



# 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

Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ

21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2025

**Our Presider today is:** Fr Charles Balnaves



### Words from the desk of our PP...

**Safety:** There was a road safety report at the School Advisory Committee meeting last Tuesday. I was shocked at the frequency of unsafe driving that occurs around the time of drop off and pick up. I would say 'that's just the school' but I have seen people arriving for 9:15am Mass and not being fully careful. And on the weekends I have seen people being less than scrupulous in their driving practice.

Please!!! Be careful, and doubly careful. Drive safely, and slowly around the church and school.

**Australian Catholic Youth Festival:** Spend some time finding a few young people: Year 9 to 25 years old and encourage them to attend the festival from 30<sup>th</sup> November to 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Find out about the festival program at <https://acyf.org.au/program/> The parish is more than happy to fundraise and otherwise assist if needed with the \$400 cost of registering.

This will be a wonderful opportunity for young people to join together and experience the Holy Spirit during a life-filled three days.

**Jubilee Year of Hope:** We have been recognising and celebrating the Year of Hope through our prayers of the faithful, mentioning the Jubilees of the year as they happen, and including the Jubilee into events like the Melbourne Octet during Lent and the Evening of Evangelisation with Blessed Carol Acutis (who will be canonised on 7<sup>th</sup> September). Please see the event further in this newsletter.

The Hope that Pope Francis had in mind in calling the Jubilee, is of course Christ Jesus our Lord. This Hope is not wishful thinking but a concrete knowledge of a tangible person who brings salvation and is the Hope of eternal life. Please, weave this Hope into your daily lives, into your prayers, into your hopes and dreams.

**Music at Mass:** We have some very good live music at the 10am Mass but for the most part we are using recorded music at all the other Masses.

I would be over the moon to be able to have live music for all our Masses. Good, participatory music is one of the most important ways in which we can bring our liturgy to life.

Might you be interested to help out? We can arrange formation and training about music in the Mass if needed. You don't have to be concert quality – just sufficient quality to help the congregation to do their bit to praise God in song and so be more full, conscious and active participants in our Sunday Mass.

Call or email Fr Charles at the parish office (for number / email please see above).

**Alpha: 6<sup>th</sup> August to 1<sup>st</sup> October:** The team organising Alpha met on Wednesday evening and kept pushing me. I said I thought we could only handle 15 people coming as guests, no 30 they said. No, I said surely only 20 at best. No, No, No they said, we have leaders enough for 3 tables of 10.

So, please, we have over 20 spaces left for you to find people to come and fill. Start asking friends, family, people you meet: anyone you feel is showing the least sign of being called to find out about faith, about Jesus. A gentle asking does no harm. A no is not a problem. Every person asked is a success. Every person who comes along is a bonus for Christ Jesus.

**Virgin Mary in October:** Much of the practice of a focus on prayer through Our Lady during May and October has fallen away – at least at a parish level.

Would you be interested in helping change this in the coming October? I'm not sure exactly what form this might take (there could be several threads) but one thread could be to restart / start a travelling Statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary – going from home to home during October to bring a different emphasis to your prayer life.

Please call the office and let us know of your interest (parish contact details are above).

**God bless, Fr Charles.**

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, 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, Vin Natoli, Bob Ulehla, Dot Sharkey, Shirley Loo and Lianny Susanto.

Anniversaries:

Patricia Porter, Frank Dunn, Brian O'Connell, Mary Borg, Bruce Robertson, Peter O'Donoghue, Marco Raiola, Agazio (Gus) Morello, Lorna Balnaves and Jean White.

Recently Deceased:

John Booth (Lolita's husband)

Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this Week: For our Alpha program as it gears up for the next experience starting on 6<sup>th</sup> August: that it will be filled with enthusiastic seekers of Jesus.



Feast Days this week:...

24<sup>th</sup> June St John the Baptist

*This feast celebrates the holy birth of the greatest of all the prophets, the one who leapt for joy in his mother's womb, who prepared the way for Christ, announced his presence and baptised him the Jordan River.*

27<sup>th</sup> June

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

*This feast recalls the mystery of God who is love, and honours the heart of Jesus as the source and centre of the incarnate love of God.*

29<sup>th</sup> June Sts Peter and Paul

*Remembered for their faith, their courage and their leadership during the difficult days of the birth of the Church.*

LITURGY ROSTER

Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> June 2025

1<sup>st</sup> Read: Genesis 14: 18-20 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26 Gos: Luke 9: 11-17

