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## Parish Council Agenda 5<sup>th</sup> June 2025

- 1) Opening Prayer
- 2) Apologies
- 3) Matters arising from minutes of May meeting
- 4) Parish updates- questions arising from circulated reports
  - a) Fr Charles' report
  - b) School Principal's report - Gabee Leone
  - c) Pastoral Worker's report - Ana Saro
  - d) Social Justice Group report - John Costa
  - e) Finance report - David Hii
- 5) Other matters for discussion
- 6) Next meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 2.30pm



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## St Kevin's Parish Council Meeting

5<sup>th</sup> June 2025

### Minutes

The meeting opened at 2.30 pm.

Present: Fr Charles, Fr Anton, John Costa, Adrian Teo, Carmel Shiel, Gabee Leone, David Hii, Ana Saro, Pauline Erickson.

Apologies: Peter Sheehan

Opening Prayer. Carmel read a prayer of thanksgiving.

Discussion arising from previous minutes.

Role of LEL. More thought and development of ideas is required for the role of a new LEL. Input and discussion from Parish Council members is encouraged. Finding a person to take on the changing role is challenging.

Some discussion on change of Mass times, further explored in report from Ana Saro.

Current reports,

- 1) Fr Charles. A successful overseas trip for Fr Charles. He has come home with the heightened conscious thought of helping people to become aware of the presence of Jesus and love of God in each of our lives.  
  
Fr Charles to have a meeting with MACS to discuss the future possibilities of the site of St Charles School.  
  
St Kevin's Mass count shows that numbers are stable in comparison to 2024.
- 2) School Principal - Gabee Leone. Successful St Vinnies day, emphasising Hope Grows Here! St Kevin's feast day, cross country, working bee, all successful events in the school calendar. Twenty enrolments for 2026 with more school tours required and planned.
- 3) Social Justice – John Costa. John reported on the Arch Bishop's campaign, recent contact with Catholic Social Services Victoria, invitation to address St Kevin's Confirmation candidates re SJA and the ongoing work in other related social justice areas. John will present an action plan later in the year addressing areas in which St Kevin's may help refugees. He has requested that the SJA be made aware of any new ideas within the Parish that may affect the social justice group and their ongoing work.
- 4) Pastoral Worker – Ana Saro. Ana continues with the Sacramental programme, Safeguarding, Outreach and nursing home visits, playgroup and youth group. Looking for people to join St Vinnie's group,  
  
Combination of 8.30am and 10am Masses. After some discussion on format, Ana to prepare a survey to be distributed at all Masses over the weekends of

14/15th June and 21/22nd June and also by email in order to gauge parishioner's preferences for this suggested change.

- 5) Business Manager – David Hii. Columbarium and modifications to the Sanctuary plans progressing. Further discussion re information for interested parishioners will be provided after the next PPC meeting.

General Business.

Carmel Shiel is providing Anne's wheelchair on loan for the use of parishioners from car to inside the church.

Next Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2025 at 2.30pm.

Meeting closed at 3.40pm.

## **Pastoral Worker PPC Report May 2025.**

### **Sacramental Program.**

Confirmation classes x 4 completed. There are 16 children enrolled between school and Parish. Bishop Thinh organised to come and visit children and have lunch with Fr Charles at the Reflection day next Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Safeguarding.**

WWCC and COC updated on PACEM. We have 80 volunteers. 61 have completed the training. There are approx 12 that we are chasing for WWCC & COC.

Safeguarding meetings continue monthly.

### **Outreach and Nursing Home Visits.**

St Kevin's Parish continues to support 13 nursing homes in the surrounding area. The plan is to increase the number of homes the priest visits for weekly masses- at the moment Anton visits 12 nursing homes across the month. We hope to extend that to Silverwood and Charlesbrook. We have also organised for Templestowe Views to join us every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month for 0915 mass and morning tea. Templestowe Manor continue to attend for 0915 mass and morning tea every 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month.

Templestowe Grove is also attending the first Tuesday of the month and attending the knitting group- I am providing the afternoon tea. The first visit was this week and there was 22 people in attendance. A huge thank you to Adrian for his amazing help 😊

Bookish Morning tea continues and is growing. We now average 6-8 people each time. Lots of fun!!

### **Youth Group.**

Each meeting remains very energetic. The next meeting is on Saturday 21st June. The theme is 'Olympics'.

### **Playgroup.**

Advertized in Manningham News and in Maternal health centres- good response- we now have 6 regular families.

### **St Vincent De Paul**

We have a dedicated team of only Adrian and myself. We are advertising in the church bulletin - looking for people to join us.

### **Baptism.**

There is one family booked for July so far. Another family that had booked in and attended the preparation class has postponed.



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### **BUSINESS MANAGER REPORT – JUNE, 2025**

#### **Columbarium (Wall Niche)**

We have engaged an architect to prepare a proposed design and sketch for the columbarium, which is expected to be completed within the next two to three weeks.

