



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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Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

23rd/24th August, 2025

Our Presider today is: Fr Anton Aseervathampillai



From the desk of the PP...

Archbishop's Campaign: this is the big weekend for this campaign. This weekend you are asked to make a commitment to regular donations or to make a single donation via electronic means, envelopes or cash.

This campaign helps you and I ensure that the Archdiocese can pursue diocese wide efforts to grow the faith, to spread the Good News. Please, be generous – as I know you always are.

Clergy Conference: I spent nearly four days at the 2025 Clergy conference. A good bit of relaxation. A good bit of conversation with fellow priests, and deacons, and even a couple of bishops. A large amount of challenging thinking about the Theological Virtue of Hope in today's world with Joel and Antonia, senior academics from the Australian Catholic University, leading us. The topic arises from the Jubilee Year: Pilgrims of Hope.

My take aways are: We must begin and live our days, always, with a humble recognition of our faith, an intention to ground all our actions in love: the Love Jesus brings us from God, a love that demands to be shared. And, alongside Faith and Love to recognise Hope.

Hope that is a gift from God. that is a gift that reveals our human hope as part of the truth that we are created in the image of God. Hope that expands our human hope to encompass the truth of Jesus Christ as our saviour and friend. Hope that calls us to action to seek to do our part to bring about the Reign of God in the world – right here and now, today, everyday.

It is Hope that enables us to imagine beyond our daily lives and to see things, small things, that can bring about a new world, a better world, a world that draws us into the Reign of God.

It was interesting to me to tease out that Hope is not optimism; Hope is not an empty platitude; Hope is not wishful thinking. Rather, Hope is an expectation of the Reign of God progressively coming to reality throughout time: an expectation grounded in the life, passion, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus.

Hope! The fullness of hope, is an active virtue; an active way of living; an essentially communal effort by each of us and all of us are moved to follow Christ through all the trials/suffering and into an ever more present Reign of God in our hearts and in our communities.

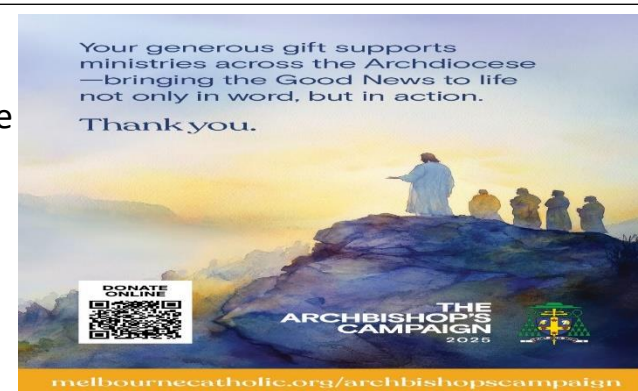
Australian Catholic Youth Festival: 30th Nov – 2nd Dec. acyf.org.au – We now have **nine youth** from across St Greg's and St Kevin's – add your name to the list; add a friend's name to the list. The Spirit is moving!!

Amalgamation of Masses: Remember 14th September! One Mass! 9:15 am. Be patient as you grow used to this change. And ... let Fr Charles know how it is working.

God Bless, Fr Charles

Archbishop's Campaign

The 2025 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a one time or monthly pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Brochures with more information can be found around the Church. Donations can be made via the QR code, via the supplied campaign envelopes or anonymously via cash directly into the collection plate during the campaign weekends.



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, Jewly Wylie and David Cullen.

Anniversaries:

Antonio Strangis, Phyllis Dunn, Carlito Gonzalez, Terese and Nicolette Lucarelli (nee Anderson), Moya Veronica Puls and Sharon Louise Hammat.

Recently Deceased:

Fr Charles’ Prayer Intention for this Week: For the resurgence of Hope as a gift from God: a theological virtue that leads all people to meet Christ Jesus and see beyond the physical world and into the Reign of God and how it can be lived – in the world – today.



Feast Days this week:...

