



# 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

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9/10<sup>th</sup> August, 2025

National Vocations Awareness Week

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



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

**ACYF:** Australian Catholic Youth Festival. 30<sup>th</sup> Nov – 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec. [acyf.org.au](http://acyf.org.au)

**Alpha:** Our latest experience started last Wednesday with 21 participants. Please keep the leaders and caterers in your prayers as we seek to open hearts to God's love.

**Safeguarding:** David, Mary, Mary, Peter and I sat down last Wednesday to do a Risk Assessment for our Masses at St Greg's, especially weekend Masses. We will use the same process at St Kevin's and the issues will be almost identical because the gatherings are nearly identical in purpose. By the time we finished the hour and a half brainstorming we had listed over forty different elements to consider. The list covered much more than the ChildSafe elements. Some items were of great importance like how to respond effectively to a significant fall or implementing good processes around our Altar Servers as they vest. Some were seemingly trivial such as proper use of the air-conditioners. Our purpose in starting this detailed risk-assessment is to understand what we think we know and improve the safety of our gatherings for all of you, as well as be ready for the Safeguarding audit that is beginning across the archdiocese. Occupational Health and Safety efforts over the decades have shown the worth of moving from assuming we know what we are doing to consciously.

**Columbarium (a wall with niches for funeral urns to be interred):** Plans for a columbarium are well underway and have been submitted to council for approval. We are looking for more expressions of interest so that we can be reasonably certain that we are meeting your real need in the parish. Please call or email the office and express your interest. Once we have final plans in place, we will be contacting you to ask you to commit firmly and pay for the slots you want.

I see the columbarium as providing a new expression of our faith, allowing us to accompany our faithful departed in a sensible and respectful way that keeps them within our parish community in a gentle and loving way.

**Insurance:** We are seeing a shift in our insurances. There is a greater level of detail being demanded of us in specifying what we want insured and the exact value of it that we see. The aim is to allow access to the most relevant and cheapest insurance. I mention this because it seems to me to be a part of a shift in society. Risk is not borne by me to help you: rather I leave you to bear your own risks. It seems to me to run counter to what Christ teaches us about love for one another with God's self-giving, care for the other that nourishes our souls. Food for thought as we navigate a more and more nuanced complexity in society.

**Mass Amalgamation:** A huge *Thank You* to all of you who completed a Mass Survey sheet indicating your preferred time for the amalgamation of the two Sunday morning Masses. Referring to the results, it has been decided to change our Sunday morning Mass time to **9.15am**. When will this new time begin? More news next week.

*God Bless, Fr Charles*

## DAYS OF SOLEMNITY (Feast Days of the highest rank)

### Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> 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 and pray for the mother of Jesus.





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
	11.45am	Feast Day of Blessed Assumption 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:

Faye Whitehead, Jopie Lun, June Gillespie, Diana Carnell, Jim Monaghan and Joseph Taouk

Recently Deceased:

Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this Week:

For all who are starving for food, for shelter, or for Christ: that they will find peace.



Feast Days this week:...

11<sup>th</sup> August St Clare

Remembered for her life of extreme poverty, austerity, contemplation and charity.

14<sup>th</sup> August

St Maximilian Mary Kolbe  
Interned in Auschwitz in 1941, he endured hard labour and offered his life in place of a fellow prisoner who had a family. Condemned to death and killed by lethal injection. Remembered for his energy and poverty, his compassionate ministry, and his self-sacrifice.

15<sup>th</sup> August Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
This feast originated in Jerusalem before as the 'Falling-Asleep of the Mother of God'. It celebrates Mary's passing over, body and soul, from this world into the glory of her risen Son.

LITURGY ROSTER

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

1<sup>st</sup> Read: Wisdom 18: 6-9 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 16/17<sup>th</sup> August 2025

1<sup>st</sup> Read: Jeremiah 38: 4-6, 8-10 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: Hebrews 12: 1-4 Gos: Luke 12: 49-53

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Tasha Vercauteran	Margaret Turner	Anne Maguire Lynne O'Brien
8.30am	Jessica Bartholomeusz	Pamela Rivera	Frances Bettiol Liz Polidano
10.00am	Julie O'Donnell	Liz O'Connell	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

Meditation is credited with inducing a heightened state of awareness.

Various studies demonstrate the practice can help relieve stress, manage anxiety, reduce inflammation, improve memory and attention bringing into balance the mind and body.



National Vocations Awareness Week

Please pray for our priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in our community.

Please pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries.

Pray also that the saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood, especially from our community.

Our next Parish Bookish Morning Tea

will be held on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> August at 10.00am and continues every fortnight



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





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



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Reach out. Give life.

Catholic Mission sincerely thanks the parish community of St Kevin's for your generous and compassionate support of this year's Propagation of the Faith Appeal. Your contribution of \$829.45 has been gratefully received and will help provide vital care for mothers in Zambia, and empower local Church workers across more than 1,000 mission dioceses around the world.

Through your partnership, countless families will find not only practical help, but also spiritual accompaniment, hope, and dignity. Your gift is more than charity - it is a concrete act of solidarity, and a sign of God's love reaching out to those on the margins.

Thank you for being a living witness of Christ's mission to the world.

