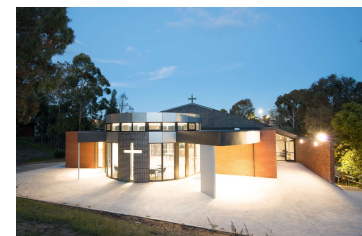




St Kevin's Catholic Parish

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

Third Sunday of Easter

3/4th May, 2025

Our Presider today is: Fr Anton Aseervathampillai

Words From the Desk of our PP...

Fr Charles on Holiday

I shall be away on leave till 30th May. Keeping you in my prayers and open to inspiration as I visit family, walk a section of the Camino de Santiago Compostella, visit Fatima, and see the sights of Barcelona. Fr Anton will be around to help and supply priests will assist on weekends (Bp Les at St Greg's and Fr Isaac at St Kevin's). I hope to be able to send some words out each week to keep you a little bit up to date with me / my travels.

ACYF: Australian Catholic Youth Festival: 30th November to 2nd December

This should be enormous fun and faith filled so – if you are from 18-25 years old you can go – and it is happening here in Melbourne. Keep an eye open for news about how to register and who is going along.

Ignite Conference 2025

Two opportunities to join the 25th Ignite Conference – a conference of Catholics for all ages. It happens during school holidays:

- July 10-13 in Broken Bay Diocese Or September 25-28 in Brisbane Archdiocese

If you are already going away heading north for some warmth, perhaps make one of these conferences a destination along the way. <https://igniteconference.com.au/> or email hello@igniteyouth.com or call (07) 3217 5199.

Another opportunity to be breathed into by the Holy Spirit.

Mass at the end of Mourning Period for Pope Francis

Monday 5th May 7:00 pm St Kevin's Church 30 Herlihy's Road Templestowe Lower.

This Mass will conclude the series of Masses we have offered for Pope Francis: an urgently convened Mass on the day of his death; a Mass shortly after his funeral and this Mass near the end of the formal days of mourning. In addition, we have been offering many of the other Masses for him during this period. Pope Francis will of course remain in our prayers as the days and years go forwards.

We will also take the opportunity during this Mass to pray for our Cardinals who join the conclave to select the next Pope, beginning two days later.

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



Saying Goodbye

The past week has been bittersweet as we have joined millions of people around the world in saying goodbye to Pope Francis and giving thanks for his powerful and inclusive ministry of mercy, hope and peace.

The date for the start of the next conclave has been set for 7th May, when 135 cardinals will be shut away in the Sistine Chapel to vote on who will become the next pope.

A special Mass will be celebrated for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis and to pray that the Holy Spirit works through our Cardinals to elect a new pope who will continue Pope Francis' legacy, on Monday, 5th May at 7pm at St Kevin's Church. All welcome.

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 and Rachel Hally.

Anniversaries:

Gerry Mangan, Roberto Milanes, Mario Gerosolimo, Maria Di Cosmo, Rosa Giannini, Lucy Molony, Silvana La Greca Angela Hernet, Maureen Catherine Trezise and Zac Shiel.

Recently Deceased:

Pope Francis, Anton Urbas, Michelle Savoy, Ken Turnham and Margaret Scott.

Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this Week: For the Cardinals of the Catholic Church that they will lay themselves open to the Holy Spirit as their guide in discerning our next Bishop of Rome and Sing of Unity for the Church.



Feast Days this week:...

10th May St John de Avila
Born in Spain, John was sent at the age of 14 to the University of Salamanca to study law. He later he studied philosophy and theology before his ordination as a diocesan priest. After John's parents died and left him as their sole heir to a considerable fortune, he distributed his money to the poor. In 1527, he travelled to Seville, hoping to become a missionary in Mexico. The archbishop of that city persuaded him to stay and spread the faith in Andalusia. During that time, he developed a reputation as an engaging preacher, a perceptive spiritual director, and a wise confessor. John was not afraid to denounce vice in high places, he was investigated by the Inquisition but was cleared in 1533.

LITURGY ROSTER

Third Sunday of Easter – 3rd/4th May 2025

1st Read: Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41 2nd Read: Apocalypse 5: 11-14 Gos: John 21: 1-19

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Janet Parsons	Kathy Pearce	Maryanne McNamara Anne Maguire
8.30am	Paul Polidano		Liz Polidano Mary Waddick
10.00am	Pauline Erickson	Bernard Butler	Raffaella Dinelli Tony Whelan

Fourth Sunday of Easter – 10/11th May 2025

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

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

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.





Happy
20th
Anniversary

Congratulations to Fr Anton who celebrated the special anniversary of his 20th year of Ordination last Wednesday, 23rd April.

All are welcome to stay and celebrate this important milestone after the 10.00am Sunday morning Mass.

Well done Fr Anton and thank you for all that you do for us and for our parishes.



