



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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Feast of Ss Peter & Paul

28/29th June, 2025

Our Presider today is: Fr Anton Aseervathampillai



Words from the desk of our PP...

Thank You!!

So many people have given me their blessings and their wishes for my birthday but even more for the 10th Anniversary of my ordination. It humbles me. Thank you and thank you again and again. Your wishes and blessings show me God the Father's love, Christ's presence, the gentle support of the Holy Spirit.

Your care will help me to continue to grow to be the best shepherd of the Doncaster and Templestowe Parishes that I can be, the shepherd that the Holy Spirit calls me to be.

Carlos Acutis & Evangelisation:

Keep a look out for the date and time: this will be a marvellous evening of immersing ourselves in seeing / understanding this wonderful young man who fell in love with Christ Jesus (in the Eucharist) and burned to share this love. Please: find the date; the time; the place (just read the notice). I hope that this evening with Carlos Acutis will be an evening which helps each of us grow a little further as intentional, missionary disciples.

Damascus / Lebanon:

I was talking to a parishioner recently – he is a native of Lebanon and knows the peoples of Lebanon and Syria and more importantly the received languages / history of the area as understood by those peoples.

A Google / or Wikipedia search gives other meanings of the names Damascus and Lebanon than the ones that Parishioner told me.

Damascus: two syllables in its origins – the oldest settled town as we know towns that is known of (though some places in Australia were settled in a somewhat different form many thousands of years earlier). In this man's understanding – the name Damascus means Blood Spilt or Blood Split: this was the site where Cain killed Abel and spilt his blood but in spilling blood split the family.

Lebanon: with a meaning of "heart of God".

I'm surprised by language all the time. I use words to convey meaning. I know the words well. And suddenly I find something new about them by understanding a little of the origins of the words. To find that decimated doesn't mean wiped out, as is the common usage today, but rather means to have one tenth killed: a punishment for a corps of soldiers in the Roman Army when they failed in their duty as soldiers.

What words do people speak that I misunderstand? What words do I speak that I don't understand? What room for confusion.

As we celebrate the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, who had to learn and change and grow in so many ways to understand the Jesus Christ with whom they fell in love, let us be open to spending time to hear the words we use and others speak: and making time to understand the depth and breadth of the words used and why they are used. Then perhaps we will understand each other more clearly and move towards peace, mercy, and love in a complicated, divided, and far too often violent world. Let us be open to the Holy Spirit empowering us to be Christ's presence.

God bless, Fr Charles.

**thank
you**

to everyone who attended Fr Charles' double celebration last Sunday. Thank you to all who set up the Gathering Space, contributed food, prepared it, served it, stayed behind to tidy up afterwards, etc. Our parish is very blessed indeed, not only to have such a caring and committed parish priest, but also in the devotion and dedication of our parishioners. May God continue to bless us all!

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 for Fr Charles
	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:

Frank Bellomo, Joan Goold, Kevin Donnelly, John Coates, Thomas Shannon, Mike Westbrook, Marcia Standish, Jean Kavanagh, Joseph Van Rooy and Reg White

Recently Deceased:

Helen Peppard and Fr Michael Brady

Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this Week: For all who are learning to live and grow past dysregulated behaviours, and for those who care for them: we pray that the Holy Spirit will comfort them and help them see Christ Jesus in others.



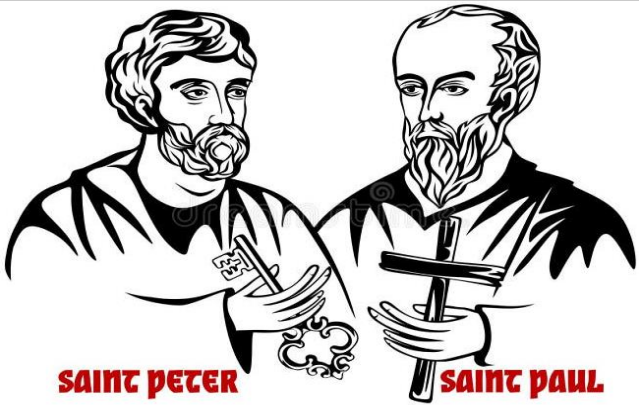
Feast Days this week:...

3rd July St Thomas

Thomas, called the 'Twin', was one of the twelve chosen by Jesus.

Remembered for his initial disbelief in the resurrection and his subsequent proclamation of faith upon seeing the resurrected Christ: "My Lord and my God".

