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 — Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — 5/6th July, 2025
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) Sunday

Our Presider today is: Fr Charles Balnaves

Words from the desk of our PP…

Thank You – even more!!

I said thank you last week, but thank you again. Your care for me and celebrating my vocation to the priesthood has touched me deeply and affirmed my calling in ways I didn't expect. Thank you to everyone who helped make the various celebrations in parish and school such wonderful moments of grace for me, and, I hope, for you.

Retreats:

I am required to go on retreat annually (in addition to spiritual direction, ministry supervision and holidays). We try to have some sort of brief staff retreat each year.

These times are times to spend allowing God time and not filling the time with words/our prayers.

This is something everyone should seek to do – even if it is one of the afternoon retreats that can be found. Or time you make yourself.

Please, let me know if you'd be interested in some sort of Parish Retreat. Maybe a Saturday going somewhere. Or a couple of evenings during the week. Call or email the office or catch me and chat to me.

Safeguarding Culture:

I don't have any idea what went wrong in the Point Cook childcare centre we heard about in the news – how could these terrible abuses occur? Clearly most of the problem lies with a perpetrator. But … something more happened, it would seem to me from afar that the safeguarding culture of the site failed – somehow.

It is that culture of safeguarding which we are putting such a big effort into in Doncaster and Templestowe Parishes. I know it can seem as though we are just doing paperwork with checks and codes of conduct and training but surrounding those legal necessities is our culture.

I try to make clear and hope I succeed in making it clear that it is you and I, all of us, being sensibly aware of children and the situations surrounding them. You and I seek to ensure situations don't arise where children are alone with one adult or otherwise unsafe.

Thank you for all the efforts you are putting in – thank you to the Safeguarding team across Doncaster and Templestowe (David, Ana, Gianna, Margaret, Marcello, Gabee, Natalie, Paul).

Congratulations on the progress we have made in compliance but even more so in our culture. I now have people who come to me or to Ana or to David and comment on things that could be improved with how we prepare for and execute events. Thank you.

God bless, Fr Charles

Our very successful Little Kev's Playgroup is now taking an end-of-term break and will resume again on Monday, 21st July. Doors open from 8.30am onwards here in our St Kevin's Church Gathering Space.

Playgroup is suitable for children aged 0-5 years.
Registration is required - $5 entry.
Please contact Ana Saro our Pastoral Worker via email: ana.saro@cam.org.au or call the Parish Office on 9850 5983 if you would like further information.

What's happening in our Parish this week?...

Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am Masses	
Tuesday	8.15am	Adoration
	9.15am	Mass
	1.00pm	Needlecraft Group
Wednesday	9.30am	Meditation – via zoom
	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:

James Allen, Harryanto Susanto, Beryl Powell, Raffaella Dimase, Annito Raiola, Peter Brockwell, Rev Austin Cooper, Florence Henderson, Ernest Balnaves and Marcia Standish.

Recently Deceased: John Sheehan (Peter's brother)

Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this Week: For those who live with hearing loss: that they will be supported by the Holy Spirit as the world becomes harder for them to understand and decipher and for others that we seek to support them in the complexities of hearing loss.

Feast Days this week:...

3rd July St Benedict

Born at Norcia (Italy) about 480.

Died at Monte Cassino about 547.

After studies in Rome he became a hermit at Subiaco, where many sought his counsel, and then founded the monastery at Monte Cassino.

Remembered for his widely influential monastic rule, combining work and prayer, and for his charity and moderation.

LITURGY ROSTER

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	Vianney Shiel	Bernard Butler	Lyn Murphy Lyn Robinson

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 12/13th July 2025

1st Read: Deuteronomy 30: 10-14 2nd Read: Colossians 1: 15-20 Gos: Luke 10: 25-37

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Janet Parsons	Bredenia Raquel	Lawrence Cecconello Lynne O'Brien
8.30am	Pauline Erickson		Frances Bettiol Pat Rowland
10.00am	Miriam Ayoub	Carmel Shiel	Tony Robinson Lyn Robinson

