



# 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

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

26/27<sup>th</sup> July, 2025

World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly

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



### From the desk of the PP...

**Carlo Acutis:** Thank you to the 130 people who came along to the evening about Carlo Acutis and the window he gives onto evangelisation (spreading the Good News) in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Thank you to all who organised the evening and especially to Damien, Theresa and Emma who came to present about this new saint who will be canonised on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

I heard one comment a few times that sounded like "why didn't we hear more detail about Carlo?" I have reflected on this and perhaps it is because there isn't much to say. He was only 15 when he died, he fell in love with the Eucharist; he sought to spread love of the Eucharist; he offered his cancer suffering for the Pope and for the Church and for himself. In his short life, to do that ... can one say more? Well: the profound impact Carlo had on Damien, our speaker, is testament to his holiness. And you can look in the notices for a Carlo Acutis Exhibition nearby.

**ACYF: Australian Catholic Youth Festival:** [acyf.org.au](http://acyf.org.au) – Register!! Please Ages yr 9 – 25 yr old. And consider being a chaperone.

**Alpha: 10 days to go!** 6<sup>th</sup> August start date for our next Alpha. Plenty of space available.

Invite someone, gently. Take a risk. The worst that can happen is that they say no.

**Safeguarding:** The Melbourne Archdiocese will experience an audit of how we live up to the safeguarding expectations of the church and of Victorian law. We are well placed to be scrutinised in this audit – but if you are requested to provide some additional information it will be because it is essential for our records.

**Mass Amalgamation:** a few comments "just get on with it" – I agree but we need a considered discussion to reach a well discerned choice of times and to look beyond the immediate and allow the Holy Spirit a little space. We will decide on going ahead and what time during the PPC meeting on August 7<sup>th</sup> – assuming all goes well, implementation in late August.

**God Bless, Fr Charles**



**Pope Leo XIV called on every parish and Church group or association to become part of a 'revolution' of care and gratitude by regularly visiting older people.**

'Christian hope always urges us to be more daring, to think big, to be dissatisfied with things the way they are,' the Pope wrote in his message for World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly, a Church celebration that will take place on 27 July.

'In this case, it urges us to work for a change that can restore the esteem and affection to which the elderly are entitled,' he wrote in the message released on 10 July.

The Pope's message expanded on the theme chosen for this year's world day, which was taken from the Book of Sirach: 'Blessed are those who have not lost hope.'

The 2025 celebration marks the fifth edition of World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, and Pope Leo's first message for the day. Pope Francis instituted the world day in 2021; it is observed each year on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the liturgical memorial of Ss Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

In his message for this year's celebration, Pope Leo said the Jubilee Year, which is a time of liberation from injustice and inequality, is an appropriate time for all the faithful to help older people 'experience liberation, especially from loneliness and abandonment'.

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, Lianny Susanto and Therese Tankey.

Anniversaries:

Maria Amato, Domenico Morello, Alberico Mollica, Joy Lewis, Nick Corken, May and George Poon, Gary Neal, Maree Metcalfe and Maria Kos.

Recently Deceased:

Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this Week: For the guests who participate in our Alpha experience from August 6<sup>th</sup> to October 1<sup>st</sup>, that they will encounter Jesus and grow to faith or grow deeper in faith.



Feast Days this week:...

**29<sup>th</sup> July**  
Ss Martha, Mary and Lazarus  
*Siblings, Mary, Martha & Lazarus were friends of Jesus & welcomed him into their home in Bethany.*

**31<sup>st</sup> July** St Ignatius of Loyola  
*Remembered for his loyalty to the Church and its renewal, his ministry to the marginal, his concern for education, and his dedication to the greater glory of God, the motto of the Jesuits.*

**1<sup>st</sup> August**  
St Alphonsus Liguori  
*Remembered as a popular preacher, devotional writer and as a master of moral theology.*

LITURGY ROSTER

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

1<sup>st</sup> Read: Genesis 18: 20-32 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> August 2025