We received the following letter from Archbishop Commensoli this week. Here follows an edited version. A full copy is on the noticeboard in the Gathering Space or you can access it on their website: <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/bipartisan-pledge-of-60-million-to-restore-melbournes-st-patricks-cathedral>

Dear Friends in the Risen Christ,

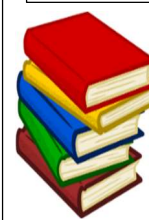
For many years now, I have spoken of our beloved mother Church, St Patrick's Cathedral, as a place that must always be a source of light for the wider community — a beacon along the path of communion, formation, and mission, that brings the Gospel to life in all its fullness. Since its earliest days as a sanctuary and home for the faithful, St Patrick's has stood at the heart of Melbourne's story. Each week, more than 10,000 people walk through the doors of this sacred space. After 127 years, this grand matriarch continues to welcome and serve an ever-growing community of faithful and visitors alike, and does so with grace and beauty. Yet, as with all things that endure, care and stewardship are needed. In the dynamic, cosmopolitan city that Melbourne has become, we hold the responsibility of keeping this light shining brightly — not only for ourselves but for all who seek hope, beauty, and a spiritual home here.

Monday's announcement from the Prime Minister, the Hon Anthony Albanese MP, and the Minister for Multicultural Affairs, the Hon Tony Burke MP, of a \$60 million commitment to begin the restoration and revitalisation of St Patrick's Cathedral and its precinct; and Tuesday's announcement from the Hon Dan Tehan MP, Shadow Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, and the Hon Michael Sukkar MP, Shadow Minister for Social Services, the NDIS, Housing and Homelessness, offering similar support of the Liberal-National Coalition for this important project should they form government after the upcoming election, marks the beginning of a new chapter.

It is a bold and generous investment in the future — a sign of confidence that this place of faith, history, and community will continue to shine at the heart of Melbourne for many years to come. There is much work ahead in this significant undertaking for our Archdiocese. St Patrick's was, and remains, a work of love and hope. I look forward to providing regular channels of communication that will share how our Light into the City vision unfolds, and how you might be a part of it. As we journey through this Easter season, I ask for your prayers for this work in the days and months ahead — that the hope and promise of the risen Christ will continually nourish the renewal of our faith and inspire us to sow seeds of life, light, and faith within ourselves and into the world around us.

St Patrick — shepherd, missionary, visionary, and teacher, pray for us.

Mass Count As we enter the 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 will be provided on the bench in the sacristy near the money bags.



Our next **Parish Bookish Morning Tea** will be held on **Thursday, 8th May** at 10.00am and continues every fortnight.



Please feel free to come to the Parish house and have a browse of the library and stay for a chat and a cuppa!!



The next **St Kevin's Men's Social Group** takes place on **Friday, 9th May @ 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 are welcome. Invite a friend, relative or neighbour along. Supper is provided. BYO alcoholic drinks. \$8 donation suggested to cover costs. For catering purposes, please contact the parish office on 9850 5983, or email templestowe@cam.org.au

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.



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

Responsorial Psalm
I will extol you, Lord,
for you have raised me up.
Response to Prayers of the Faithful
Lord, hear our prayer.

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

First Reading	Second Reading
<p><u>Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32. 40-41</u></p> <p>A reading from the Acts of the Apostles</p> <p><i>We are witnesses of these words, and so is the Holy Spirit.</i></p> <p>The jealousy of the Jewish authorities led to the apostles being arrested, jailed, miraculously freed, re-arrested and brought for trial. In response to a formal warning not to preach about Christ, what does Peter do? He witnesses fearlessly to the resurrection! All the apostles and the Holy Spirit testify to the saving work of Christ. The apostles get another warning and are released. The key to this surprising outcome is found in the verses that have been omitted from the reading. The Pharisee Gamaliel argued that if the Christian movement was merely human, it would fail; if it was of God, they could not prevail against it. So the apostles are flogged and set free. A key message of the Acts of the Apostles is thus made clear: the invincible power of the Holy Spirit is driving the growth and spread of the Christian way.</p>	<p><u>Revelation 5:11-14</u></p> <p>A reading from the book of the Apocalypse</p> <p><i>The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, wealth, glory, and blessing.</i></p> <p>The Lamb of God is Christ, crucified and risen. In this majestic vision, all of creation – not just human beings but every creature – offers praise at the throne of Christ. As Eucharistic Prayer IV says, our proclamation is giving voice to every creature under heaven. It is important to capture this sense of grandeur and wonder.</p> <p><i>Taken from 'Break Open the Word'</i></p>

Catholic Social Justice highlighted following the death of Pope Francis (Part 1)

His funeral on Saturday 26th April was directly attended by over 250 thousand people, from all walks of life, from right across the globe. In a comprehensive and eloquent Homily the Dean of the College of Cardinals, Cardinal Battista Re effectively provided a rich and eloquent account not just of his papacy, but in so doing also a rich illustration of Christ's Mission Call for all peoples on earth. For a Parish it effectively provides a yardstick for a Social Justice Action group unlimited by resources (clearly not us). This planned set of brief comments over the next few weeks pick up each time on practical illustrations of Christ's mission. They draw from a combination of directly heard live (translated) homily, a formal copy of the translated Homily published in National Catholic Reporter from Vatican News, and other Vatican News summary comments by Lisa Zengarini on 26 April 2025. This first week's brief illustration follows:

1. The extraordinary outpouring witnessed at the funeral and the week of mourning beyond says so much about how Pope Francis has "touched the minds and hearts" of so many diverse people from all walks of life, right across the globe, both within and outside the Church. His simplicity, accessibility, style of closeness to people and spontaneity of his gestures until his very death strongly highlight his deep understanding, commitment, and love for people, and love for the Church which, following Christ, he wanted open to everyone. - **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.

