



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

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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



Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Father's Day

Baptism Presentation

National Child Protection Week

6/7th September, 2025



Our Presider today is: Fr Anton Aseervathampillai

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 know someone who might help? If so please call or email Fr Charles (0417319556 or Charles.balnaves@cam.org.au).

Australian Catholic Youth Festival. 30th Nov – 2nd Dec. acyf.org.au – Our numbers are growing slowly: another three young people have indicated wanting to attend: that makes 12 across our parishes. KEEP INVITING 😊 !!!

Safeguarding Audit: Some volunteers are still not up to date: please, check your emails and junk mail and your memories: are you up to date? Call the office if you are uncertain.

Things we do: Continuing my thoughts on what we do during Mass that we perhaps never take notice of. This week: the quiet prayers while offering the gifts of bread and wine.

There are the obvious prayers you hear "Blessed are you Lord God of all creation for through your goodness we this ... bread / wine ... we offer ..." but there are three other prayers that you might not notice.

After the bread is blessed and before the wine there is a moment where I mix a little water with the wine – "By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity." This is a prayer to remind us of the unity of Christ's humanity and divinity; the union of Christ and the Church and the flowing of blood and water from Christ's side after his death on the cross.

After blessing the wine, I quietly say two more prayers: "With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by you, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in your sight this day be pleasing to you Lord God." And then while I wash my hands "Wash me, O Lord from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin." These prayers are my requests that you, the congregation, and I, the presider, are as open to Jesus' presence as we possibly can be, admitting our sinfulness and need for forgiveness. They also serve to remind me, the presider, that I am not Christ but am standing as Christ in the consecration. Small moments, but important.

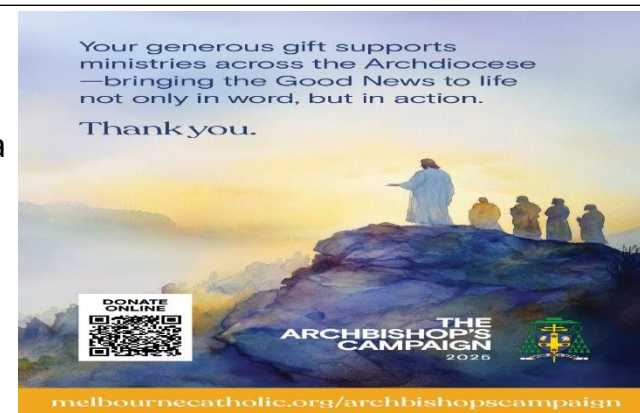
God Bless, Fr Charles

Archbishop's Campaign

Thank you to everyone who has so generously already made a pledge or gift to the 2025 Archbishop's Campaign. Every gift large or small, is greatly appreciated! If you are yet to make a gift, you can still do so. This campaign supports the vital ministries of the Church in our Archdiocese. Campaign envelopes with tear-off pledge cards are still available in the Church.

You can also make a gift online at melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign.

I encourage you to please give generously to the 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:

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, David Cullen, Peter Ryan, Tony Robinson and Julie-Anne Oldfield.

Anniversaries:

Lauren Williams, Allan Robinson, John Brennan, Therese Lavery, Michael Sciavarrello, James & Mary Bone and Jim Bone and Mary Calleja.

Recently Deceased:

Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this Week: For all those who have died and are otherwise affected by the earthquake in Afghanistan and by other natural disasters.



Feast Days this week:...
8th September The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Because of her importance in salvation history, Mary's birthday is celebrated as well as those of her son Jesus the Lord, and of Saint John the Baptist.

13th September
St John Chrysostom
His reforms, preaching, and ascetic life led to opposition from court and clergy and eventual banishment. Remembered for his simplicity of life, his care of the poor, the courage of his witness, and his effective preaching of the Scriptures.

LITURGY ROSTER

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

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross – 13/14th September 2025
1st Read: Numbers 21: 4-9 2nd Read: Philippians 2: 6-11 Gos: John 3: 13-17


Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Christine Marini	Rachel Marini	Anne Maguire Lynne O'Brien
9.15am	Tony Byrne	Jessica Bartholomeusz	Kaye Byrne Frances Bettiol Penny Teo




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 a journey that each of us is invited to.
We meditate not by thinking about it, but by doing it.
Every time we sit down to meditate we go into a state of one-ness in the presence of God.




Happy Father's Day



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.



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!!



Baptism Welcome

This weekend we welcome:

Bailey and Abigail

who will be introducing

Leo James Watson

to our Parish Community in preparation for his Baptism in a few weeks time.

Celebration
of the
Sacrament of Baptism



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, 23rd 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

Happy
Birthday

to our Assistant Parish Priest Fr Anton Aseervathampillai who celebrated his birthday last Thursday, 4th September.

Many happy returns to you Fr Anton and thank you for all you do for us and for our parish.

All are welcome to remain after 10am Sunday morning Mass for celebratory birthday cake.

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.



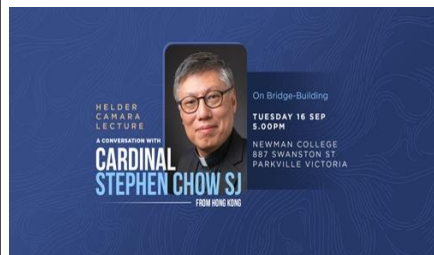
On **Monday, 8th September**, we celebrate the feast day of the **Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**.

