



# 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

Pentecost Weekend



7/8<sup>th</sup> June, 2025

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

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

**Easter Offerings Thanks:** As we conclude the fifty days of the Easter Season, Fr Anton and I want to say thank you to so many of you for your generosity in providing an Easter Offering in addition to your generosity in your regular giving. I am humbled by the way in which you are willing to help us to be effective as your shepherds. So, again, thank you.

**Helping our Parish Thrive / Safeguarding:** I am always wanting more of you to take the risk to grow your use of the gifts from the Holy Spirit: to recognise that in Pentecost we are each of us Called and Gifted: given the insight and strength to be active members of Christ's body: he has no hands on earth but ours. At the same time I give thanks for all of you who are already responding and taking up Christ's call to action and I give thanks that so many of you have responded positively to the need for Safeguarding: having a Working with Children Check, signing a Code of Conduct, doing the Safeguarding Essentials Training.

If you haven't finished your compliance needs: please do so or contact the parish office for help.

I am most grateful to you for helping us grow a culture in which each and every one of us is consciously aware of our responsibility to keep our children and all vulnerable people safe.

**OH&S / Safety:** A reminder, arising from my holiday during which I had a fall (with no major consequences) and a nasty fall recently by a parishioner. We do safety audits; we repaint safety markings; we put in place defibrillators and first aid kits and a wheelchair: we worship in a safe space, praise the Lord! But ... But ... Please do two things. First: be aware of your surroundings, alert to your own mobility and other challenges, be sensibly careful. Second: be aware of others and their needs – clear the path for someone walking to the carpark so they don't have to step on the road, watch for people who may need assistance. A good OH&S culture starts with each of us as it does for a good Safeguarding culture.

**Columbarium (wall of niches for cremated remains):** You may remember that we are looking into building a columbarium so that parishioners can have inter those they love within the parish, beside the church, that has been their (or your) spiritual home. A design and planning is well underway and before there is any final commitment we will present the plans to the whole community for comment and thought. In the meantime: if you might be interested in buying a niche or niches, please let us know: put in a no-obligation expression of interest: (call the parish office).

**Parish Pastoral Council:** The Parish Pastoral Council met this week. No big news but robust discussion about the pastoral projects that are underway. Reflecting on the ways my holiday drew me to appreciate more deeply what it means to be an intentional disciple; putting flesh to our newly active presence as part of a St Vincent de Paul Conference; looking at our Social Justice Action plans; discussing the School Parish Contribution and more.

**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 and Dot Sharkey.

Anniversaries:

John O'Brien, Tony Nicolopoulos, Wally Mahoney, Sue Higgins, Brian Howes, John Lanzon, Michael Graham Sloane, David Oates, Taouk family members and Mario Pennisi.

Recently Deceased:

Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this Week: For all who are homeless, throughout the world: that they will hear the Father's love in their own lives and languages through the call of the Holy Spirit and the action of the members of Christ's body.



Feast Days this week:...

9<sup>th</sup> June The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church  
*Christ on the cross entrusted his mother to St John: This is your mother. The memorial, on the day after Pentecost, remembers her maternal presence among the disciples of Christ from the beginning.*

11<sup>th</sup> June St Barnabas  
*He introduced St Paul to the twelve and worked with him in Antioch and on missionary work in the Mediterranean world. Remembered as 'a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith'.*

13<sup>th</sup> June St Anthony of Padua  
*He became a teacher of theology and a brilliant popular preacher in southern France and Italy. Remembered and loved as an inspired preacher, a servant of the poor and a worker of miracles.*

LITURGY ROSTER

Pentecost Sunday – 7/8<sup>th</sup> June 2025

1<sup>st</sup> Read: Acts 2: 1-11 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: Romans 8: 8-17 Gos: John 14: 15-16, 23-26

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

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

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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



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

## Melbourne prepares to host Australia’s largest Catholic event this December

Preparations are ramping up as Melbourne prepares to welcome more than 10,000 young people later this year for the fifth Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF), the largest event on the Australian Catholic calendar. Taking place from 30 November to 2 December at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, this year’s festival marks a special homecoming, with the very first ACYF held in Melbourne back in 2013.

‘This festival is going to be the largest Catholic gathering in Australia,’ said festival director Teresa Rhynehart. ‘And it’s going to be a place of encounter for our young people. They will encounter the Church—our bishops, religious congregations, various Catholic organisations—and see the incredible breadth of the Church that exists in Australia. But most of all, hopefully, there will be an encounter with our Lord. And that might be an encounter that they are having for the very first time in their life,’ she said.

The festival will bring together thousands of young people from Year 9 to 25 years old from across Australia, offering a range of activities including talks, Mass, prayer, workshops, live music, games, engagement with justice issues and an interactive expo.



Last Tuesday, our wonderful and accommodating Craft Group Ladies welcomed members from Templestowe Grove Care Community to come and join them for some fun and fellowship - 22 in total.

Tea, coffee, cake and a few laughs were shared as these lively groups came together to enjoy each other’s company.

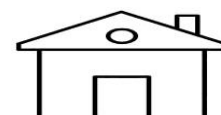
What a wonderful way to spend an afternoon!

Thank you Ladies!



## Renting of Town House in Lower Plenty

Close to shops and public transport.  
Not suitable for families.