CLERGY  
CONFERENCE  
2025

STRENGTHENED FOR SERVICE: AUTHORITY, HUMILITY, AND BEAUTY

Both Frs Charles and Anton will be attending a Clergy Conference from 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> August.

Our Pastoral Worker, Mrs Ana Saro will be conducting Services of the Word with Communion on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> August and Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> August at 9.15am.

All welcome.

Music Ministry at St Kevin's Parish

St Kevin's Parish is proud to announce that we have secured musicians to help keep our liturgical celebrations even more alive and vibrant.

Roger and Anne (new musicians) play the flute, guitar and drums. They know how to play our usual Mass hymns but they also have some new songs which they are willing to gradually teach us all. Roger is tech savvy, they write music and songs and of course they would like everyone to sing along with them.

They will commence their time with us on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> August.

We are sure you will all make them feel very welcome at St Kevin's Parish.





You're a pilgrim, not a tourist: pilgrims reflect on the week that was

Melburnians were among the more than one million to gather for a final Mass celebrated by Pope Leo XIV in Rome's Tor Vergara neighbourhood to conclude the Jubilee of Youth. The week-long pilgrimage has been a transformative experience—one of adventure, surprise, growth, beauty and hope.

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.

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

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen as his heritage.

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord May Your Kingdom Come.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
First Reading	Second Reading
<p><u>Wisdom 18:6-9</u></p> <p>A reading from the book of Wisdom</p> <p><i>Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.</i></p> <p>The second half of the Book of Wisdom, from which this piece is taken, is a meditation on scripture largely embellishing the stories of the Exodus. This makes sense of these rather obscure lines.</p> <p>“That night” is the night of the Exodus when they celebrated the meal with the Passover lamb, marking the lintel with its blood to escape from the final plague (“offered sacrifice in secret”). They ate standing up to be ready to leave and cross the Red Sea. This foundational event established the pact or covenant with God. “The ruin of their enemies” and “vengeance on our foes” refer to the Egyptian army drowned in the Red Sea. “Saving the virtuous” and “made us glorious” refer to the liberation of the people from slavery. The people respond with hymns of praise.</p>	<p><u>Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19</u></p> <p>A reading from the letter to the Hebrews</p> <p><i>We will look for the city designed and built by God.</i></p> <p>There is a longer and a shorter version of this reading from the letter to the Hebrews. But those who read the whole of Chapter 11 will be somewhat disappointed by even the longer version. The whole chapter is a magnificent litany of characters in the Old Testament who lived by faith, starting with Abel. The repeated phrase ‘by faith’ gives this chapter extraordinary rhetorical force. Our longer version just takes the central section dealing with Abraham and Sarah. It would be a pity to shorten even this.</p> <p>Faith accepts the blessing of the heavenly world and responds in trust and hope to the reality of what is unseen. God takes the initiative to care for us and provide for us. The human response is faith.</p> <p>Faith opens the way for the wonderful works of God. Faith is both an engagement with what is not yet present but is confidently awaited, and also a recognition of a present reality which is not known except by faith. Those who live ‘by faith’ are searching for something beyond the material world. Then we have the inspiring idea that we are searching for our real homeland which is in heaven, a home established for us by our loving God.</p> <p>The first sentence sets out the foundation for the litany which follows. It is good to see Sarah included among the examples of faith.</p> <p><i>Taken from ‘Break Open the Word’</i></p>

80th Anniversary of world's first wartime use of nuclear Bomb at Hiroshima, 6 August 1945  
(Incorporating some edited extracts from major news sources)

Thousands of people including a record number of delegates from international countries and regions gathered at Peace Park in Hiroshima on August 6 to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the world’s first wartime use of a nuclear bomb – as survivors, officials and representatives from 120 countries and territories marked the milestone with renewed calls for disarmament. The city was flattened on that day when the United States dropped a uranium bomb, codenamed "Little Boy". Roughly 78,000 people were killed instantly. Tens of thousands more died by the end of the year due to burns and radiation exposure, and others still suffer the consequences today. Hiroshima’s mayor, Kazumi Matsui, warned of the dangers of rising global militarism, criticising world leaders who argue that nuclear weapons are necessary for national security. During an historic visit to Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 2019, Pope Francis met survivors of the bombings and condemned the use and possession of nuclear weapons as “immoral”, and urged support for “the principal international legal instruments of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation, including the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons” (TPNW). He also said that a world without nuclear weapons is “possible and necessary”. A strong critic of the doctrine of nuclear deterrence he said that “nuclear doctrines” foment “a climate of fear, mistrust, and hostility”, adding that the possession of nuclear weapons is never the answer to our longings for security, peace, and stability. Nuclear weapons only ever afford a “false sense of security”, he said, as peace cannot be achieved through “the threat of total annihilation”. I have visited Peace Park in Hiroshima twice, and been profoundly moved by horrific evidence including photos of a flattened desolate city, small clothing fragments on models of children who were on their way to school at 8:15am, packed lunches fused into stone, clock and watch hands and glass fused, charred bodies and badly burned short-term survivors some distance away. Impressively, the park is now a symbol of hope. The Treaty entered into force on January 22 2021 and was awarded the Nobel Peace prize. It currently has 93 signatories (and 70 state parties). New Zealand is among them, Australia, disappointingly, is not (yet?)- **John Costa SJA**

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

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