An early tradition venerates him as the Apostle of India.



thank you

to everyone who contributed towards our recent Coat Drive. Together we managed to literally fill a room full of beautiful warm coats and jackets.

The Coat Drive has now come to an end for this year.

Thank you so much to our amazing Social Justice Team for their ideas, initiative, dedication and hard work towards making the world a better place.

And thank you to Ana Saro too for her help and support in making a difference.

LITURGY ROSTER

Feast of Ss Peter and Paul - 28/29th June 2025

1st Read: Acts 12: 1-11 2nd 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	Erika Castro	Pamela Rivera	Frances Bettiol Mary Waddick
10.00am	Tony Byrne	Liz O'Connell	Kaye Byrne Raffaella Dinelli

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 5/6th July 2025

1st Read: Isaiah 66: 10-14 2nd Read: Galatians 6: 14-18 Gos: Luke 10: 1-12. 17-20

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Margaret Turner	Tasha Vercauteren	Maryanne McNamara Anne Maguire
8.30am	Frank Ozzimo	Pamela Rivera	Adrian Teo Pat Rowland
10.00am	Shashi Jayakody	Bernard Butler	Lyn Murphy Lyn Robinson

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

Meditation is a work of healing, a work of growing. It is a journey in which we leave behind discrimination, division and sadness, and travel into the unity of God.

This weekend the Catholic Church celebrates the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, and on this occasion, the traditional **Peter's Pence** collection takes place. This is a concrete way to support the Holy Father in his mission of service to the universal Church. **Peter's Pence** is a gesture of communion and participation in the Pope's mission to proclaim the Gospel, promote peace, and spread Christian charity.



BOOKISH MORNING TEA

Our next Bookish Morning Tea is scheduled for Thursday 3rd July. 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!!!

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
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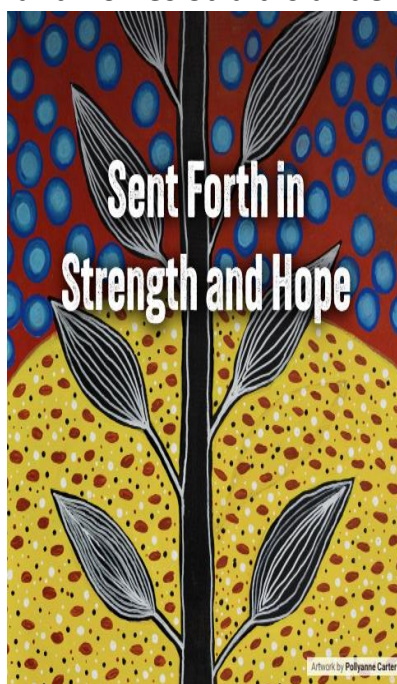
good works

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 or call her directly on 7064 3948.

On the first Sunday of July each year, the Catholic Church in Australia observes

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday.

On this day we gather as one to honour and celebrate the rich cultural heritage, spirituality and contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in our Church.



The theme for this year's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday is

'Sent Forth in Strength and Hope'

This is a time to honour and learn about the cultures, traditions and spirituality of Australia's First Nations people, and an opportunity for all members of the Catholic community to reflect on the contributions of Indigenous peoples to the Church and society.

All are welcome to come along and join us in celebrating these most special Mass celebrations next weekend.

Our Liturgy Team have worked very hard indeed to make these Masses meaningful and profound.

Childsafe/Safeguarding: Are our safeguarding requirements onerous to meet?

Or at least do they seem onerous? If they are or if you think they are then please let us know: email or call the office. Yes, we expect far more than ten years ago—but once initial checks are done (yes, that can be a little tortuous), the load drops dramatically to be a routine—small effort to engender a deeply child-safe culture.

Fr Charles



MEN'S SOCIAL GROUP



ST KEVIN'S PARISH, TEMPLESTOWE

St Kevin's Men's Social Group

It's time to get together and have fun, to rekindle connections and make new friendships.

The next St Kevin's Parish Men's Social Group is on Friday, 11th July at 7.30pm.

Open to men of any age (older teenagers are welcome with their guardian) - parishioners and non parishioners alike. All welcome. Invite a friend, relative or neighbour along. Socialising in person is good for our wellbeing! Share food, drinks, chat and mingle - the footy will be playing in the background.

Venue is St Kevin's Church Gathering Space at 7.30pm.