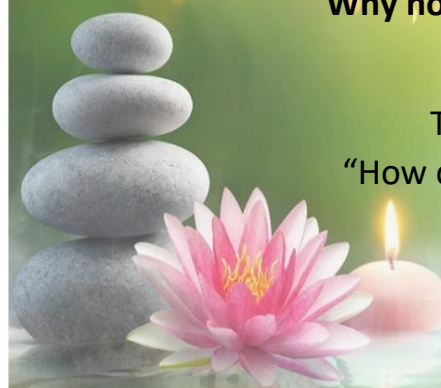
A very modest rent would be asked on the condition that the owner could stay with the renter for a few days on the odd occasion that he comes over from Adelaide to visit family or for business. Contact Michael Lynch 0409 933064.



The next **St Kevin's Men's Social Group** takes place on **Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> June @ 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 ring the parish office on 9850 5983, or email at [templestowe@cam.org.au](mailto:templestowe@cam.org.au)

**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**



The basic question is: “Who am I?”  
“How can I experience the love of God?”  
Meditation helps us experience answers to these questions, not in words, but in stillness and silence.

Through active participation in meditation, we come to know that God is love *in our own heart.*



Our next **Parish Bookish Morning Tea** will be held on **Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> June** at 10.00am and continues every fortnight. Looking forward to seeing you all then!

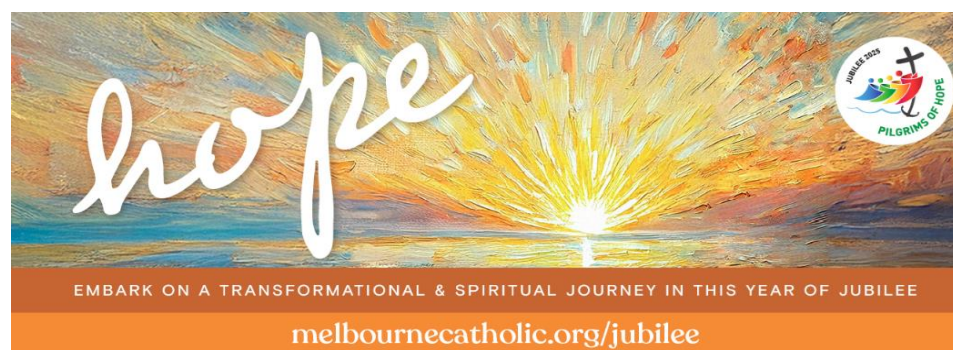


**For those of us with mobility issues** – please know that we do have a wheelchair available if you require one. Simply let us know.

## 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**  
Lord, send forth your Spirit,  
and renew the face of the earth.  
**Response to Prayers of the Faithful**  
Lord, graciously hear us.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF PENTECOST	
First Reading	Second Reading
<p><u>Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11</u></p> <p>A reading from the Acts of the Apostles</p> <p><i>They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.</i></p> <p>Significant moments of revelation are often accompanied by momentous signs. Think of Moses on Mt Sinai, the baptism of Jesus or his transfiguration. Thunder, lightning, cloud, smoke, fire and trumpet blasts, all have testified to God's might and majesty. The descent of God's Spirit on the apostles is no exception. There is a powerful and noisy wind, tongues of fire, and a strange language epiphany.</p> <p>The Holy Spirit transforms the apostles. The Spirit transforms us too. The passion and energy of the minister should fire us up to receive the Holy Spirit.</p>	<p><u>1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13</u></p> <p>A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians</p> <p><i>In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.</i></p> <p>The Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God, the Spirit of Christ are used interchangeably in this passage. This Spirit has made a home within us and transforms us. We are no longer focussed on the unspiritual but on the spiritual. For Paul, this is a shift in a whole way of life. The dramatic change from unspiritual to spiritual is demonstrated in the final paragraph. By the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, we are adopted as children of God. So, united with Christ, we too are able to call God 'Abba, Father'. By the Spirit, we are one with Christ, not only in suffering, but also as heirs to glory.</p> <p><i>Taken from 'Break Open the Word'</i></p>

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

*Concluding this highly summarised SJA series on Pope Francis' legacy of Catholic Social Justice action, which Pope Leo is continuing. The following includes extracts from "Relentless emphasis on Mercy, and A Bold Voice for Peace", Vatican News, Lisa Zengarini - Cardinal Re at Requiem Mass. 26 April 2025.*

**Final Part (6)** "Cardinal Re highlighted Pope Francis' relentless emphasis on **Mercy** - centred in his declaration of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy in 2016 - and his persistent advocacy for a "culture of encounter" against the prevailing "throwaway culture"..... **Environmental stewardship**, expressed in the Encyclical 'Laudato si', Cardinal Re continued, further widened the scope of his moral leadership, stressing the interconnectedness of all creation and our shared responsibility for the planet.....He spoke also with **A Bold Voice for Peace**. In times of global violence and war, Pope Francis' voice stood out as one of peace, always insisting that "war is a defeat for humanity".....Concluding and simply bringing together this very brief series on Pope Francis' Social Justice action legacy takes us to this particular weekend, and the Spirt of Pentecost - "Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth."

*This abbreviated series very briefly summarises Pope Francis Social Justice legacy as spoken of at his funeral Mass. Listening to the First reading for today's Pentecost Mass prompts further opportunity to consider how we in St Kevin's Parish, to the extent we can, might contribute with others towards bringing about a more inclusive, just, equal, and Christ-like world. What do you think? - 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.

