



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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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd/3rd July, 2025

Beginning of National Vocations Awareness Week

Our Presider today is: Fr Charles Balnaves



From the desk of the PP...

Fr Charles' Prayer intentions: Prayer by the whole parish! For a particular intention of the parish or some special purpose! For some time now I have included a prayer intention in the bulletin each week. My hope is, my desire is, that you take this intention into your prayer for the week. If you are part of a group that gathers for prayer (bible study, rosary, fellowship, youth, young adults ...) please include this prayer in your life each week. Indeed, let me know of your group and who coordinates it and the prayer intention will be sent to you directly.

ACYF: Australian Catholic Youth Festival. 30th Nov – 2nd Dec.

Encounter! Saturday August 9th, 7-9:30 pm, get all your young people to register and go along for a "powerful night of prayer, talks and live music" aimed at preparing for the ACYF. Register online <https://melbournecatholic.org/events/encounter-acyf-edition> and of course: acyf.org.au – Register!! Please! Age range: Year 9 to 25 years old. Or consider being a chaperone.

Alpha: 3 days to go! 6th August start date for our next Alpha. Pray for us as we embark on this journey. Last minute invitations and acceptances are welcome.

Safeguarding: The archdiocese of Melbourne will be audited for its compliance with the Eleven Safeguarding standards. This process will start in August and go through till November. 10 Diocesan bodies and 12 parishes will be audited in detail. Time will tell which parishes: it could be us! We are, we believe, well placed in having robust Safeguarding practices and procedures and that means "thank you" for your participation, and compliance and willingness to build a culture of safeguarding that is pro-active. If you are not up to date with Working with Children Check, Police Check, Code of Conduct or Safeguarding Essentials Training then please get your checks done and do the training asap and seek help from the parish office if you are struggling.

Mass Amalgamation: thank you for the 67 responses to the survey: it will close this weekend: Don't repeat your input, but 67 is only half the number of people coming to the 8:30 and 10 am Masses: if you haven't put in your thoughts, please do so **NOW**. There will be a discussion and, I would expect, a decision at the Parish Council meeting this coming week.

God Bless, Fr Charles

DAYS OF SOLEMNITY (Feast Days of the highest rank)

We have two very important Feast Days approaching over the coming weeks:



St Mary MacKillop

On Friday, 8th 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.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On Friday, 15th August, we celebrate the feast of the Assumption. 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 these very faithful and strong women.



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

Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses
Monday	8.30am	No Playgroup Today
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
	11.45am	Feast Day of St Mary MacKillop Mass
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, Therese Tankey and Jewly Wylie.

Anniversaries:

Patricia Lo Giudice, Jim Baruta, Elaine Viney, Ron Herbert, Peter McNamara and Antonietta D'Adams.

Recently Deceased:

Nasci Caldiera and Patricia Raiola

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



Feast Days this week:...

4th August St John Vianney Remembered for his preaching and confessional counsel and is honoured as a model for parish clergy.

6th August The Transfiguration of the Lord The feast celebrates the divine radiance shining in Christ's human flesh and God's glory shining forth in the lives of Christians.

8th August St Mary of the Cross Remembered for her eagerness to discover God's will in all things, for her charity in the face of calumny and for her abiding trust in God's providence.

LITURGY ROSTER

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

1st Read: Ecclesiastes 1: 2; 2: 21-23 2nd 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	Miriam Ayoub	Raffaella Dinelli Carmel Shiel

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 9/10th August 2025

1st Read: Wisdom 18: 6-9 2nd Read: Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19 Gos: Luke 12: 32-48

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Christine Marini	Bredenia Raquel	Lawrence Cecconello Maryanne McNamara
8.30am	Miriam Ayoub		Liz Polidano Mary Waddick
10.00am	Shashi Jayakody	Bernard Butler	Tony Robinson Lyn Robinson

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

Learn to meditate and see how simple it is.
It is surprising that such a simple teaching
on prayer can bring many positive
effects in our lives.

The next **St Kevin's Men's Social Group** takes place on **Friday, 8th 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

Our next **Parish Bookish Morning Tea** will be held on **Thursday, 14th 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
until Wednesday 6 August 2025, 9.00pm

St Luke the Evangelist Church, Blackburn South, and St Timothy's, Forest Hill, invite you to experience the relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis and the International Eucharistic Miracles exhibition, which was put together by Carlo himself.



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

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 6th 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.

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

News from St Kevin’s School to Parish

Last week, we celebrated **Grandparents and Special Visitor Day**

A special prayer for Grandparents

Dear God,
We thank you for our wonderful grandparents.
They bring such joy and happiness into our lives.
Thank you for all the special times that we have with them.
Please watch over them, protect them and care for them now.
May they know your goodness and love always.
Amen

We celebrated a beautiful Mass, with a spectacular turn out and such beautiful interactions! Thank you to all the Parents and Carers who made it happen! These are the days that the students will treasure and it was so amazing to see the students at their best using manners and being proud St Kevin’s ambassadors. **Every blessing, Gabee Leone**

Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

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.

