



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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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

16/17th August, 2025

National Vocations Awareness Week

Our Presider today is: Fr Charles Balnaves



From the desk of the PP...

Multicultural day: What a wonderful event! Yet again! Thank you to the Social Group and the Cornerstone leaders and the children and the dancers and those who operated the A/V and acted as MC. It was a great event indeed, helping to build our community. I wasn't able to properly estimate numbers in the hall but if the 10:30 Mass was a measure there were over 300 people. I see all the effort it takes to bring this event together. And all the effort it takes to bring together each of the major events in our lives: my 10th anniversary; celebrating Archbishop Tony's appointment in Tasmania. Thank you all for the love of Christ you bring to each of these events.

ACYF: Australian Catholic Youth Festival. 30th Nov – 2nd Dec. acyf.org.au – ask around, seek out a young person and give them the link to the website to register.

Evangelisation leader: After discussion with a wide range of people including with the Parish Pastoral Councils in both St Greg's and St Kevin's, I have put out an advertisement for the role of Evangelisation Leader. This person will work with both St Greg's and St Kevin's to continue our efforts, started with Alpha, to grow our capacity as an invitational and intentional community.

Archdiocesan Safeguarding Audit: St Gregory the Great Parish **has been selected** as one of the parishes to be audited in the Safeguarding Audit of the Archdiocese. The on-site parts of the audit will happen in the first half of October. In the process of preparing for the audit of St Greg's we will be also seeking to ensure that St Kevin's is similarly up to date. One element of the audit includes ministry leaders so some of you may be asked to be available for interview by the auditors.

Amalgamation of Masses: Our survey over the past month and extensive discussion in the Parish Pastoral Council and prayerful reflection has reached a conclusion about amalgamating our Sunday Masses. From 14th September the 8:30 am and 10:00 am Masses will be amalgamated, and one Mass will be celebrated at 9:15 am.

I know this will be a major change for everyone and will be something of an upset. I ask that you bear with the change and seek to grow into the positives of the change. We will begin on a high with our new musicians Roger and Anne along with Jan.

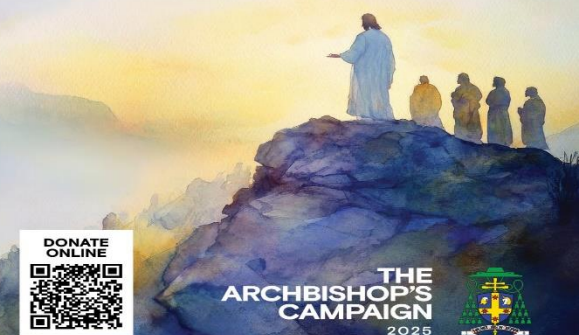
God Bless, Fr Charles

Archbishop's Campaign

The 2025 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. These ministries are outlined in the Campaign envelope which you will find on the Church seats and in the Gathering Space. Tax-deductable donations go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund which supports the Corpus Christi College Building Fund, the Priests Retirement Foundation, John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, the University of Divinity Building Fund as well as Catholic community agencies and service organisations through annual grants. Non-tax-deductable donations go to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund and support seminarian formation and evangelisation ministries. Please review the campaign material and prayerfully consider pledging a recurring monthly gift to help. Tear-off pledge cards are attached to the campaign envelopes in the Church. You can also make a gift online at melbournecatholic.org/archbishops campaign or via the QR codes on the campaign materials.

Your generous gift supports ministries across the Archdiocese —bringing the Good News to life not only in word, but in action.

Thank you.



melbournecatholic.org/archbishops campaign

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, Therese Tankey and Jewly Wylie.

Anniversaries:

Joachim Cheng Kai On, Jean Pierre Yon, Micheline Cotillon, Graham "Polly" Farmer, Bruno Orlandi, Frank "Bluey" Adams, Vincenza Venuto and Josef (Joseph) Taouk.

Recently Deceased:

Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this Week: We give thanks for the grace that comes to us through gathering as a community. (I am thinking of the grace that arises from the efforts made by those who organise event [eg the Multicultural Festival] and the grace that arises from the fellowship that happens when we gather).



Feast Days this week:...

20th August St Bernard
Remembered as a most influential churchman, his inspirational leadership, and his devotion to the humanity of Christ and to the Blessed Virgin.

21st August St Pius X
His efforts to avert world war were frustrated. Remembered for his poverty and for his promotion of liturgical participation, especially of frequent communion, to which he admitted young children.

22nd August The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
This feast was established in 1955. Since 1969 it has been observed on 22 August to stress its relationship to the Assumption (15 August): taken up into glory, Mary became queen of heaven and earth.

LITURGY ROSTER

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

1st Read: Jeremiah 38: 4-6, 8-10 2nd 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	Pauline Erickson	Tony Robinson Lyn Robinson

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time – 23/24th August 2025

1st Read: Isaiah 66: 18-21 2nd Read: Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13 Gos: Luke 13: 22-30

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Bredenia Raquel	Janet Parsons	Maryanne McNamara Lynne O'Brien
8.30am	Pauline Erickson	Paul Polidano	Mary Waddick Pat Rowland
10.00am	Tony Byrne	Carmiel Shiel	Kaye Byrne Carmel Purdey

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

As we sit down to meditate,
we commit to silence and stillness.
We leave behind all our thinking
and planning,
our failures and successes.
Through meditation we are content to **be** in the presence of God,
finding a way to balance the human and the spiritual.

