



# 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

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

12/13<sup>th</sup> July, 2025

National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) Sunday

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

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

#### Masses:

I spoke last week about the value of amalgamating the 8:30 am and 10:00 am Sunday Masses. There is a brief survey available in the Gathering Space seeking to get your thoughts. I have about 30 responses already with a clear positive about amalgamating. But there are about 90 people who come each week to those Masses – if you have thoughts on the amalgamation of Masses please fill in a survey. We emailed the survey on Thursday so you can answer via email as well as by getting a survey at the Church.

You can return your completed survey in the box provided on the table in the Gathering Space.

I stress again as I did last weekend: this suggestion is not about a lack of priests to celebrate Mass – Fr Anton and I are available. The purpose is solely about engendering a more vibrant worship that can bring us all closer to God each week as individuals in a Catholic community.

#### Carlo Acutis: 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025 St Greg's School Hall.

Our evening with Carlo Acutis is rapidly approaching – if you haven't signed up (for catering purposes) please do so NOW.

The evening will give us an insight into this amazing man (young man) soon to be canonised but even more will an opportunity to delve into how his way of living brought others to faith. An ordinary person in so many ways – yet extraordinary because Christ was at the core of all his actions and introducing others to Christ was so natural to him.

#### ACYF: Australian Catholic Youth Festival.

Young people: are you aged from Year 9 to 25 years old?

Older adults: do you have children or grandchildren, Year 9 to 25 years old?

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival is happening from November 30<sup>th</sup> to December 2<sup>nd</sup>

Go to [acyf.org.au](http://acyf.org.au) and take a leap of faith: sign up or help your children or grandchildren sign up.

Gatherings like ACYF require a leap of faith for each person attending: there is no fixed way to grow in faith in a festival of faith. Each participant will set aside their expectations and go along to walk with friends in the light of the Holy Spirit.

Take a leap: sign up or encourage others to sign up.

Contact the Parish Office if you want more information and we'll get Jane and Alfred to contact you with more details. Search for ACYF 2025 [acyf.org.au](http://acyf.org.au) and find out more on-line and sign up.

**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, 21<sup>st</sup> 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 - \$40 per term. Payment is required by the first session.

Please contact Ana Saro our Pastoral Worker via email: [ana.saro@cam.org.au](mailto:ana.saro@cam.org.au)

## 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:

Gino Natoli, Carmel Scaffidi, Livio Dinelli, Joe Norman (7), Remo Moscardini (7), John Turner (3), Pietro Di Rosa, Spiro Portelli, Winifred Eileen Harrison (1) and Chloris Oates.

### Recently Deceased:

**Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this Week:** For those entrusted as Apostles today, the bishops who serve our dioceses. (Perhaps especially Pope Leo XVI and the bishops we know personally).



### **Feast Days this week:...**

**15<sup>th</sup> July** St Bonaventure  
Born at Bagnoregio (Italy) 1218.

Died at Lyons (France) on this day in 1274.

He joined the Franciscans when studying in Paris and eventually became minister general of the order.

Later appointed cardinal-bishop of Albano and died assisting Pope Gregory X during the Council of Lyons.

Known as the "Seraphic Doctor".

Remembered as a teacher, for his extensive biblical and mystical writings, and for his holiness, gentleness and compassion.

## LITURGY ROSTER

### Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 12/13<sup>th</sup> July 2025

**1<sup>st</sup> Read: Deuteronomy 30: 10-14 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: Colossians 1: 15-20 Gos: Luke 10: 25-37**

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

### Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 19/20<sup>th</sup> July 2025

**1<sup>st</sup> Read: Genesis 18: 1-10 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: Colossians 1: 24-28 Gos: Luke 10: 38-42**

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Rachel Marini	Daniel Marini	Lynne O'Brien Anne Maguire
8.30am	Paul Polidano		Liz Polidano Penny Teo
10.00am	Shashi Jayakody	Jessica Bartholomeusz	Carmel Shiel Lyn Murphy



This weekend we celebrate the end of:

### **NAIDOC Week (National Aboriginal and Islanders Day Observance Committee Week)**

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.