The Symbols of the Eucharist

Symbols used in the celebration of Eucharist will be the central theme of a presentation by Fr Frank O'Loughlin to the Liturgy Teams of both St Kevins and St Greg’s on September 6 from 10.00am to 1.00pm in the St Kevin’s Gathering Space.

Father Frank is a renowned theologian and adult educator. He has researched and taught in the areas of fundamental theology, sacramental theology and liturgy in the Archdiocese of Melbourne for the last 50 years. In recent years he has published several books.

If you are interested, or might be interested in helping to enrich and develop and prepare our parish liturgies we would love to have you to join us for this presentation and discussion and test the waters.

Please contact the parish office to express your interest.

For information on our Parish School please contact:

St Kevin’s Primary School
Phone: 9273 9999

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord May Your Kingdom Come.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
First Reading	Second Reading
<p><u>Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23</u></p> <p>A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes</p> <p><i>What do people gain by all their work?</i></p> <p>This anonymous work by someone who calls himself Qoheleth is quite sceptical in tone. First, however, we need a definition of ‘vanity’ which occurs seven times in as many lines. Its usual meaning is an excessive self-esteem, a narcissistic overestimation of what people think of us. But that is not what it means here. ‘Vanity’ in Ecclesiastes refers to the transitory nature of the things of this world which makes all human endeavour futile and empty. This brief text sets up the listener for the message of the gospel, not in its pessimistic assessment of human achievement, but in circumscribing the value of material possessions and the things of this world.</p>	<p><u>Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11</u></p> <p>A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians</p> <p><i>Seek the things that are above where Christ is.</i></p> <p>The second reading in Ordinary Time is independent of the other Scripture texts in the Liturgy of the Word. Today there is a felicitous link when the people of Colossus are urged to purge themselves of what belongs only to earthly life, notably greed. We belong to Christ and Christ ‘is everything and is in everything’. Yes, by his incarnation, Christ shares our earthly existence, but risen to glory, he directs our attention to the things of heaven. We have transcended earthly life when we were brought back to new life with Christ.</p> <p>It is precisely this life in Christ which leaves no room for distinctions between Greek and Jew, slave or free. In our baptism, we strip off the old and clothe ourselves in the new so that we become a new creation. Embracing Christ and the gospel reveals to us a new dimension to human existence, namely, the promise of glory.</p> <p>The reading has a U-shaped format. It begins and ends with the heavenly Christ. In between, it descends to the depths of ‘old-self’ behaviour. The reading builds to a strong conclusion and a triumphant final sentence. <i>Taken from ‘Break Open the Word’</i></p>

Ongoing War and Malnutrition - What do I think? You think? We think?

Before briefly reminding ourselves of distressing global news and photographs, here firstly is further good news from our Parish: At our recent special NATSIC weekend Masses the 2nd Collection raised \$858.85 to support the work of the National Aboriginal and Torres strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSIC). In deepening our understanding and appreciation of the diverse cultures and histories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, the prayers, reflections, and hymns in our special weekend Mass Liturgy helped inspire us all to walk together in reconciliation, respect, and unity.....But need for such inspiration similarly relates, urgently and in different ways, to distressing Gaza reports (The Age, 29 July 2024, Cara Ana).....“There is no policy of starvation in Gaza, and there is no starvation in Gaza. We enable humanitarian aid throughout the duration of the war to enter Gaza – otherwise, there would be no Gazans.” - Benjamin Netanyahu....."The World Health Organisation said on Sunday there had been 63 malnutrition-related deaths in Gaza this month, including 24 children under the age of five – up from 11 deaths total the previous six months of the year"....."Gaza’s Health Ministry puts the number even higher, reporting 82 deaths this month of malnutrition-related causes: 24 children and 58 adults." That's **growing deaths from malnutrition, and continuing**. But from the same news source even more distressing UNICEF figures for "Children **diagnosed with malnutrition in Gaza**" are: March 2025 (3,259); May 2025 (5,514), and June 2025 (5,870). So what do I, You and We **think** about that? More importantly what might we **do**? Keep aware! Discuss it among ourselves! Pray! Do anything? - Of course, though not much directly perhaps. What does Christ tell each of us we should do? Perhaps we could at least consider speaking out? e.g. individually or collectively writing letters of support for the government's critical statements on Gaza with others around the world? Perhaps our Parish Pastoral Council might consider whether we could/should collectively do more than remain silent? So, if anything, what do I, You and We think we should do, as Christ calls us? - **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 or call 0407 055 237.