



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.

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

19/20th July, 2025

Seafarers Sunday

Our Presider today is: Fr Charles Balnaves



From the desk of the PP...

Carlo Acutis: MONDAY St Greg's School Hall. 21st July 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Come along and learn a little about ... faith, sharing faith, living a commitment to Christ.

ACYF: Australian Catholic Youth Festival.

acyf.org.au – Register!! Please Ages yr 9 – 25 yr old. And we'll need adult chaperones for under 18's

Alpha: Alpha: Alpha: Alpha: Alpha: Alpha: Alpha: Alpha:

Yes, I know, I talk about Alpha a lot and mention it all the time but ... it is worth it!!! This wonderful tool can help us to spread the Good News – we just need to invite people along. 6th August start date for our next Alpha. Plenty of space available. Please, invite lots of people, including yourself if you haven't been already. Each invitation, accepted or not, is the work of the Holy Spirit, made possible because of you. Come along. Bring a friend. Take a risk. Who knows, you might even enjoy it 😊

Work Culture / Parish Culture:

A few weeks ago the staff at St Greg's gathered to talk about how we work together. The results chimed well when I showed them to St Kevin's staff. It is clear that our desired work culture arises from the command to Love God and Love others as God loves us. While there is nothing surprising in the outcomes these are our words seeking to live that commandment. I thought perhaps you'd be interested. By the way thank you to the staff of both parishes: I think we are doing well at living this culture.

We began by recognising that our work is not for business objectives but for spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ our Saviour and is carried out from that perspective of service in faith.

We work as a team Christian relationship. We seek to NOT become transactional in our ways of working. We value the team. We balance urgency with care/concern for others. We seek to form a personal (professional) connection with each other and with those whom we serve. We gather as a team to foster/build our relationship. We are dependable. We are honest and open and respectful. We trust each other. We can delegate, trusting each other to deliver. We share our work supporting the faith of the Parish Community. We communicate – as much as possible. We will share our work when appropriate. We will gently call each other out when we fail to live these characteristics.

God Bless, Fr Charles

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.

Today we are conducting an Appeal for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official 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 online or for more information, visit: www.stellamarisaustralia.org

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

Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses
Monday	8.30am	St 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, Shirley Loo and Lianny Susanto.

Anniversaries:

Elaine Viney, Peter McNamara, Carlo & Len Bettiol, Pietro Di Rosa, Victor Nicoli, Louise Margaret Fanning, Maeve Reardon, Antonio Strangis (1st) and Fr Des Panton.

Recently Deceased:

Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this Week: For the growth of our parish in openness to growing ever more open to being disciples seeking to bring others to know Christ Jesus our Lord.



Feast Days this week:...

22nd July St Mary Magdalene
Commissioned by Christ to proclaim the good news of his resurrection to the apostles. Remembered in the East as the 'Apostle to the Apostles'.

25th July St James
A fisherman, summoned by Jesus together with his brother St John. Remembered as a favoured apostle: with St Peter and St John he was present at the transfiguration, the raising of the daughter of Jairus, and the agony in the garden.

26th July Ss Joachim and Anne
Joachim and Anne are names as Mary's parents in a late second century tradition. The feast honours the parents of the Virgin Mary and grandparents of the Lord.

LITURGY ROSTER

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 19/20th July 2025

1st Read: Genesis 18: 1-10 2nd 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

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 26/27th July 2025

1st Read: Genesis 18: 20-32 2nd Read: Colossians 2: 12-14 Gos: Luke 11: 1-13

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Janet Parsons	Margaret Turner	Bredenia Raquel Anne Maguire
8.30am	Julie O'Donnell		Frances Bettiol Mary Waddick
10.00am	Tony Byrne	Liz O'Connell	Lyn Murphy Kaye Byrne

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

Experience will teach us the value
of meditation.
The longer we keep meditating the
more we will see that our day has
more purpose.
The more we begin to see meaning in everything,
the more love grows in our heart.

Pope Leo XIV: Let us learn how to discern

Pope Leo's prayer intention for July is that we learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

Grant me deeper understanding of what moves me.

'I long for my choices,' the Pope prays, 'to lead me to the joy of the Gospel. Even if I must go through moments of doubt and fatigue, even if I must struggle, reflect, search and begin again.'

And he concludes, 'Grant me deeper understanding of what moves me, so that I may reject what draws me away from Christ, and love him and serve him more fully.'

Little Kev's Playgroup

St Kevin's Parish Playgroup
Every Monday during School Term

Our very successful Little Kev's Playgroup recommences for Term Three 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 - \$40 per term. Payment is required by the first session.

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.

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
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Parish of St Gregory the Great



Help Please!

We have a senior member of our community who needs assistance with using their computer, specifically with uploading and viewing documents on Google Drive and Microsoft OneDrive.

If you are tech-savvy and can offer some help, please leave your contact number at the Doncaster Parish Office by calling (03) 9412 8425 or email us at doncaster@cam.org.au.



Mannix Library Presents - 'Stories of Late Victorian Melbourne: Markers of Time, Markers of Culture'

Friday 25 July 2025

10.00am-3.00pm

Discover late Victorian Melbourne during an intimate tour of Mannix Library's special collections with speakers Huw Sandaver and Dr Amy Isham.