#### **Modifications to the Sanctuary**

Sandy Law from Law Architects has recently returned to the office after recovery from COVID, which she contracted during her travels. We're hopeful that she will now be able to review all the work completed to date regarding the proposed design alterations to the sanctuary.



## Social Justice Action St Kevin's Parish Templestowe

### Report to Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, 5 June 2025

#### 1. 'Archbishop's Campaign' - resolving where to disburse 'Chaplaincy' 2<sup>nd</sup> Collections (etc)

The 'Archbishop's Campaign' (AC) launched last year altered arrangements for particular causes and where to send their associated 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection donations, specifically including 'Chaplaincy' (e.g. for Prisons, Hospitals, Schools, Universities, and the General Community). This was initially handled by Catholic Care, but that arrangement ended with the AC launch. Seeking advice on this from the CAM Philanthropy & Development Director David Powick resulted in the original arrangement for 'Chaplaincy' donation disbursement being re-instated (for now at least). In a mutually productive discussion with David on 'promoting' particular charities he was impressed with our successful SJA 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection promotion process, and in future as part of a revamped Archbishop's Campaign will incorporate specific promotions for each element of the AC's previously more *collective* Archbishop's Campaign.

#### 2. Follow-up Discussion with Executive Director, Catholic Social Services Victoria (CSSV)

In previously agreeing to our invitation, Catholic social service Victoria Executive Director Joshua Lourenz indicated preference for a live rather than our initially suggested Zoom event. While confident of a **large Zoom** audience as we have previously achieved (e.g. with Sr Brigid Arthur of the Brigidine Aylum Seeker Network, (then) Sherry Balcome of the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, and Opening The Doors Foundation, a multi-Parish attendance at Lawrence Ceconello's impressive Camino-walk presentation [after promotion to other Parishes] but fearful of a very **small live** Parish audience for CSSV I recently met with and discussed this (& more) with Joshua. He enthusiastically reaffirmed willingness to speak, as we re-consider viability of a live audience (perhaps this time, say, a 'Young Adults' group).

#### 3. Invitation to speak to St Kevin's PS Confirmation candidates about Parish SJA

I have happily accepted an invitation to speak briefly about St Kevin's Parish SJA, and how Year 5 & 6 Confirmation candidates might possibly contribute to Social Justice (For several years our Schools and Parish have already jointly actively supported Loyo and more recently also Mantayupan Elementary Schools in the Philippines).

#### 4. Winter coat blanket Drive

Prompted by beautifully hand-knitted blankets and beanies from the Parish Knitting Group, Carmel Purdey has again arranged this year's drive in conjunction with Catholic Care.

#### 5. Social Justice Action Online Promotion and Communication

As previously planned, an SJA sub-group comprising Tony Robinson, Carmel Purdey and Bernard Butler has developed a draft short resource on this for SJA finalisation.

#### 6. Next SJA Committee meeting, 12 June



<b>Tinnies for Vinnies</b>	<p>On Monday 2nd June, 2025 the <u>whole</u> school community participated in TINNIES FOR VINNIES and came to school wearing PJ's or an OODIE in exchange for <u>1, 2 or 3 CANS OF FOOD</u> for St Vincent de Paul. All cans of food will then be donated to St Vincent de Paul where they will assist nearby Soup Vans services.</p> <p>This year we are asking all to follow our 2025 school theme and <i>Hope grows here!</i> Together we can allow hope to grow in the hearts of those less fortunate than us.</p> <p>We rugged up in our favourite OODIES or favourite warm PJ's, and supported St Vincent de Paul.</p>
<b>St Kevin's Feast Day</b>	<p>On Tuesday we celebrated St Kevin's Feast Day. It was wonderful to have everyone at Mass in the church. The students will have Sushi Lunch Day on Friday and all participated in creative activities learning about St Kevin.</p>
<b>Cross Country</b>	<p>St Kevin's students all participated in our whole school cross country on Tuesday the 6th of May!</p> <p>It was an excellent morning, filled with encouragement, cheering and lots of support. I would like to thank the staff who assisted with planning and to ensure this event ran smoothly, and our parents and carers who came to assist and support the students.</p> <p>Congratulations to the Green house (Fitzsimmons) for winning the morning.</p>
<b>Working Bee</b>	<p>Amazing St Kevin's Parents worked extensively and collaboratively on Friday 30th of May at the Working Bee. They refilled the tan bark and marked all the stairs with</p>

	safety fluorescent tape.
<b>Confirmation</b>	The Year 6 students are preparing for the Sacrament Confirmation on the 15th of June. They have been learning about Change through the lens of Civics and Citizenship.
<b>News from the office</b>	We are thrilled to share the wonderful news that Selena and Matt have welcomed their first child, Milana Stella! She arrived safely on the 14th of May and both mum and baby are doing well.