27th August St Monica
Remembered for her parental devotion, her patience and her persistence in prayer.

28th August St Augustine
Served the many needs of his people at a time of political and cultural collapse. Remembered as a model pastor and as a preacher and writer whose thought has had an enduring influence in Christian history.

29th August The Passion of St John the Baptist
Marks the anniversary of the dedication of the basilica in his honour at Sebaste (Palestine) where, according to tradition, he was buried.

LITURGY ROSTER

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	Kathy Pearce	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

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 30th/31st August 2025

1st Read: Ecc 3: 17-20, 28-29 2nd Read: Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24 Gos: Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Rachel Marini	Daniel Marini	Maryanne McNamara Anne Maguire
8.30am	Julie O’Donnell	Erika Castro	Liz Polidano Frances Bettiol
10.00am	Pauline Erickson	Frances Johnson	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

Meditation is time to replace all thoughts behind and calm your mind while focussing on the sacred word:
the mantra **MARANATHA**,
“COME LORD” in Arameic,
language spoken by Jesus.
Trust that it will work for you.

Join our team!

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](#)

Applications close Sunday, 7th September.

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!!





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.

Vatican II: Keeping the Windows Open: Webinar 26 August 2025

Vatican II

Zoom 26 August 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Yarra Theological Union, Catholic Theological College and Garratt Publishing present

**VATICAN II: KEEPING THE WINDOWS OPEN
26 August 2025, 7:00 pm (AEST)***

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

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.

This session is 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, it remains FREE of charge.

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.

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.

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

ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION ON THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

Earlier this year there was an Information session on the Permanent Diaconate. It was a successful gathering. The awareness that those men interested are most likely working full time, perhaps raising a family, and therefore limited in available time has led to the decision to again offer a different style of information session in September. This session will be on a weekday evening via ZOOM.

The permanent diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. The information session is open to everyone interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate, including the spouses of any inquirers. If you attended any previous session, you are also welcome to join the September gathering.

Online Diaconate information meeting

Tuesday, 24 September 19:00 – 20:00 ie, 7.00 - 8.00pm

Location: via ZOOM

Even if you can only attend for part of the session, please 'ZOOM' in whenever you can.

Attendance will be by invitation. Express your interest by emailing Deacon Kevin Pattison
Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au

In the week before the session the ZOOM link will be sent to those who have expressed 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

Go into all the world and proclaim the good news.

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading	Second Reading
<p>Isaiah 66:18-21</p> <p>A reading from the prophet Isaiah</p> <p><i>They will gather all of your people from all nations.</i></p> <p>Jerusalem is a symbol of God’s new kingdom. Here, at the end of his book, Isaiah sets out a vision of people from all over the known world streaming to Jerusalem where God’s glory will be revealed. Some will be sent on mission by the Lord to proclaim God’s glory and to gather everyone in.</p> <p>It is a startling message for those who thought of themselves as specially chosen and favoured by God. Isaiah’s vision is radically inclusive. Even the priesthood and the sacred mysteries of the Temple will be opened to some of those who come.</p> <p>The variety of modes of transport makes a colourful list.</p>	<p>Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13</p> <p>A reading from the letter to the Hebrews</p> <p><i>The Lord disciplines those he loves.</i></p> <p>This passage from Hebrews uses a challenging metaphor that many today would not accept – that of a father training and disciplining his son. The NRSV translation uses ‘child’ and ‘parent’ throughout, but there is a case for maintaining the masculine metaphor of father and son throughout.</p> <p>As a sign of his love, the father corrects and reprimands his son, he trains him with punishment. For the son, this experience is painful and unpleasant, but he takes it seriously and does not get discouraged. Ultimately the practice bears fruit in peace and goodness.</p> <p>The question is whether people today accept the reality upon which the metaphor is based. This will make it difficult for them to receive the message. Within this world view, it is intended to make sense of the trials one encounters in everyday life: God has not abandoned us, but is actually working to help us.</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.