Our next Parish Bookish Morning Tea
will be held on **Thursday, 28th August** at 10.00am and
continues every fortnight

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

EVANGELISATION LEADER

The parishes of St Gregory the Great and St Kevin's are seeking a faith-filled, dynamic leader to serve as **Evangelisation Leader**. This role is pivotal in helping our communities grow a deeper culture of intentional discipleship, mission and outreach.

This intentional missionary disciple of Christ Jesus will be enthusiastic and will report to Fr Charles, Parish Councils and staff to grow the Evangelisation culture and practice of both parishes.

Would you like to know more? Then please hop onto our parish website where you will also find a Position Description: [Current Job Opportunity- Evangelisation Leader - St Kevin's Templestowe Parish](#)



Mass Schedule Change

After much praying, collaboration and discernment, it has been decided to amalgamate our two Sunday morning Masses into one at 9.15am. This new Mass time will begin on Sunday, 14th September. Our Saturday evening Mass time remains the same at 5.30pm.

Our hard-working Roster Co-Ordinator, Mrs Pauline Erickson, will be sending out fresh rosters reflecting this new time to all our Mass Volunteers over the coming weeks.

Thank you to all of you who provided feedback through our survey and other means, and for now accommodating our new Sunday morning Mass time.

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, 24th August.



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

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

All welcome.

Vatican II: Keeping the Windows Open: Four-Part Webinar Series 16 – 26 August 2025

Vatican II

Zoom 19 August 2025, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm & 26 August 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Yarra Theological Union, Catholic Theological College and Garratt Publishing present
VATICAN II: KEEPING THE WINDOWS OPEN
Two-Part Webinar Series

Tuesday 19 and 26 August 2025, 7:00 pm (AEST)*

Join us as we explore Vatican II – 60 years on.

Over four sessions, participants will gain a greater appreciation of the work of the *Second Vatican Council* and the windows it opened for the life and mission of the Church.

You will hear from leading Australian scholars from *Yarra Theological College* and *Catholic Theological College*.

The panels, moderated by Chris Monaghan CP, will explore the connections between the groundbreaking work of the *Second Vatican Council*, current issues facing the Church, and the call to grow as a Synodal Church.

The sessions are accredited with CECV/TAPS in the areas of Catholic identity, liturgy, culture, tradition, theology and faith development.

For those NOT seeking accreditation of professional development hours, the series remains FREE of charge.

19/08/2025 Session One: Ecumenism and Interfaith

Speakers: Dr Mary Reaburn NDS, Dr Denis Stanley, Dr Patrick McNerney

26/08/2025 Session Two: The Church's Mission

Speakers: Dr Sandie Cornish, Adjunct Professor Susan Pascoe, Dr Bruce Duncan CSsR

To register go to <https://ytu.edu.au/>

Or
<https://ytu.edu.au/vatican-ii-webinar-keeping-the-windows-open/>

Those who register will receive a link to all recordings of the sessions.

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

Lord, make haste to help me!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord May Your Kingdom Come.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
First Reading	Second Reading
<p><u>Jeremiah 38:4-6. 8-10</u></p> <p>A reading from the prophet Jeremiah</p> <p><i>You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.</i></p> <p>The prophet Jeremiah lived in a tough time of conflict. Faced with the might of the Babylonian empire, King Zedekiah was advised by some of his court to ally himself with the power of Egypt and fight back. Jeremiah took the opposing view. Accused of undermining the morale of the troops, he is thrown into a well where he sinks into the mud and is left to die. A foreigner at court, Ethiopian Ebed-Melech, persuades the king to spare Jeremiah's life and he is rescued. The story is direct and vivid.</p> <p>Jeremiah puts us in the mind of Christ who also faced opposition because of the mission he was sent to accomplish. This is the connection with the Gospel. Anyone who suffers for what they believe or do will be able to identify with Jeremiah.</p>	<p><u>Hebrews 12:1-4</u></p> <p>A reading from the letter to the Hebrews</p> <p><i>Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.</i></p> <p>Not normally chosen to harmonise with the other readings, today's second reading picks up the common theme of embracing suffering for the cause of the mission. This time it is not Jeremiah or Christ, but all Christian disciples who are challenged.</p> <p>We take up our cross to follow Christ, so, as we join in running the race of life, we set our eyes on Jesus. Like Christ, we disregard the cross for the sake of the joy of coming to the throne of God. We draw our courage from the way Christ faced opposition, although, as Hebrews poignantly notes, we have not yet had to fight to the point of death!</p> <p>The letter's high literary style frames the argument in relatively long and elaborate sentences. Readers will need to rehearse their proclamation carefully to be sure they give the best emphasis to the key affirmations.</p> <p><i>Taken from 'Break Open the Word'</i></p>



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

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.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

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