### **What is Cultural Appreciation?**

Cultural Appreciation means appreciating another culture in a respectful, sincere way that helps broaden perspectives and build cross-cultural connections.

### **Thank You to our Liturgy Team!**

Our sincere congratulations to the Liturgy Team for the thoughtful and inspiring Masses last week to honour our First Nations sisters and brothers during NAIDOC week. We are in awe of the huge amount of work and preparation that the team put into it. Our solidarity makes an important statement about this key social justice issue and it is testament of our commitment to follow Jesus' example. Well done!

**God Bless, Fr Charles**

*Thank you*

**from Sally-Anne Petrie, Pastoral Care Coordinator Asylum Seeker Support Program, Mission Integration Project Officer, CatholicCare Victoria:**

"The first load of coats and warm winter items from St Kevin's is currently being distributed amongst our families at Dandenong and beyond! We are all so grateful for your generosity and support. The coats, jumpers and jackets are really amazing quality, so warm. As I'm writing, our refugee clients are in the midst of selecting things which may suit their families. They are enjoying this very much. Thank you ALL most sincerely." Well done to all our parishioners and friends who contributed and helped to bring warmth.

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

To learn to meditate we have to be like a child.

We have to learn as a child learns.

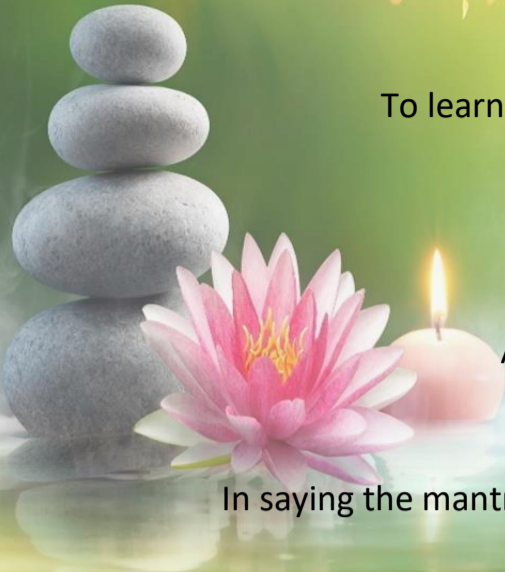
We have to be trusting like a child:  
we accept the wisdom of the mantra.

The mantra we use is the sacred  
Arameic word in the language of Jesus:

**MARANATHA**, saying it slowly:  
**MA-RA-NA-THA.**

In saying the mantra we let go of our thoughts, our ideas,  
our imagination and daydreams.

We listen to the sound of the mantra throughout the meditation time.



Our next **Parish Bookish Morning Tea**

will be held on **Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> July** at 10.00am and  
continues every fortnight.

All are welcome to join in the fun!

Looking forward to seeing you all then!!



## SEAFARERS SUNDAY



Seafarers Sunday is an important  
opportunity to remember and pray for  
the seafarers whose tireless work in very  
challenging conditions benefits us all.

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but  
they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the  
last year, more crews have been abandoned by their  
employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the  
right to leave their ships for even a short break away from  
the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are  
reporting more stress and poorer mental health.

Next week is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all  
those who live and work at sea.

There will be an Appeal for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the  
Sea, the maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church.

Funds collected will be used to provide practical and  
spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is  
dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously.

To donate or for more information, visit:

[www.stellamarisaustralia.org](http://www.stellamarisaustralia.org)



**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  
**St Gregory the Great Catholic Parish**  
03 9412 8425 | [doncaster@cam.org.au](mailto:doncaster@cam.org.au)



