



# St Kevin's Catholic Parish

26-44 Herlihys Road, Templestowe Lower



## Mass Times

**St Kevin's:** 5.30pm Saturdays

9.15am 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

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

20/21<sup>st</sup> September, 2025

Baptism Presentation Sunday

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



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

**Columbarium:** A few of you have already submitted an expression of interest for use of a columbarium. If you have not done so yet, please fill in a copy of the survey to give us your views and possible interest in having your remains or the remains of your loved ones kept safe with the church.

**October Rosary:** October is approaching, a month dedicated to our lady. This year we would like to do a Zoom Rosary. One night a week, pray the rosary together – virtually. I am in the process of preparing details but put aside 30 minutes at 7 pm on each Thursday evening of October: The 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>.

**New Catholics:** The next group of people preparing to join the Roman Catholic faith will begin its journey on 4<sup>th</sup> October: Saturdays, 3pm to 5pm. I have two people for sure, and possibly four, to join me and the RCIA team as we enter into the wealth of faith and belief.

Can you help make that five or six or ... more? Do you know someone who has expressed an interest in Jesus whom you could invite to join us? They could come for a week or two and if it doesn't suit ... leave.

**Evangelisation Leader:** I have extended the application time for this role to allow for broader spread of the advertising. You can find the role description on the parish website. It's a big scope that I have asked for but ... if you think you are interested in helping our missionary effort. Maybe that sounds too much. So maybe you feel you could help organise Alpha, or help with inviting people, or ... something that can help to 'bring people to Jesus.' Call me and let me know what you might be called to help with.

**Australian Catholic Youth Festival: 30<sup>th</sup> Nov – 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec.** [acyf.org.au](http://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 😊 !!! We will have fundraising efforts underway to support our young adults in taking part in this exciting event so keep your eyes open for ways you can help!

**Safeguarding Audit:** Up to date? I hope so! 90% of volunteers are – YIPPEE!! Which means some still need to finalise some part of Working with Children Check, Police Check, Code of Conduct, role description. Call the office if you are uncertain.

**Things we do:** I will continue my short exposes next week when space permits.

*God bless, Fr Charles*



The next batch of parish Thanksgiving Envelopes have been prepared by our ever efficient Peter Norman (thank you very much Peter) and are now ready for collection from the table in the Gathering Space.

If you give via credit card, your receipts are also included.

Please remember to collect your envelopes/receipts before leaving today. Thank you.

## Baptism Welcome

Celebration  
of the  
Sacrament of Baptism

*This weekend we welcome:*

**Matthew and Vanessa**

who will be introducing

**Amelia Vincenzina Azzopardi**

to our Parish Community in preparation for her Baptism next weekend.



What's happening in our Parish this week?...

Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	9.15am	Mass with Baptism Presentation
Tuesday	8.15am	Adoration
	9.15am	Mass
	1.00pm	Needlecraft Group
Wednesday	9.30am	Meditation – via zoom
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	9.15am	Mass with Baptism



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:

John Shine, Ken Liu, Ercole Monaco, Michelle Reardon, Carmel Philips, Lorna James and Denis Houlihan.

Recently Deceased:

Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this Week: That we, St Greg's and St Kevin's Parishes, will find the leader we need for our efforts to become disciples who go and make disciples.



Feast Days this week:...  
23<sup>rd</sup> September

St Pius of Pietrelcina  
A mystic who received the marks of the stigmata in 1918, a renowned holy man, and a charity worker who founded a hospital. His ascetic life of pain led to special compassion for the suffering. Remembered as an extraordinary confessor and spiritual director

27<sup>th</sup> September St Vincent De Paul  
Committed above all to the oppressed and disadvantaged, he founded the Daughters of Charity with Louise de Marillac to work with the needy. Remembered especially for his practical concern for the poor and the sick.


LITURGYROSTER

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 20/21<sup>st</sup> September 2025  
1<sup>st</sup> Read: Amos 8: 4-7 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: Timothy 2: 1-8 Gos: Luke 16: 1-13

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Margaret Turner	Tasha Vercauteren	Bredenia Raquel Anne Maguire
9.15am	Carmel Purdey	Carmel Shiel	Lyn Robinson Tony Robinson Liz Polidano

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 27/28<sup>th</sup> September 2025  
1<sup>st</sup> Read: Amos 6: 1, 4-7 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: Timothy 6: 11-16 Gos: Luke 16: 19-31

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Janet Parsons	Kathy Pearce	Lynne O'Brien Anne Maguire
9.15am	Paul Polidano	Bernard Butler	Mary Waddick Adrian Teo Pat Rowland



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

Persevere in meditation.  
Have courage to leave behind all images,  
especially ideas about yourself,  
about how good you may think you are,  
or hurt, or angry.  
Say the sacred mantra Word 'MARANATHA'  
throughout the time of your meditation.  
'Your perseverance will yield a rich crop'.



Our next Parish Bookish Morning Tea  
will be held on Thursday,  
25<sup>th</sup> September at 10.00am and continues  
every fortnight.

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



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, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 19:00 – 20:00 ie, 7.00 - 8.00pm  
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](mailto:Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au)

Attention to all Mass Commentators and Lectors  
You are all invited to a Refresher Training Session to be held in our Church Gathering Space on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> October at 11am.  
With our new Mass start time and with some new recruits joining our team, it seems the right time to run a refresher training session on proclaiming the Word. It is beneficial to all to be reminded of the importance of the job and how to do it the best way we can. You are encouraged to attend and spend an hour of your time, perhaps picking up some hints along the way. Anyone who is interested in joining our team is also very welcome to join us.