See rare pastoral run and railroad maps contained in gazettes and bindings, bound landscapes, and theatre and opera playbills, as well as a collection of pamphlets relating to the career of flamboyant Australian politician and judge James Joseph Casey, whose work spanned issues of public health, agriculture, gold and gem mining, horse-drawn tramways, land settlement, and even a patent for a new type of gunpowder.



Craft Stall: Our friends, the nuns from St Elisabeth Convent, are once again holding a Craft Stall in our Gathering Space after all Masses this weekend.

Make sure you stop by 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.



Synod office provides guidelines to help local churches, bishops implement synodality

Local churches and bishops worldwide will be instrumental in helping implement the proposals and foster the spirit of the 2024 final document of the Synod of Bishops on synodality, the Vatican synod office said. The implementation phase of the synod 'aims to examine new practices and structures that will make the life of the Church more synodal,' the General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops said in a new set of guidelines released on 7 July. 'Concretely, the priority is to offer the people of God new opportunities to walk together and reflect on these experiences in order to reap their fruits for the mission and share them,' the text said. The 24-page text, titled *Pathways for the Implementation Phase of the Synod*, is a guide for bishops and synodal teams, and an invitation to them to share their initiatives as they apply the synod on synodality's final proposals locally. It also seeks to answer some key questions the office received recently. The text was released in multiple languages at synod.va.



Our next **Parish Bookish Morning Tea** will be held on **Thursday, 31st July** at 10.00am and continues every fortnight.

All are welcome to join in the fun!

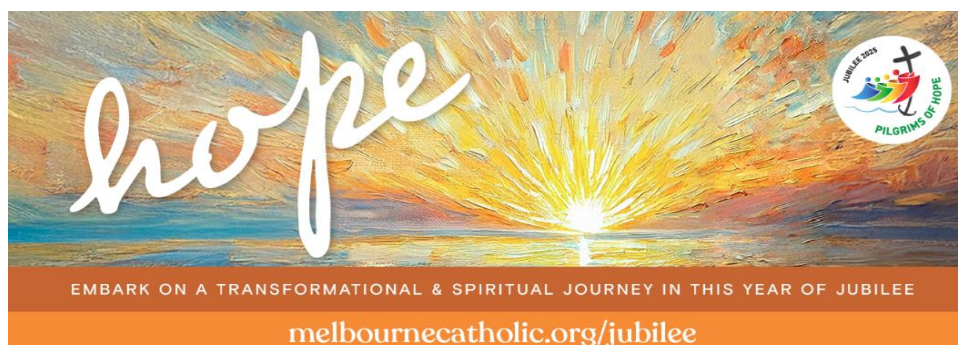
Looking forward to seeing you all then!!



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

O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

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

**REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF
THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

<i>First Reading</i>	<i>Second Reading</i>
<p><u>Genesis 18:1-10</u></p> <p>A reading from the book of Genesis</p> <p><i>Lord, do not bypass your servant.</i></p> <p>There are many folk tales of visitors who are welcomed and who are later revealed to be someone else altogether – the beggar who turns out to be a prince, for example. The story of the three visitors who come to the tent of Abraham and Sarah is such a story... except that the reader knows what is happening from the beginning. The first words are crucial: <i>The Lord appeared to Abraham...</i></p> <p>It is a delightful account of oriental hospitality, more leisurely than we can imagine. What is offered is no quick snack. Bread is baked, a calf is killed and prepared, and the meal is laid before the visitors while Sarah stays in the tent and Abraham stands under the oak tree.</p> <p>There is an ambiguity in the story between one and three guests, a way of describing the mystery of God with us. In return for the hospitality, Abraham and Sarah are told they will have a son. This will fulfil the promise made to Abraham that he would be the father of a great nation. Sarah laughs because she is well beyond child-bearing age but God says to Abraham: is anything impossible for the Lord?</p>	<p><u>Colossians 1:24-28</u></p> <p>A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians</p> <p><i>The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.</i></p> <p>The letter to the Colossians focuses on Christ. Last week we heard the early Christian hymn to Christ. This passage speaks of God's revelation – a mystery hidden for generations but now revealed in all its richness. The mystery is Christ. By his death and resurrection, he is our saviour, our hope of glory, the wisdom in which we are made perfect.</p> <p>The reading begins by referring to Paul's suffering. It suggests that he is suffering for the sake of the Body of Christ, the Church. This is what is sometimes called the 'cost of discipleship'. We take up our cross to follow Christ. However, there is a very obscure phrase here: <i>do what I can to make up all that still has to be undergone by Christ</i>. The one thing that it does NOT mean is that the death and resurrection of Christ is somehow incomplete.</p> <p>The second half of the text speaks of God's revelation in Christ. The passage finishes with a strong celebration of the Christ we proclaim.</p> <p><i>Taken from 'Break Open the Word'</i></p>



Gaza's Christian community persevering amid hardship and hope

The parish priest of Gaza Strip's small Christian community admitted his flock is exhausted by war and a severe lack of food. The priest spoke to Vatican Radio amid tragedy after tragedy unfolding in the enclave, with at least 32 people killed by Israeli strikes only on 13 July, including six children at a water collection point.

The Israeli military said it was targeting a militant but a technical error made its munitions fall 'dozens of metres from the target', the Associated Press reported.

Fr Gabriel Romanelli, pastor of the Holy Family Parish, asked not to be forgotten and for continued prayers, which he called an unending source of hope.



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 or call 0407 055 237.