To assist with costs, suggested donation is \$8 - BYO alcoholic drinks. Supper provided. Please register your interest by emailing the parish office on templestowe@cam.org.au or ring the office on 03 9850 5983.

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

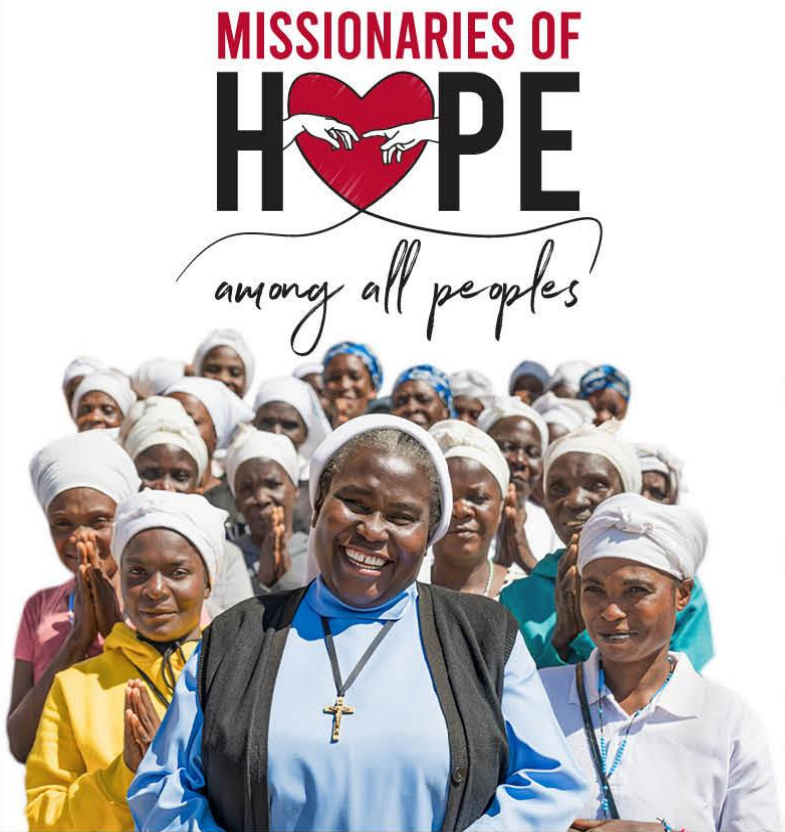
Responsorial Psalm

Give thanks, for the Lord is good.

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE FEAST OF Ss PETER AND PAUL	
First Reading	Second Reading
<p><u>Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11</u></p> <p>A reading from the Acts of the Apostles</p> <p><i>Now I know it is indeed true: the Lord has saved me from the power of Herod.</i></p> <p>The story of Peter's miraculous liberation from imprisonment marks a turning point in the Acts of the Apostles. Up until this point, Peter is the key figure in the events; from this point onwards, Paul takes centre stage.</p> <p>The context of the story is the persecution of the Christian community. The story affirms that God protects the Church in any difficulty and underlines the power of intercessory prayer.</p> <p>It is a rescue story cast in a conventional literary form known from religious propaganda of the time. Prayer and divine intervention prevail against insuperable odds: despite four squads of guards, there is a vision of an angel who disarms the chains and the prison gate and leads Peter to a safe escape.</p>	<p><u>2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18</u></p> <p>A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy</p> <p><i>All that remains now is the crown of righteousness.</i></p> <p>Paul's voice in this text is somewhat indirect because scholars suggest that these letters were not actually written by him but by a follower of Paul. Nevertheless, it is a personal address to Timothy, his disciple and successor. Using the image of an athlete, the text offers a fine summary of Paul's life and looming death. God affirms the faithful life with a crown of glory.</p> <p>The second part takes up the theme of deliverance and rescue that we saw in the first reading and the psalm. It is God's work to bring us into the Kingdom of heaven.</p> <p>The tone of the reading is serious and determined, but also trusting and hope-filled.</p> <p><i>Taken from 'Break Open the Word'</i></p>



We would like to thank you for your generosity supporting the Church in Zambia and missionaries like Sr Jane and Kayula.

Thanks to your kindness, women like Sharon will have the skills to provide for their families, and mothers like Grace can give birth with dignity. Your gift will also support a variety of Church programs around the world.

To learn more about the impact your support is making, please visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work. Here, you can also sign up to our regular newsletter to keep up to date with the latest news.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at catholicmission.org.au/mission. Your action will make a profound change on people's lives.

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Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

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