



# 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

**Parish Priest:** Fr Charles Balnaves

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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

Holy Trinity Weekend  
Confirmations Weekend

14/15<sup>th</sup> June, 2025

**Our Presider today is:** Fr Anton Aseervathampillai



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

**Census Update:** Very informal. Not a repeat of the 2024 census, just a brief reminder to everyone to ensure your contact details are with the parish.

New Arrivals? I know you are there. I can seek the seats being filled. Grab a Census card (it says 2024 but ignore that) and fill in your details and drop it in the Stewardship Box of the collection bag. If we know you are there we can contact you and help you join into the community.

Existing Parishioners? Changed details? Never have registered? Please, fill in a Census form and give us your current details.

We need to know of you so we can learn about you and seek to provide you with a warm welcome and a deep experience of Christ Jesus our Lord, and help you to offer to assist in that work of praise.

**Safeguarding / OH&S / Safety:** A follow up. While working in corporate life, I remember one safety presentation that really woke me up. An explosives manufacturer, DuPont, had been in business for over 100 years without a fatality. At the time, the minerals company I was with had at least one death a year among the many parts of the business. How had DuPont achieved this wonderful and remarkable success?

They looked at the big things making sure the processes and equipment were safe but then went further: they got workers to focus on small things, slips and trips, and on near misses (times when something almost happened) and they took this approach beyond the work-place and into the home. So for instance, I might report that I had prepared my dinner and went to put the panini machine away and it was still hot – almost a burn, and I would suggest what I could do differently (test the temperature before trying to move the machine). This focus meant a culture of sensible awareness was developed that fed into everything that was done. Deaths Zero; Serious injuries very rare. In today's parlance I would say that DuPont became truly mindful.

Mindfulness is all the rage at present, but it is all so an essential state of mind for us in a complex and sometimes dangerous world.

Mindfulness: non-judgemental; awareness of the present moment; being aware of others and their needs; being aware of the world around us; being open to the needs of others and ourselves; being aware of the Holy Spirit in our lives; being willing to admit wrong and change.

It is this sort of attentive, observant, non-judgemental seeing of the world around us which helps us to become aware of the possibilities for slips/trips/falls and to take action to improve things before a problem arises. Being aware of possible problems before they arise and so forestalling accidents or abuse. Mindfulness!

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

## 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.



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 and Shirley Loo.

Anniversaries:

Monique Daisy Chong, John Dickenson, Fortunata Butta and Kevin Cheng Shou Kong.

Recently Deceased:

Mary Norman and Stephen Kenshole.

Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this Week: For our school principals Gabee Leone (St Kevin's) and Natalie Ballinger (St Greg's newly started on 16<sup>th</sup> June): that they will be given the strength of spirit they need to lead our children into faith and fullness of life.



Feast Days this week:...

21<sup>st</sup> June St Aloysius Gonzaga

Born in Lombardy (Italy) in 1568.

Died in Rome on this day in 1591 of the plague, contracted while caring for its victims.

Devout and ascetical from the time of his childhood in a family of Italian nobility.

Pursued a religious vocation as a Jesuit against enormous family opposition.

Remembered for his youthful ideal of perfection and his determination to achieve it.

LITURGY ROSTER

Feast of the Holy Trinity – 14/15<sup>th</sup> June 2025

1<sup>st</sup> Read: Proverbs 8: 22-31 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: Romans 5: 1-5 Gos: John 16: 12-15

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Tasha Vercauteran	Margaret Turner	Maryanne McNamara Anne Maguire
8.30am	Julie O'Donnell	Erika Castro	Pat Rowland Mary Waddick
10.00am	Pauline Erickson	Miriam Ayoub	Tony Robinson Lyn Robinson

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	Janet Parsons	Tasha Vercauteran	Lawrence Cecconello Anne Maguire
8.30am	Pauline Erickson		Frances Bettiol Adrian Teo
10.00am	Vianney Shiel	Carmel Shiel	Lyn Murphy Carmel Purdey



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.