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Tasha Vercauteran	Margaret Turner	Lawrence Cecconello Lynne O'Brien
8.30am	Jessica Bartholomeusz		Penny Teo Adrian Teo
10.00am	Carmel Purdey	Frances Johnson	Lyn Murphy Carmel Siel

Feast of Sts Peter and Paul - 28/29<sup>th</sup> June 2025

1<sup>st</sup> Read: Acts 12: 1-11 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18 Gos: Matthew 16: 13-19

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Daniel Marini	Kathy Pearce	Lynne O'Brien Anne Maguire
8.30am	Pauline Erickson		Frances Bettiol Mary Waddick
10.00am	Tony Byrne	Liz O'Connell	Kaye Byrne Raffaela Dinelli



WINTER COAT DRIVE

May 20 – June 30

We are collecting warm clean coats, jackets and wool blankets (not quilts) for refugees, asylum seekers and other vulnerable people

DROP OFF:

St Kevins Church or Parish House 26-44 Herlihys Rd, Templestowe Lower

St Gregory the Great Church, 71 Williamsons Rd, Doncaster

Queries: Carmel Purdey [carmelpurdey@gmail.com](mailto:carmelpurdey@gmail.com)



to our wonderful and hard-working Parish Priest, Fr Charles Balnaves who celebrates his 73<sup>rd</sup> birthday on Thursday, 26th June.

AND

Congratulations to Fr Charles on the occasion of his 10th Anniversary of Ordination to Priesthood on Friday, 27th June.

Celebrations to commemorate these important milestones include:

- \* A celebratory morning tea here at St Kevin's after the 10am Mass on Sunday morning 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Please bring a plate to share. Tea/Coffee provided.
- \* A celebratory supper at St Gregory the Great after the 5pm Mass on Sunday evening 29<sup>th</sup> June. Please indicate your intention to attend on the sign-up sheets provided.

Happy Birthday and Congratulations Fr Charles!

Thank you for all that you do for us and for our parishes.





## Days of Solemnity...



On **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June**, we celebrate the **Nativity of St John the Baptist**.  
Mass will be celebrated here at St Kevin's Church at 9.15am. All welcome.

On **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June**, we celebrate the **Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**.  
Mass will be celebrated together with the schoolchildren here at  
St Kevin's Church on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June** at 12.30pm.

It will also be celebrated on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June** at 9.00am at **St Gregory the Great Church**,  
71 Williamsons Road, Doncaster. All welcome.



**FREE ENTRY**  
**DINNER INCLUDED**  
Donations Welcome

# AN EVENING WITH BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

AN EVANGELIST FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM  
OUR FIRST SAINT IN T-SHIRT AND JEANS

## GROWING IN FAITH AND SHARING GOD'S WORD IN TODAY'S WORLD

Join us for an inspiring evening as we reflect on  
our call to Evangelisation in 2025 and  
the example of **Blessed Carlo Acutis** who used  
his passion for the Eucharist and his internet skills  
to bring people to Jesus in a powerful way!

### Guest Speaker

Mr Damian Howard | Founding Principal  
Carlo Acutis Catholic Primary School | Wollert



Blessed Carlo Acutis

# MON. 21. JUL

6.30pm-8.30pm | **St Gregory the Great Catholic Parish**  
71 Williamsons Road | Doncaster



To register, please scan QR code, use TryBooking  
link at <https://www.trybooking.com/DCQFL>, or use  
sign-up sheets located at church narthex.

## ALL ARE WELCOME!

For more information, please contact  
**St Gregory the Great Catholic Parish**  
03 9412 8425 | [doncaster@cam.org.au](mailto:doncaster@cam.org.au)



Our next **Parish Bookish Morning Tea**  
will be held on **Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July** at  
10.00am and continues every fortnight.



**St Kevin's Christian Meditation, each Wednesday 9:30am ONLINE via Zoom. Open to all parishioners including members of the wider community.**

**Why not try it? Contact the Parish House for the online link. All welcome**

God's love is given to all of us freely and generously.  
God's love flows in our hearts like a mighty river.  
But, like Martha in the gospel story,  
we are all so busy about many things.  
We are so easily distracted.  
If we persist faithfully in practicing  
meditation we can bring our restless  
wandering minds to stillness opening ourselves to the gifts of God.  
Let's make the time to receive these gifts.



## Come Away Day June 25th

The theme of our next 'Come Away' is **Encountering the Spirit of Winter as a season of growth**. Our day begins with a cuppa at 9.30am with the formal part of the day beginning at 10.00am. Please bring your own lunch. Tea and Coffee will be available. You are invited to contribute \$30 to support this ministry at Holy Cross. The day will end with Eucharist and departure at 2.30pm It is helpful to know the expected numbers so that we can have handouts ready so please E-Mail Sr Brigid on [bridget.m64@gmail.com](mailto:bridget.m64@gmail.com) All are welcome.