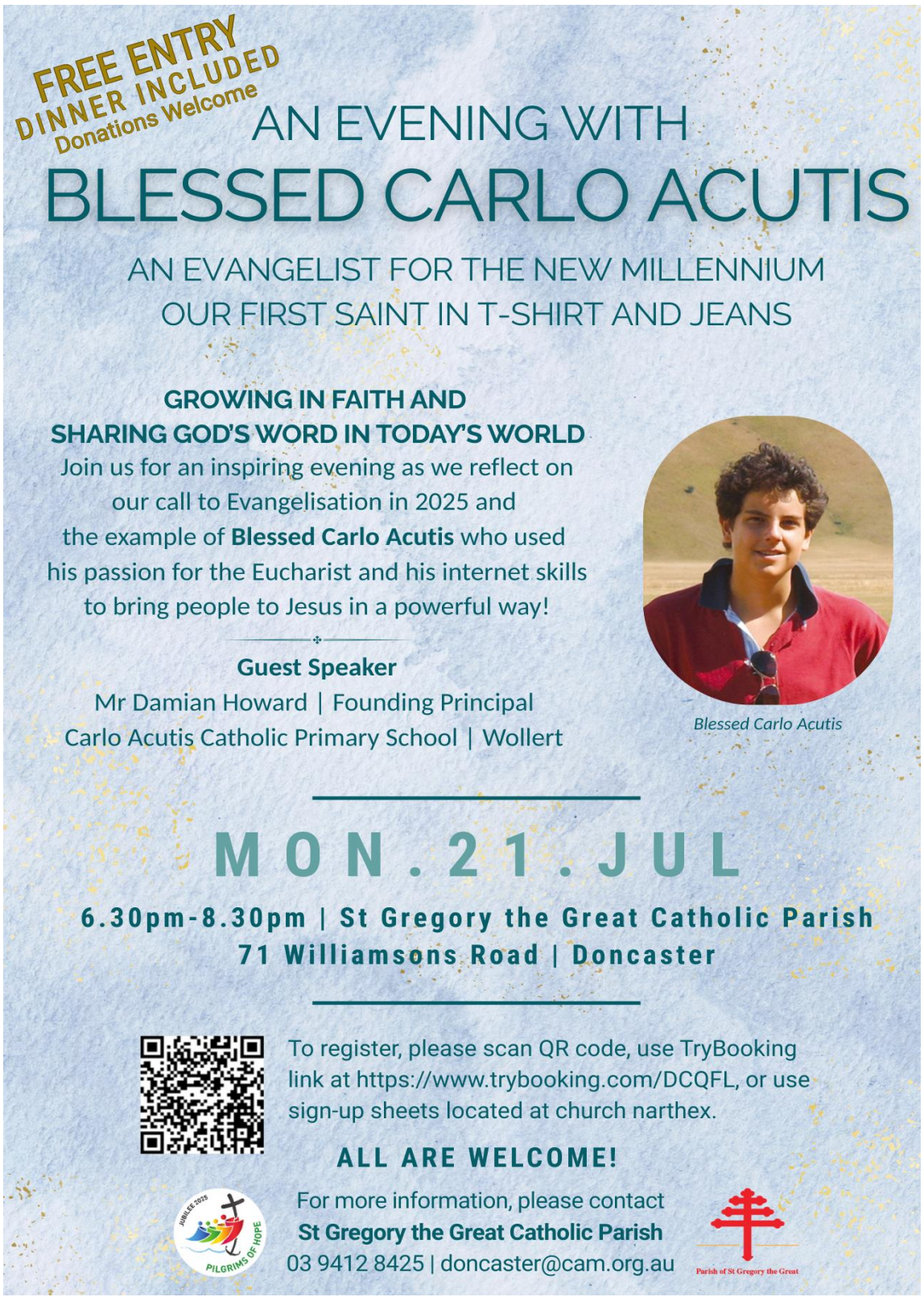
to everyone who contributed towards our recent Coat Drive. Together we managed to literally fill a room full of beautiful warm coats and jackets. The Coat Drive has now come to an end for this year.

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.

Delivery of warm coats and blankets gratefully received by the team at CatholicCare.

BOOKISH MORNING TEA

Our next Bookish Morning Tea is scheduled for Thursday 17th July. All are welcome to come to the Parish House on this morning at 10.00am for a chat, browse through the book swap library and a delicious morning tea! Hope to see you there!!!



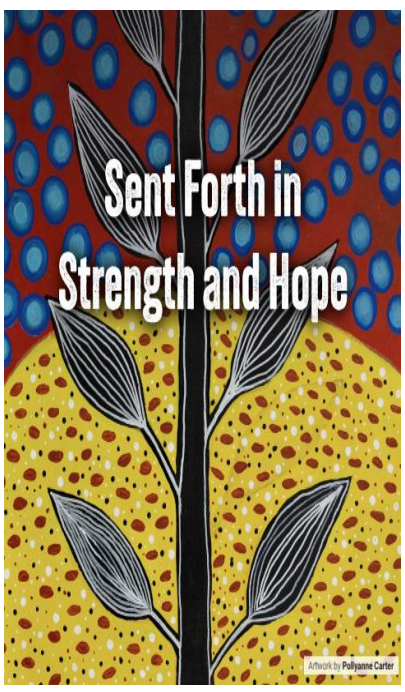
Vinnies good works

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 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.