**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  
19/20<sup>th</sup> July.

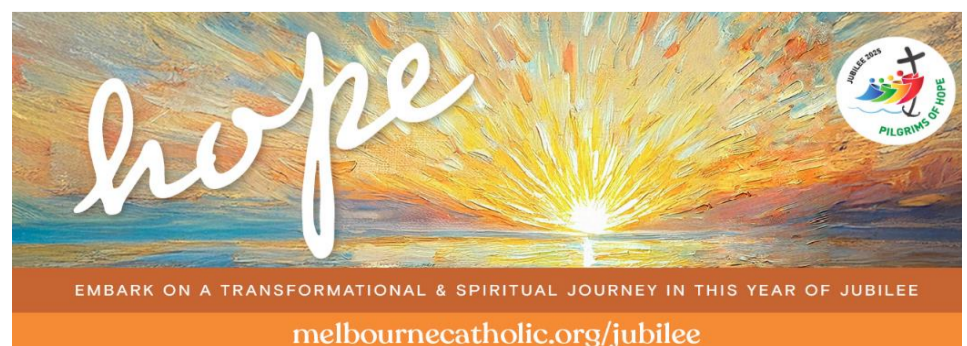
Come along and see for yourself the beautiful and  
bespoke arts and crafts handmade by the locals in  
Belarus.

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.

**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

The precepts of the Lord are right,  
and give joy to the heart.

**Response to Prayers of the Faithful**  
Lord, hear our prayer.

### REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### First Reading

##### Deuteronomy 30:10-14

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy  
*Let the instruction of the Lord God be near you.*

Sometimes the commandments and the law get bad press; they are regarded as a burdensome imposition and following them as a dry duty. These verses from Deuteronomy give a very different perspective.

The law is the voice of God that leads us, heart and soul, to be one with God. It is beyond neither our strength nor our reach. It is not a set of external regulations. No. This is God speaking to us. It is the creative Word of God which we discover within ourselves, in our mouth and heart. We observe it because it articulates a life-giving relationship with God.

#### Second Reading

##### Colossians 1:15-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians  
*All things were created through him and for him.*

Paul did not establish or visit the Colossian Church. It seems likely that this letter was written later by a disciple of Paul using his name – at that time, a common way of honouring a mentor. The Colossian community was disturbed by teachers who incorporated foreign elements into the Christian message – elements of paganism, Gnosticism, magic and astrology combined with strange festivals and ascetic practices.

The letter responds by focussing on Christ at the centre of everything that is, underlining his role in the work of creation and redemption. The cornerstone of the letter is this hymn that appears in the first chapter. It may be an existing text which originated in the worship of the early Christian community.

It falls into two parts: Christ as “first-born of all creation” and then Christ as “first-born from the dead”. It is reinforced by the two sentences: *all things were created through him and for him*, and in the second part, *all things to be reconciled through him and for him*. Taken from 'Break Open the Word'

#### For our NATSICC Sunday - Our local Aboriginal people, the *Wurunjerri-baluk*

As a young Boy in Ballarat I was very fortunate that a family friend, Aldo Massola, was at the time Curator of Anthropology at Melbourne Museum. Unlike some 'laboratory anthropologists' he understood much from and consequently deeply respected Aboriginal peoples by first learning an Aboriginal language, and consequently being privileged to be accepted into Aboriginal camps over some time, and around camp fires, listening and learning first hand, and writing much about their rich culture, mythology, healing and spirituality. He taught me a great deal which was then counter-cultural, about the rich dignity and community structure of Aboriginal Culture and society. In his 206 page Book 'Bunjil's Cave' which he personally inscribed for me, he included this brief description of our local Wurundjeri people: The *Wurunjerri-baluk*, from *wurun*, the river gum, *jerri*, the grub which lives in that tree, and *baluk*, people. They were thus the River Gum Witchetty Grub People, and their territory was the River Yarra watershed."

*John Costa, SJA*



## Knights of the Southern Cross—Archbishop's Dinner 2025

**Friday 29 August 2025 7.00pm–11.00pm**

Join the Knights of the Southern Cross Victoria to celebrate the 25th annual Archbishop's Dinner. The dinner is held each year to raise funds for the Priests Support and Education Fund. This fund was established by the Knights of the Southern Cross to assist in the funding and education of seminarians and the post-ordination education of priests.

**Venue :** Moonee Valley Racecourse, Feehan Avenue, Moonee Ponds **Cost:** \$170 per person **RSVP:** Friday 8 August 2025

**Dress:** Black tie, business suit, after-five wear

For all enquiries or to book tickets, please email Nadia Bolzonello at [giveback@optusnet.com.au](mailto:giveback@optusnet.com.au) or call 0407 055 237.

# Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

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