1<sup>st</sup> Read: Ecclesiastes 1: 2; 2: 21-23 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11 Gos: Luke 12: 13-21

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Tasha Vercauteran	Kathy Pearce	Lynne O'Brien Lawrence Cecconello
8.30am	Frank Ozzimo	Erika Castro	Paul Polidano Pat Rowland
10.00am	Frances Johnson	Vianney Shiel	Raffaella Dinelli Carmel Shiel

**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**

We need to be recharged in so many ways and that happens in silence.  
Meditation is the **way of silence** because it is the way to silence.  
The mantra, the one word that leads us to such silence, charges all words with love.  
To be silent with another is a deep expression of trust and confidence.  
To be silent with another is truly to **be** with that person.



The next **St Kevin's Men's Social Group** takes place on **Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> August @ 7.30pm in the Church Gathering Apce.**

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 indicate your intention to attend by contacting the parish office on 9850 5983 or via email templestowe@cam.org.au

Solemnity of St Mary Mackillop

On Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> August, we celebrate the feast Day of St Mary MacKillop. A Mass will be celebrated at St Gregory the Great Church Doncaster at 9.00am and at St Kevin's Church Templestowe at 11.45am.

All are welcome to attend to celebrate our very own first Australian Saint.







# THERE'S A SEAT FOR YOU AT THE TABLE



## Alpha

Wednesday evening at 6.30 pm  
6 August to 1 October  
Plus a day retreat on Saturday 13 September.

**Meals included  
Free – donation welcome**

St Kevin's Parish  
30 Herlihys Road  
Lower Templestowe

**To register email:  
templestowe@cam.org.au; or  
phone 03 9850 5983**

Find out more at  
[alpha.org.au](http://alpha.org.au)

ST GREGORY THE GREAT PARISH  
AND ST KEVINS PARISH  
INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR OUR

# Multicultural Day



**Come in your cultural costumes or colours  
Celebrate the vibrant diversity of our community  
Enjoy an afternoon of fellowship, food & fun!**


- MULTICULTURAL FOOD AND BEVERAGES PROVIDED
- BID FOR YOUR DREAM ITEMS AT THE **SILENT AUCTION**
- BUY TICKETS FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN THE **RAFFLE**

 SUNDAY 10 AUGUST  
AFTER 10.30AM MASS
  ST GREGORY THE GREAT PARISH HALL  
71 WILLIAMSONS ROAD  
DONCASTER

RSVP: USE SIGN UP SHEETS AT CHURCH, SCAN QR CODE  
OR GO TO [HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/DDQTM](https://www.trybooking.com/DDQTM)




Proceeds go towards funding social activities for our parish and community  
Your generous support is greatly appreciated  
Please be mindful of food intolerances and allergies  
Parents and carers are reminded to please supervise their children at all times



**Our next Parish Bookish Morning Tea**  
will be held on **Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> August** at 10.00am and  
continues every fortnight  
**(please note change of day)**

All are welcome to join in the fun!  
Looking forward to seeing you all then!!





### Blessed Carlo Acutis Relic and International Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition

Tuesday 29 July 2025, 3.00pm  
– Wednesday 6 August 2025, 9.00pm

St Luke the Evangelist Church, Blackburn South, and St Timothy's, Forest Hill, warmly invite you to experience the first-class relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis and the International Eucharistic Miracles exhibition, which was put together by Carlo himself. This event will include an exciting series of talks with special guests. For more information, please refer to the flyer on the noticeboard in the Gathering Space.

Are you or anyone you know searching for life's big questions? Do you wonder: is there more to life than this? Why am I here? Who is Jesus? If you have questions about life, faith and meaning, join our Alpha program commencing 6<sup>th</sup> August. There's a seat for you at the table. Alpha is friendly, fun and relaxed if you would like to find out more, please grab one of our leaflets with details near the entrance or contact the parish office.



### Melburnians to join hundreds of thousands at Jubilee of Youth in Rome

Melburnians will be among the hundreds of thousands expected to descend on Rome for the Jubilee of Youth this week, from 28 July to 3 August.

