



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

Parish Priest: Fr Charles Balnaves

Assistant Priest: Fr Anton Aseervathampillai

Business Manager: Mr David Hii

Pastoral Worker: Mrs Ana Saro

Postal Address:

PO Box 985, Templestowe 3106

Telephone: 9850 5983

Email: templestowe@cam.org.au

Website: stkevinsparish.org.au

Facebook: St Kevin's Parish

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

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

30th/31st August, 2025

Our Presider today is: Fr Charles Balnaves



From the desk of the PP...

Parish Accountant: The parish accountant for St Kevin's has decided to step aside from his role at the end of the year. SO!! We need a replacement.

Do you have a talent or know someone who might help St Kevin's Parish in this capacity? If so please call or email Fr Charles (0417319556 or Charles.balnaves@cam.org.au).

Archbishop's Campaign: thank you for your generosity last week. If you missed the main giving weekend last week: please make sure to give this week.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival: 30th Nov – 2nd Dec. acyf.org.au – please keep looking for likely participants.

Safeguarding Audit: St Greg's have been advised that our formal safeguarding audit at St Greg's will occur in the morning of October 8th. So please pray that we will be ready and able to show how strong you are in a culture of Safeguarding. Since I am Parish Priest for both Doncaster and Templestowe, I have a feel that there may be a few questions about St Kevin's while they have me in front of them. So, please for all volunteers at both St Greg's and St Kevin's follow through soon if your safeguarding compliance needs updating. Call the office if you are not sure.

Things we do: I have been struck recently how many 'things we do' have never been explained to people. So over coming weeks I am going to include short items of explanation.

This week: an old one: the priest facing towards the people / the priest facing away from the people.

Before Vatican II part of the theology of the celebration of Mass was that we all faced towards the transcendent God – which meant that the priest faced the same way as the people – towards God (but looking like 'back to the people'). With Vatican II an older theology was rediscovered and renewed so that now we are all sitting around the table with Christ for a meal and at the start to his offering of himself – like the Last Supper. The priest now faces the people. Both are valid ways of seeing the world but 'sitting around the table' more clearly reflects Christ's actions. So we see recent churches more 'in the round' compared to older churches.

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-deductible 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-deductible 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/archbishopscampaign or via the QR codes on the campaign materials.



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:

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:

Frank Delaney, Neta Meagher, Sharon Hammet, Elisa Ruggieri, Peter Coade, Erminia Theuma, Mary Calleja, Roland Babet, Carlito Gonzales Ricerra and Luisa Vierra Ricerra.

Recently Deceased:

Dulcie Chancellor

Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this Week: That participants in the Alpha retreat on September 13 will experience an encounter with the Holy Spirit that expands their lives in new ways.



Feast Days this week:...

3rd September

St Gregory the Great
While prefect of Rome, he founded monasteries here and in Sicily and himself became a monk. Called to be a deacon of Rome by Benedict 1, and then sent as papal legate to Constantinople. Elected pope in 590. Reorganised Church life and administration in a time of crisis, sponsored liturgical reform and initiated the evangelisation of the English. Remembered also for his extensive writings on pastoral care, spirituality and morals, and for his self-designation as 'servant of the servants of God'.

LITURGY ROSTER

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

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 6/7th September 2025

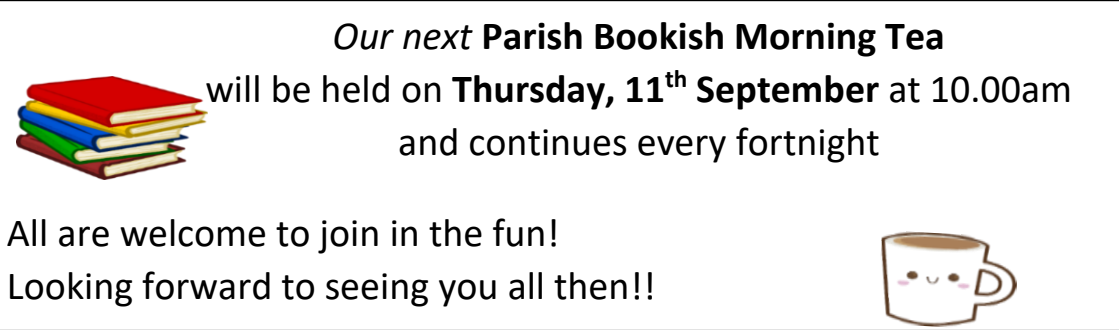
1st Read: Wisdom 9: 13-18 2nd Read: Philemon 9-10, 12-17 Gos: Luke 14: 25-33

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Margaret Turner	Kathy Pearce	Lynne O'Brien Bredenia Raquel
8.30am	Frank Ozzimo	Pamela Rivera	Adrian Teo Pat Rowland
10.00am	Shashi Jayakody	Carmel Shiel	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

Once we have begun the journey of meditation it is the nature of God,
the nature of love to sweep us along.
We leave behind loneliness,
confusion and isolation.
What we find is peace and love.



Our next Parish Bookish Morning Tea
will be held on Thursday, 11th September at 10.00am
and continues every fortnight

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



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.



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.

Come Away Day Wednesday 10th September at Holy Cross Monastery 207 Serpells Road, Templestowe

The theme of our next 'Come Away Day' is '**Awakening to the New**'. The day begins with a 'cuppa' at 9.30am and the formal part of the day at 10.00am. The day's programme provides opportunities for prayer, silent reflection and group interaction in the beautiful grounds of Holy Cross.