## Melbourne Corpus Christi Procession Sunday 22 June 2025 - 11.00am–3.00pm

On the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), all are invited to this special Corpus Christi Procession as our Archdiocese of Melbourne publicly and joyfully bears witness to Christ—the hope who does not disappoint—in this Year of Jubilee. Following the 11am Mass at St Patrick’s Cathedral, Melbourne, a Eucharistic procession will commence from the Cathedral, making a pilgrimage through Melbourne CBD in prayer and song before concluding with Benediction at Federation Square.

*‘My dear friends in Christ, I ask you to join me for this extraordinary Eucharistic Procession, bringing along your parishes, schools, and communities to bear witness to Christ in our midst. In this grace-filled Jubilee Year, may we share the living hope of Christ with every step we take.’ – Archbishop Peter A Comensoli*

Enquiries: [proclaim@cam.org.au](mailto:proclaim@cam.org.au) or (03) 9926 5761



***We pray for these young people in our Parish as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend.***

***Confirmation is conferred by Bishop Thinh Nguyen***

*Michael Alescio  
Simon Alessi  
Keizen Cannon  
Tiago Carbonara*

*Rylee Chan  
Ben Chapman  
Mateo Humphreys  
Samuel Humphreys*

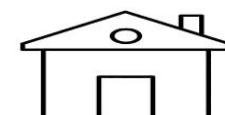
*Leo Khalafi-Vessali  
Mya Lane  
Alyssa Mangiavillano  
Arianna Nitas*

*Nathanial Oppy  
Jonathan Tsiotinas  
Cormac Twining  
Ray Young*

***Congratulations Children!***

## 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.

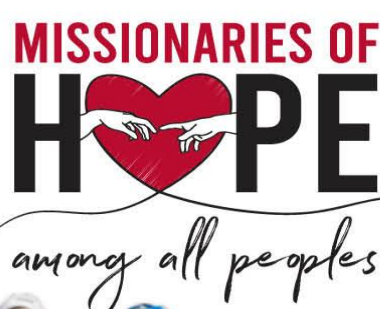


to **Fay O'Toole** who has been awarded an OAM in this year's lists of Kings Honours for services to St Vinnies and charities.

Well done Fay!



***For those of us with mobility issues*** – please know that we do have a wheelchair available if you require one. Simply let us know.



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)



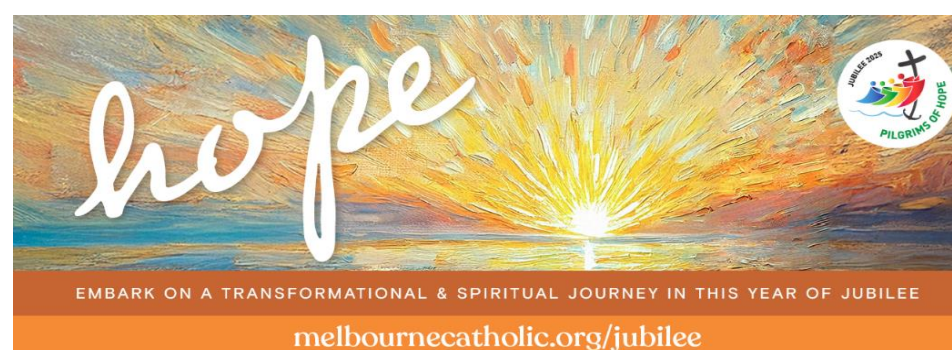
**Our next Parish Bookish Morning Tea** will be held on **Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> June** at 10.00am and continues every fortnight.



**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.



**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 not separated from all our other activities. It is the essential regular activity which helps to give life to all else that we do.

It is positive.

It is not empty or time that is 'lost'. We journey to the mountain of God and enter into the presence of God.