Emma Bakker, Youth Discipleship Specialist from Proclaim: The Office for Mission Renewal, is travelling with the group and says the pilgrimage will be an opportunity for the young adults to witness the breadth of the Catholic Church, something she believes is needed to encourage them in their journey.

Coming from Generation Z, the pilgrim group are 'curious and open minded', she says. 'I actually think the biggest barrier these days is that we don't share our faith with one another—out of fear, out of doubt, out of isolation.

'So for those that do have faith, having the courage to share it and really be vulnerable in that is good, because I think they're really hungry for more.'

### 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**

On the day I called, O Lord,  
you answered me.

**Response to Prayers of the Faithful**  
Lord May Your Kingdom Come.

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

<i>First Reading</i>	<i>Second Reading</i>
<p><u><a href="#">Genesis 18: 20-32</a></u></p> <p>A reading from the book of Genesis</p> <p><i>Lord, do not be angry if I speak.</i></p> <p>At one time or another, most people have thought that they could teach God a thing or two. Many try to bargain with God when they pray. Here we see Abraham doing both! He warns God not to think of treating the good and the bad alike: this would be unjust. Then he bargains about the numbers. God will spare the town if there are fifty good people among the population; then Abraham whittles it down with God to 45, 40, 30, 20 and they finally settle on 10.</p> <p>God comes out of this tale better than Abraham. God shows endless patience and tolerance with Abraham's impertinence. God reveals a divine heart that yearns for mercy, forgiveness and compassion. It is because of God's understanding and generosity that we are encouraged to approach him with prayers of petition. Intercession is an expression of our trust in God's care for us.</p> <p>Haggling and bartering can be a fine game.</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Colossians 2:12-14</a></u></p> <p>A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians</p> <p><i>He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.</i></p> <p>When parents bring their beautiful baby for baptism, they are sometimes shocked when we start to talk about dying. But this imagery of Paul is important because the other side of the coin is our rebirth to new life.</p> <p>In our baptism, we are joined to Christ, we become part of the Body of Christ, the Church. So we set aside the 'death' of sin and unbelief, and embrace 'life' as we rise with Christ through faith. The very power of God who raised Christ in the resurrection is gifted to us to sustain us in our Christian living. The pattern of Jesus' dying and rising becomes the key to understanding the call of Christian baptism and our relationship with Christ.</p> <p>The ambiguous reference to the Colossians being uncircumcised simply identifies them as Gentiles; it is quite clear that Paul is not requiring circumcision of them, just the opposite.</p> <p><i>Taken from 'Break Open the Word'</i></p>

**How far/close are we, and our schools, to pursuing Social Justice initiatives (or how long is a piece of string)?**

*Starting* with good news, our parish has again been warmly acknowledged for recent donations to various (external) needy charitable organisations and causes: These include Peter's Pence (The Popes Appeal for global charities) \$567.25; Vinnies \$1,097.50; and Catholic Care (Chaplaincy) \$518. Of course there remain many more difficult and chronic longer-term practical social justice challenges to address - and not be ignored or forgotten - including that our faith-based mission clearly calls each of us to pursue these, actively, as best we can.

*Continuing* the good news, I recently had the pleasure of an engaging discussion on Social Justice with Year 5&6 students at St Kevin's Primary School, particularly including those who had just made their Confirmation. It was just before end of term and they are consequently still considering how they might potentially engage more directly in Social Justice actions, however as they further explore possibilities, including supporting St Vincent de Paul, another initial thought already has been for personal action curbing online purchases that contribute to child labour. As is well known the School and Parish already separately contribute money and goods each year to the LOYO Elementary School in the Philippines - in which country, as recent local news reports grimly highlight, social justice presents its own serious and life-threatening challenges. This positive School Social Justice deliberation will continue, and it can also be said that Social Justice awareness has been raised among these bright, informed, and responsive young students, and that's a huge start! However beyond donations, what might be said about Social Justice **actions** by our Parish adults, and associated prayer? Watch out for this exploration in future reports - **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.

