops and public transport.
Not suitable for families.
A very modest rent would be asked on the condition that the owner could stay with the renter for a few days on the odd occasion that he comes over from Adelaide to visit family or for business.
Contact Michael Lynch 0409 933064.





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; 03 9850 5983

St Kevin's Parish warmly welcomes
through the Sacrament of Baptism...



Alana Grace
Spyropoulos

Daughter of
Nicholas and Deanna
Little sister of Eva

Come Away Day

The next **Come Away Day** for 2025 will be held at Holy Cross, 207 Serpells Road, Templestowe, on **Wednesday 28th MAY**. The theme of the day is: **'WAITING IN HOPE'**. This is an opportunity to focus on the deeper meaning of our faith journey as we move through seasons of change in our church and all around us. The day's program provides opportunities for prayer, silent reflection and group interaction in the beautiful grounds and facilities of Holy Cross. All are welcome. Just come as you are. BYO lunch. **Registration is from 9.30am**. The program concludes with a celebration of the Eucharist with a departure time of around **2.30-3pm**. The suggested cost is \$30.00 or a donation according to your means. Registration is helpful for planning purposes. For any further details contact Sr Brigid cp on bridget.m64@gmail.com

'Habemus Papam': Australian Catholics welcome Pope Leo XIV

The bells of St Peter's Basilica rang out across Rome on the evening of 8 May, signalling to the world that the Catholic Church has a new shepherd. At 6.07pm Rome time (2.07am AEST), white smoke billowed from the Sistine Chapel chimney, drawing thousands more into St Peter's Square, where crowds had already gathered for the smoke watch. Leo XIV appeared moments later, dressed in white, and offered his first apostolic greeting: 'Peace be with all of you.' In his Urbi et Orbi address, the new pope echoed the peace of the Risen Christ. He paid tribute to his predecessor, Pope Francis, whose voice, he said, still resonates with the faithful. 'We still retain in our ears that weak but always courageous voice of Pope Francis blessing Rome!' he said. 'Let me follow up on that same blessing: God loves us, God loves you all, and evil will not prevail!' Taking the name Leo XIV, the new pontiff situates himself in a lineage of reformers and bridge-builders. As the first pope from the Augustinian Order, he affirmed, 'I am a son of St Augustine, an Augustinian, who said, "For you I am a bishop, with you, I am a Christian."' In this sense we can all walk together toward that homeland that God has prepared.'


His remarks were warmly received by Catholics around the world, including here in Australia.

This Sunday, 18 May, Pope Leo XIV will officially inaugurate his papacy with Mass in St Peter's Square. The Mass will be livestreamed on the Vatican News YouTube channel at 6pm Melbourne time.



Day of Solemnity

On **Saturday, 24th 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.



Our next Parish Bookish Morning Tea will be held on **Thursday, 22nd May** at 10.00am and continues every fortnight.

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

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

Responsorial Psalm
I will bless your name for ever,
my King and my God.
Response to Prayers of the Faithful
Lord hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
First Reading	Second Reading
<p><u>Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27</u></p> <p>A reading from the Acts of the Apostles <i>They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.</i></p> <p>This is the second half of the so-called first missionary journey of Paul. As described here in the reading, this return trip that Paul and Barnabas make is something like 1,000 kilometres, half on land in present day Turkey, and the remainder by sea across to Syria. Given the demands of travel at the time, one can understand Paul speaking of the hardships they all have to endure for the sake of God's kingdom. Before they leave they appoint elders, local leaders. Even at this early date (c. 46-49 AD) structures are being put in place for the governance of Church communities. Paul and Barnabas obviously think the endeavour has been worthwhile – they assemble the Church on their return and give witness to God's work in bringing the Gentiles to faith.</p>	<p><u>Revelation 21:1-5</u></p> <p>A reading from the book of the Apocalypse <i>He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.</i></p> <p>In keeping with the festive spirit of the Easter season, the Lectionary selects passages from the Apocalypse that gleam with glory. This is one of them. In this dream, everything is made new. The world is transformed. The holy city of Jerusalem (at that time, recently destroyed) is made new and depicted as a bride for the risen Christ. It represents a transcendent and future reality when God will dwell among his people, making his home with us. This glorious vision for the end of time is referenced in the final lines of the two Eucharistic Prayers for Reconciliation: our Eucharist holds out this promise: <i>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 who lives for all eternity.</i> <i>Bring us to share with [Mary and the saints and those who have died] the unending banquet of unity in a new heaven and a new earth, where the fullness of your peace will shine forth in Christ Jesus our Lord.</i> Taken from 'Break Open the Word'</p>

Catholic Social Justice highlighted following the death of Pope Francis (Part 3)

Further to this SJA series on continuation of Pope Francis' legacy of Catholic Social Justice action (& 'synodality'), the following extract from Commonweal Magazine "The World's Pope" May 12 2025, echos that:

Part 3. ".....Signs of continuity with Francis's papacy soon emerged, to the delight of some and the dismay of others—including no small number of Prevost's native countrymen. Leo pointedly used the words "synodality" and "dialogue." He forcefully restated the Christian obligation to care for the vulnerable. In his May 10 address to the College of Cardinals, he called for renewal of "our complete commitment to the path that the universal Church has now followed for decades in the wake of the Second Vatican Council." He then quoted Francis's Evangelii gaudium, highlighting that document's emphasis on, among other things, "the return to the primacy of Christ in proclamation"; collegiality and synodality; attention to the sensus fidei [*sense of the faithful*], including popular piety; care for the least and the rejected; and "dialogue with the contemporary world in its various components and realities."

On a related topic, Chaplains play a very significant role in Hospitals, Prisons, and the Wider Community. I was once privileged to volunteer visiting people in Youth Training Centres and Prisons. It's notable that Sr Mary O'Shannassy SGS has just retired after the longest ever period of 30 years unwavering service as senior chaplain of what was the Catholic Care prison ministry team in Victoria. As reported in Melbourne Catholic, Archbishop Peter Comensoli has presented Sr Mary with the Papal Cross of Honour—the highest honour the Pope can confer on an individual for distinguished service to the Catholic Church. Warm thanks and Congratulations Sr Mary! - **John Costa SJA**