## A PARISH COLUMBARIUM

Our parish is exploring the possibility of building a columbarium - a sacred place on church grounds for the respectful and reverent interment of cremated remains.

To help us assess interest and plan accordingly, we kindly ask you to participate in a brief survey. Your input is valuable and will help guide our decisions moving forward.

Survey forms are available in the Gathering Space. After completing the form, please deposit it in the designated box provided.

The survey will be open for two weeks, beginning the weekend of September 13<sup>th</sup> –14<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Thank you for your thoughtful participation and continued support of our parish.



Sessions have now ceased for the school holidays.

Our first session for the new term will be on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> October in our Church Gathering Space.

Doors open at 8.30am. All children between the ages of 0-5 years and their parents/guardians are welcome.

# 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**

 HOLY TRINITY COMMUNITY



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**March for the Babies** is an annual event held in Melbourne, advocating for the right to life of unborn children. Come and show your support for the unborn. Let's share some details about this meaningful march:

**Date and Location:** The **2025 March for the Babies** will take place on **Saturday, October 11th**. Participants will gather at **Treasury Gardens** (corner of Spring Street and Wellington Parade) at 12.30pm and then embark on a peaceful walk to **Melbourne Parliament House**. It's a powerful demonstration of solidarity and a call to protect the lives of the most vulnerable among us.

**Purpose:** The march aims to:

- **Remember:** It serves as a day of remembrance for unborn children.
- **Advocate:** Participants peacefully affirm the right to life for every unborn child.
- **Support Women:** The event also seeks to assist women facing crisis pregnancies.
- **Respect Conscience:** It advocates for freedom of conscience for healthcare workers who oppose abortion<sup>2</sup>.

This is the 17<sup>th</sup> annual March for the Babies, and every year since 2009, thousands of Victorians have gathered peacefully with grief and hope to remember the ever-increasing number of babies killed by abortion in this state since the Government legalized abortion-till-birth on October 10, 2008

So, if you're passionate about this cause, gather your family and friends, wear blue or pink, lace up those walking shoes, and join the peaceful march! Let's show our leaders why we believe that every life matters. [www.marchforthebabies.com](http://www.marchforthebabies.com)

Happy 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday

To our Pope Leo XIV who celebrated his 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday last Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> September.

Pope Leo reports that his biggest challenge since his election is that of being a world leader. You can read more of his first interview here:

[Pope says his biggest challenge since election is being a world leader](#)

## Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for September

### For Our Relationship with All of Creation

*"Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect."*

## 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

Praise the Lord who lifts up the needy.

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

God of all creation,  
hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
First Reading	Second Reading
<p><u>Amos 8:4-7</u></p> <p>A reading from the prophet Amos</p> <p><i>The Lord God spoke against those who buy the poor for money.</i></p> <p>Some 750 years before Christ, Amos emerges from his rural life to challenge a prosperous nation. One of his prominent themes is promoting social justice. His language is strong: <i>trample, suppress, swindling, tampering...</i> He is defending the needy, the poor, from exploitation and cheating by those who hold the economic power.</p> <p>He challenges not only the dishonesty of the merchants but also their priorities. They do not care for the festivals or the sabbath – their only concern is to make money from their trade. They manipulate the needs of the poor for their own ends.</p> <p>The reading begins with a startling command: <i>Listen to this!</i></p>	<p><u>1 Timothy 2:1-8</u></p> <p>A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy</p> <p><i>Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.</i></p> <p>This text suggests that the Christian community is finding its place within the society and the Roman empire. The aim is to <i>'be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet'</i>. There is to be no anger or argument.</p> <p>Secondly the reading promotes a universal inclusiveness within the Christian community, for God wants everyone to be saved. Christ is the one mediator between God and the whole human race; he offered his life as a ransom for all. So prayers in the community should be offered for everyone, even the pagan rulers of the empire and others in authority. Embedded in the middle is a brief profession of faith: <i>There is only one God and only one mediator, Jesus Christ.</i></p> <p><i>Taken from 'Break Open the Word'</i></p>

Mission? & Synodality?

Our Parish has an active history of 'Mission', more recently with others also exploring and further anticipating 'Synodality'. In part, Pope Leo recently described Synodality (Crux, 15 Sept. 2025) as "an attitude, an openness, a willingness to understand. Speaking of the Church now, this means each and every member of the church has a voice and a role to play through prayer, reflection... through a process". But how might we associate Mission and Synodality? At weekly Masses we now collectively *"stand open to new ways of being Church"* - further engaging with the disturbing world and challenging times in which we live, now better informed with knowledge and understandings. In a sense that association has already begun, and particularly from 2026, will progress further with our richer collective Parish understanding and wider adoption of Synodality, and associated opportunity to more fully embrace it in our Mission.

Too often it's easier ignoring a distressing world than actively facing its many challenges, yet there's rich opportunity to make a difference through shared goodness. An existing example associating Mission and Synodality is illustrated in the article *"Integrating our shadows to heal the world"* (The Far East, Sept/Oct 2025) by Oceania Regional Director Rev Dr Patrick McNerney, who says "Living in this violent world, let us strive to reduce the hostility and animosity. Let us rise above the narrow sectarian interests that divide people and instead promote our common humanity. Let us transcend the tribal partisanship that separates us from other and find a perspective that unites. Let us listen deeply and attend to conflicting needs and concerns - even when they are confronting. Let us see the whole picture, where each person plays a necessary part....." - **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.