For information on our Parish School please contact:

St Kevin's Primary School  
Phone: 9273 9999

Responsorial Psalm

O Lord, our God,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
**Response to Prayers of the Faithful**  
Lord, graciously hear us.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF  
THE HOLY TRINITY

First Reading	Second Reading
<p><a href="#">Proverbs 8:22-31</a></p> <p>A reading from the book of Proverbs</p> <p><i>Wisdom was born before the earth was made.</i></p> <p>Lady Wisdom is a personification of God’s infinite wisdom. It is a literary device that helps us understand the many dimensions of God’s work in the world in a way which is not abstract. Here she is shown alongside God the creator, as a witness to the wonders of creation and helping craft the world. She works and plays alongside God, delighting to be with people. In many ways, she reveals a feminine side of God.</p> <p>In the context of today’s feast, she evokes the Spirit hovering over the formless void as the world begins to take shape. She reminds us of Christ the son of God, the Word through whom all things were made.</p> <p>Eucharistic Prayer III expresses it well: <i>All you have created, O Lord, rightly gives you praise, for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, by the power and working of the Holy Spirit, you give life to all things and make them holy...</i></p> <p>Today’s reading, put in the mouth of Lady Wisdom, is a work of art, a lyric poem of great beauty. The text invites the assembly to marvel at the Creator’s work and to share Wisdom’s delight in it.</p> <p>The last line reads “delighting in the human race”.</p>	<p><a href="#">Romans 5:1-5</a></p> <p>A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans</p> <p><i>To God through Christ in the love which is poured out through the Spirit.</i></p> <p>The theology of the Trinity lurks buried in this text of Paul, with the mention of God, the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit. More to the point, it articulates very well the theology of grace. Grace is fundamentally about a relationship with God. This is always God’s free and undeserved gift and can never be earned. We need to hear this message because sometimes people think they can earn God’s favour by the good things they do. No. God takes the initiative. God reaches out to us, and we respond by faith.</p> <p>So, Paul says, we are at peace with God and live in God’s grace through what Christ does for us and by our response of faith.</p> <p>The second part sets up an insightful sequence from suffering to patience to perseverance to hope. And at the end, God’s initiative is affirmed again: <i>the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit.</i> In our sufferings and perseverance, it is God who gives us hope.</p> <p><i>Taken from 'Break Open the Word'</i></p>

Catholic Social Justice highlighted following the death of Pope Francis (Part 6)

Catholic Social Teaching Gets Digital Upgrade

(and we congratulate St Kevin's Year 6 students who make their Confirmation this weekend! - see later)

Edited Extracts from Sr. Nuala Kenny\* [flashsesinsight.com](#), 10 June 2024, reprinted with permission from La Croix International.

"**Pope** Leo XIV has made it clear: his pontificate will stand at the crossroads of justice and innovation.

In his inaugural address, he bypassed theological abstraction and went straight to the heart of human suffering. His first concern? - specifically the millions still trapped in child labour.

**With** a bold and compassionate tone, Leo XIV said he chose his name to honour Pope Leo XIII, whose 1892 encyclical Rerum Novarum responded to the abuses of the first industrial revolution.

**Now**, more than a century later, Pope Leo XIV believes we face a similar moral crossroads - this time driven by global inequality and the rise of artificial intelligence.

"The silence of the powerful is not neutrality - it's complicity" .....**A Church that acts.**

Catholic social teaching responds not just with moral outrage, but with a call to action. Grounded in the dignity of the human person and the common good, it urges us to confront root causes - poverty, lack of education, inequality - and to build systems that protect and uplift the vulnerable". **Today's** Young people will create tomorrow's world. We should do all we can to help educate, listen to, speak with, support and encourage them.

\*Sr. Dr Nuala Kenny: Sr of Charity Canada, Physician, Paediatrician, Bioethicist, Member of The Order of Canada +++

On a related matter, our Parish May Collection for Bethlehem University (higher education for the people of Palestine, Christians and Muslims alike [predominantly female]) impressively raised \$768.70 - **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.