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

Craft Stall: Our friends, the nuns from St Elisabeth Convent, are once again holding a Craft Stall in our Gathering Space after all Masses on the weekend of 19/20th July.

Come along and see for yourself the beautiful and bespoke arts and crafts handmade by the locals in Belarus.

Be prepared to indulge yourself or friends/family with some unique gifts, and marvel at the skills and talents of people in different parts of our world.

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

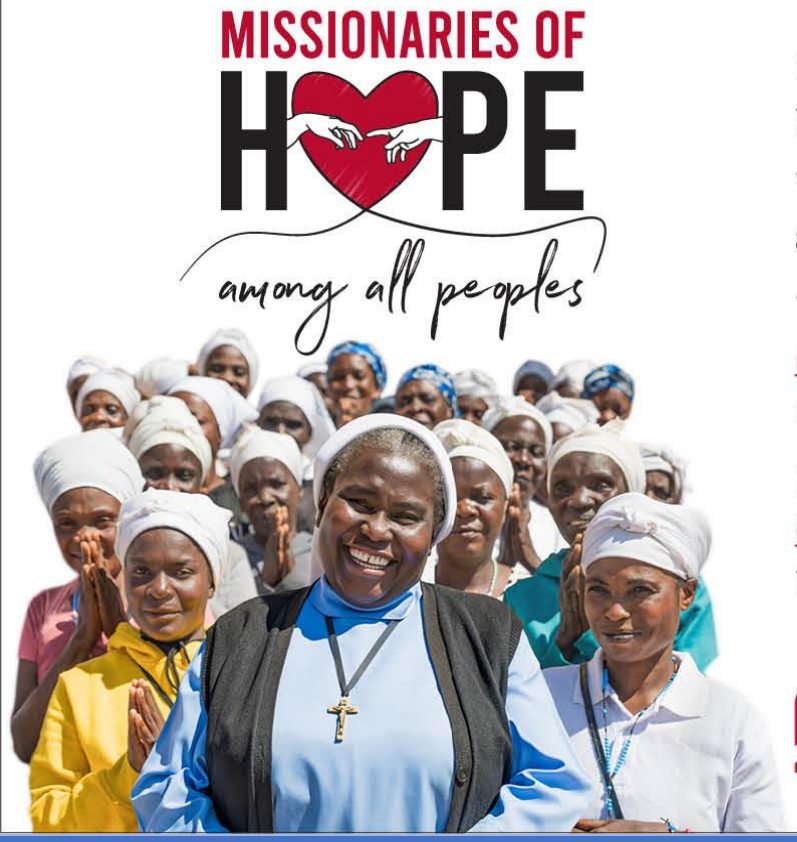
Make a joyful noise to God,
all the earth!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF
THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading	***Second Reading***
Isaiah 66:10-14 A reading from the prophet Isaiah *I will send toward Jerusalem peace like a river.* The rejoicing of the seventy-two disciples in the gospel is well set up by Isaiah and the psalmist, both of whom speak eloquently of joy. The image is sensual, warm and intimate: a mother is breast-feeding her baby. Suckled, fondled, comforted, the infant is contented and delighted. At first the 'mother' is Jerusalem, symbol of the celestial city where God dwells with her people. Then in the fourth stanza, the image shifts to God as our mother. God's maternal care is the source of our rejoicing. A second connection with the gospel comes in the third stanza where a river of flowing peace is promised. When Jesus' disciples are sent out, their first words are to be 'Peace to this house!'	Galatians 6:14-18 A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians *The marks I carry on my body are those of Jesus Christ.* Paul writes to the churches of Galatia passionately defending himself against agitators who complained first that he was not commissioned by Christ for his preaching and second that he was weak in not following the requirements of the Jewish law. These are his final remarks in this letter. To the last, he is speaking firmly: *I want no more trouble from anybody after this.* Overall, however, his message offers a powerful insight: what matters is not following the requirements of the Jewish law, but rather following the crucified and risen Lord. Paul uses his own scars and sufferings to indicate his union with the cross of Christ. Thus in the resurrection, the disciple becomes an altogether new creature. It is here that peace and mercy are revealed. *Taken from 'Break Open the Word'*



On behalf of the Church in Zambia we would like to again thank you for your generosity.

Your gift is helping empower women, provide essential healthcare, and bring hope to vulnerable communities.

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.

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