# Vinnies

good works

We are excited and pleased to announce that we now have our own St Vincent De Paul Team here at St Kevin's Parish! We are only a small group at the moment so we are looking for volunteers to join us to help support the most vulnerable. If interested please contact Ana Saro via email on [Ana.Saro@cam.org.au](mailto:Ana.Saro@cam.org.au) or call her directly on 7064 3948.

## Pope's prayer intention for June: that the world grow in compassion



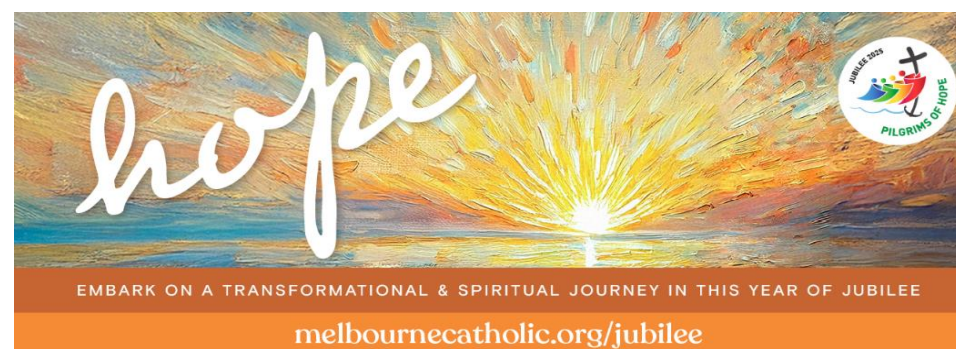
Pope Leo XIV's prayer intention for June, a month devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, is 'that the world might grow in compassion'.  
'Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus and, from his heart, learn to have compassion on the world'.

Let us also pray for peace to fill our world. May we ask for our heavenly Father's divine intervention to bring an end to the conflicts, violence and hatred. May His peace reign in the hearts of leaders and individuals worldwide, and may we trust in His power to heal and unite nations.

## 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

You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, graciously hear us.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF  
THE FEAST OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

First Reading	Second Reading
<p><u>Genesis 14:18-20</u></p> <p>A reading from the book of Genesis</p> <p><i>Melchizedek brought bread and wine.</i></p> <p>When some of Abraham's extended family were taken hostage by local kings, he pursued them, and recaptured his possessions and his kinsfolk. As he returns, this mysterious figure, Melchizedek, priest and king, brings him bread and wine.</p> <p>This obscure figure has had an extraordinary prominence in the Christian story. He is mentioned in Psalm 109/110 and the Letter to the Hebrews. Then from the third century, his offering of bread and wine has been taken to prefigure Christ and the Eucharist. The name of Melchizedek was introduced into the first Eucharistic Prayer (Roman Canon) and the phrase from the psalm is always used in rites of ordination.</p>	<p><u>1 Corinthians 11:23-26</u></p> <p>A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians</p> <p><i>Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the death of the Lord.</i></p> <p>This is St Paul's version of the words of Jesus at the Last Supper, also given in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. It is the same reading that was heard at Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper.</p> <p>This reading very helpfully places the Eucharist into the context of the Paschal Mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection. It links the celebration of this feast to the Easter season that recently concluded with Pentecost Sunday. Thus it takes us to the heart of the mystery of the holy Body and Blood of Christ.</p> <p>This profound reality is expressed in our Eucharistic Prayers where the words of Christ are followed by our memorial acclamation (<i>We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection until you come again!</i>). Then as the priest continues, he affirms that we are indeed celebrating the memorial of Jesus' death and resurrection.</p> <p><i>Taken from 'Break Open the Word'</i></p>



This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Zambia to help women overcome poverty and mothers give birth safely.

**The Women's Cooperative, led by Sr Jane will provide women with the training and support required to break the cycle of scarcity, and the Chilonga Mission Hospital is determined to ensure every woman and baby receives a safe and dignified start to life.**

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to be 'Missionaries of hope among all peoples', and we invite you to extend Christ's love to those in need in Zambia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at [catholicmission.org.au/mission](http://catholicmission.org.au/mission), or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.



Freecall: 1800 257 296  
[catholicmission.org.au/mission](http://catholicmission.org.au/mission)



Safeguarding is  
everyone's responsibility.

The Archdiocese is committed to the safety, wellbeing and human dignity of children, young people and adults.