All are welcome. Just come as you are. BYO lunch, tea and coffee provided. You are invited to contribute \$30, or a donation according to your means. The day will end with the Eucharist and departure at 2.30pm. It is helpful to know the expected numbers so that we can have handouts ready so please email Sr Bridget on bridget.m64@gamil.com.

ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION ON THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

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.



to Bruno Dinelli who celebrated his 80th birthday last Wednesday 27th August.

Many happy returns Bruno and enjoy your special celebrations on achieving this wonderful milestone!

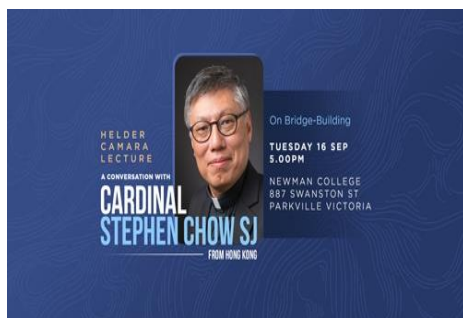
HELDER CAMARA LECTURE SERIES ANNOUNCE TWO INSPIRING GUEST SPEAKERS COMING TO MELBOURNE

Dr Nora Nonterah on "Listening to the Wisdom of Women: a conversation about discipleship, leadership and synodality from an African lay woman's perspective.

Dr Nora is one of the leading voices in African theological ethics. Her research has focused on peacebuilding, interreligious dialogue, safeguarding of minors, gender, social ethics and faith formation.

When and where: Wednesday, 3rd September, 5.00pm at Newman College Parkville

For booking info: <https://events.humanitix.com/melbourne-helder-camara-lecture-dr-nora-nonterah-on-listening-to-the-wisdom-of-women>



Cardinal Chow SJ, Bishop of Hong Kong, one of the most senior Catholic Church leaders in Asia on "Bridge-Building".

After being ordained a priest he spent 12 years undertaking postgraduate study, culminating in a doctorate of education in human development and psychology from Harvard University in 2006.

When and where: Tuesday, 16th September, 5.00pm at Newman College Parkville

For booking info: <https://events.humanitix.com/melbourne-helder-camara-lecture-cardinal-chow-sj-on-bridge-building>

Both people are leading figures in the contemporary Church, and are said to be excellent speakers. Both should be of great interest.

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

In your goodness, O God,
you provided for the needy.

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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

First Reading	Second Reading
<p>Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29</p> <p>A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus</p> <p><i>Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.</i></p> <p>This book is largely a life-time's collection of sayings and proverbs offering practical advice about daily living.</p> <p>These verses set up the theme of humility in preparation for the gospel, contrasting it with pride and linking it with gentleness. They remind us of Jesus' own words: <i>Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart (Mt 11:29).</i></p> <p>The humble person is attentive and reflective, open to God's will. God receives and accepts the humble and lifts them up.</p>	<p>Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24</p> <p>A reading from the letter to the Hebrews</p> <p><i>You have to come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.</i></p> <p>As the letter to the Hebrews reaches its climax, the author sets up for us the infinite mystery of the transcendent God. First is a description of the original covenant established on Mt Sinai. Fearsome earthly signs – fire, darkness, storm, thunder, the voice of God – evoke a sense of awe at the divine presence. We sometimes call it 'fear of the Lord'.</p> <p>The new covenant established by Christ is presented as a stark contrast, but with no less sense of the majesty of God: the dazzling city of the living God in heaven, with millions of angels in festival mode and the whole gathered Church of the baptised as citizens. We are made perfect with all the saints and brought into the presence of God by Jesus the mediator.</p> <p><i>Taken from 'Break Open the Word'</i></p>



LAURA SHARRAD

CONGRATULATIONS!

To our very own LAURA (CASSAI) SHARRAD who is this year's Masterchef Winner!

Laura was a student at our St Kevin's Primary School.

In 2020 Laura was runner up to Emelia Jackson who won that year.

And guess what! Laura was also a student at our St Kevin's Primary School!

Well done Ladies!



EMELIA JACKSON

ACBC Social Justice Statement 2025-2026 launched (in a busy month for Social Justice)

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) Social Justice Statement 2025-2026 was launched on August 14th for Observance in parishes from this weekend. The following extracts from Archbishop Timothy Costello's foreword provide a sense of its focus. "This year's Social Justice Statement Signs of Hope on the Edge - Serving Homeless People with mental ill-Health provides a picture of what life is like for people living in homelessness and mental ill-health and the difficulty in providing adequate support for them. The statement urges every Christian to offer service, as Jesus did, to our sisters and brothers created in the image of God."

In that context the National Council of St Vincent de Paul Society includes the following suggestions. "We support calls to 1) increase funding of specialist homelessness, 2) increase the number of supported accommodation places and affordable housing, 3) better connect mental health services with housing and homelessness support, and 4) increase the rate of JobSeeker so that people don't have to make difficult choices. Vinnies concludes with the following words. "Let's not forget that we can do something and we can make a difference. It starts by offering service to our sisters and brothers and heeding the call of Pope Francis to be messengers and builders of hope." They add "We can help in many ways - Lending a friendly ear; Offering food, coffee or support; Helping out a local Vinnies van, or; Raising these issues with your federal MP or Senator." The full Social Justice Statement can shortly be read or downloaded from the Parish website SJA page - **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.