It will also be the fourth anniversary of Fr Charles' arrival at our parishes.

Masses will be celebrated at:

St Kevin's Templestowe at 11.15am
and at St Gregory the Great
Doncaster at 7.00pm.

HELDER CAMARA LECTURE SERIES ANNOUNCE AN INSPIRING GUEST SPEAKER COMING TO MELBOURNE



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>

Cardinal Chow is a leading figure in the contemporary Church, and is said to be an excellent speaker. It should be of great interest.

MEN'S SOCIAL GROUP



ST KEVIN'S PARISH, TEMPLESTOWE

The next **St Kevin's Men's Social Group** takes place on **Friday, 12th September @ 7.30pm in the Church Gathering Apace**. 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 ring the parish office on 9850 5983, or email templestowe@cam.org.au

Eucharistic Adoration & Healing Service

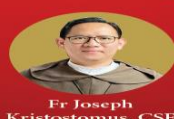


Come and join us for
Eucharistic Adoration with
intention of healing and
healing prayer ministry

**SUNDAY, 28 SEPT 2025
5.45-7.00 PM**
(after 5PM Sunday Mass)

St Gregory the Great Church
71 Williamsons Rd,
Doncaster VIC

Service will be led by Priest and Sisters
of the CSE and Daughters of Carmel
Congregation from Indonesia



Fr Joseph
Kristostomus, CSE



Sr M Petra,
PKarm



Sr Theofilia,
PKarm

Info: Vera
doncaster@cam.org.au

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.



EMBARK ON A TRANSFORMATIONAL & SPIRITUAL JOURNEY IN THIS YEAR OF JUBILEE

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, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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

First Reading	Second Reading
<p><u>Wisdom 9:13-18</u></p> <p>A reading from the book of Wisdom</p> <p><i>Who can comprehend the will of God?</i></p> <p>In light of the cost of discipleship set out in today's gospel, this reading explains that the human mind cannot grasp God's plan for us. But it is a plan of mercy and forgiveness. As Isaiah wrote: <i>God's ways are not our ways; as the heavens are high above earth, so are my ways above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts</i>, says the Lord (Is 55:8-9).</p> <p>The 'tent of clay' is a strong poetic image. It speaks of human limitation. Given the difficulty of understanding our own world, what hope do we have of understanding God's will and the ways of heaven? All we can do is stand before God, trusting in divine wisdom and the guidance of the Spirit. This provides a good context for the challenge we are about to hear in the gospel.</p>	<p><u>Philemon 12-17:Phlm 9-10, 12-17</u></p> <p>A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon</p> <p><i>Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.</i></p> <p>This is a short and very personal letter of Paul. He writes to Philemon about the runaway slave, Onesimus. Paul had already written to the Galatians that, for those baptised into Christ, there was no longer Jew or Greek, slave or free, male or female – all are one in Christ (Gal 3:28). That is the background to this passage.</p> <p>Paul is sending Onesimus back to Philemon not as a slave but as a brother in Christ and urges Philemon to accept him as such.</p> <p>It is, of course, disappointing to the modern mind that the Scriptures do not seem to specifically reject the institution of slavery as such. We need to understand that it was a structural element of society until 19th century (the British Parliament abolished slavery in 1833). Even so, human beings are still enslaved or trafficked in many parts of the world. The message of our oneness in Christ remains a challenge.</p> <p><i>Taken from 'Break Open the Word'</i></p>



LAURA SHARRAD

WOOPS!

Last week we reported that Masterchef winners LAURA (CASSAI) SHARRAD and EMELIA JACKSON were both students of St Kevin's Primary School.

There were in fact, graduates of St Charles Borromeo Primary School.

Sincere apologies for the confusion everyone!

Well done Ladies!

You have made yourselves and your families (and your parish) very proud.



EMELIA JACKSON

Answering the call of Discipleship - Where will it lead us? - What decisions might it demand?

Last month was a big month for Social Justice. It included launch of the 2025-2026 Australian Catholic Bishops Social Justice statement. August also launched publication of the draft of Australia's first formal Treaty agreement among which Victoria's elected Aboriginal body will be given powers to create new institutions. The First Peoples' Assembly says it plans to create a new education facility to boost the skills of Aboriginal people across the state. The Treaty is expected to be signed before the end of this year, These reports and the following will shortly be available on the Parish Website & Notice Board.

Closer to home a St Kevin's Parish SJA Letter was sent to the Australian PM in August supporting the Government's principled position on unacceptable avoidable ongoing Starvation and Malnutrition (in Gaza). That was shared for information with others, including the Local Member for Menzies, and was strongly supported by Catholic Social Services Australia, CSS Victoria, Melbourne Archdiocese Episcopal Vicar, and some other Parishes including Mary Mother of the Church Ivanhoe, which was then prompted to write similarly to the PM. The recently concluded Archbishop's Campaign supports - Priests in retirement; Corpus Christi College; John Pierce Centre for the deaf; Melbourne Overseas Mission, University of Divinity; Catholic community and service organisations, Evangelisation initiatives and Seminarian education. As well, Parishioners support Parish 2nd Collections, and next Newsletter will update feedback. Opportunities abound for responding in various ways to those in need - **John Costa SJA**

