



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 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

27/28th September, 2025

Baptism Sunday

Our Presider today is: Fr Charles Balnaves



From the desk of the PP...

Columbarium: I have only seen three responses from the survey. During the Masses this weekend I shall put you on the spot (without formal obligation) and get you to put your hands up if you might be interested in making use of space in a columbarium at St Kevins. Or you can fill in the survey. I know some of you, like me, have already purchased sites in cemeteries, we don't expect you to sell up and move but for others who have not bought yet: consider the parish for cremated remains.

October Rosary: starting next week we will have Rosary each Thursday evening – led by me, Fr Charles. Start 7 pm, on Zoom so a hundred sites can attend. My overarching prayer for the Rosary:

The Zoom ID is given below and a link can be found on the parish website.

Meeting ID: 818 2077 7329 Passcode: 094929

RCIA: New Catholics: From 4th October – 3-5 pm at St Greg's in the Church.

Learn about what it means to know and love Jesus Christ and join him as part of his Church. The aim is to journey over the coming months towards full initiation at the Easter Vigil 2026.

Know someone thinking? Pondering? Wondering? ... invite them to come along and find out – they can always leave.

ACYF!!!

Australian Catholic Youth Festival. 30th Nov – 2nd Dec. acyf.org.au – Don't stop inviting young people to join this amazing moment of the Holy Spirit. 😊

Safeguarding Audit: We are learning something new every week about how to build a safeguarding culture. As we review our progress, we realised two things: one: we have no material in any other language than English and two: we have not done any explicit work with families to get their feedback on our space. The language issue is a difficult one as translation needs to be done properly – the Archdiocese is addressing this. Families: we will seek to arrange something with you: sorry not to ask explicitly before, though you have been included in my 'pulpit spiels.'

Things we do: Hopefully I won't repeat myself as I just noticed I did in the first two of these reflections. So, to this piece: as we prepare to receive communion – you sing (or say) "Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world ..." and while you do that I break off a small piece of the Body of Christ and place it into the chalice holding the Blood of Christ saying "May the mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it." If you've received under both species (Body and Blood) you may have noticed a bit of 'something' floating in the cup. This is what that is. Why do we do this mingling? It is to signify the unity of the Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ in the work of salvation. There are not "two Christ's" – but one. Makes sense. Obvious, but clearly something that needed a reminder for us over the centuries since the beginning of Jesus' sacrifice.

As I looked up to be sure I had the correct theology, I noticed something: we sing "Lamb of God ..." three times – but if we were using large host(s) that needs to be broken into pieces we are permitted to sing this as many times as is needed. Three times is usually plenty but the liturgical people try to cover all possibilities. Little details – there is a reason for them all.

God bless, Fr Charles

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

Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	9.15am	Mass with Baptism
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 Presentation



We pray for Better Health:

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, Julie-Anne Oldfield and Yannick.

Anniversaries:

Kristina Kulpinska, Wladyslawa Kulpinska, Gino Trentini, Denis Houlihan, Orazio Torre, Palmira Dinelli, Catherine Conti, Mary Sanderson and Catherine Lamoureux.

Recently Deceased: Filippo Lentini

Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this Week: For St Greg's Parish and its Safeguarding group: that the Holy Spirit will give us insight and direction as we approach the formal part of the parish safeguarding audit on October 8th.



Feast Days this week:...

29th September Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael *These angels are named as messengers of God, entrusted with special divine missions on earth.*

30th September St Jerome *Remembered for his asceticism and scholarship and for his incomparable service to the word of God*

1st October St Thérèse of the Child Jesus *Remembered for her humble obedience and her fidelity to ordinary duties as the path to sanctity.*

2nd October The Holy Guardian Angels *This feast associates the human race with the eternal song of praise in heaven.*

4th October St Francis of Assisi *Remembered for preaching the poor and crucified Christ in both word and action.*

LITURGY ROSTER

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 27/28th September 2025
1st Read: Amos 6: 1, 4-7 2nd 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

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – 4/5th October 2025
1st Read: Habakkuk 1: 2-3; 2: 2-4 2nd Read: 2 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14
Gos: Luke 17: 5-10

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Bredenia Raquel	Margaret Turner	Anne Maguire Lynne O'Brien
9.15am	Vianney Shiel	Frances Johnson	Frances Bettiol Lyn Robinson Tony 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

The real aim of meditation is simply to learn to become fully aware of what *IS*.
As you start,
become aware of stillness and the present moment.
In saying the **MANTRA** breath in and breath out silently.
Breathing **IN** God's Spirit who is your life.
Breathing **OUT** is like returning your life to God in faith and love, ready to receive it all over again.

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, 4th 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.
Pauline Erickson



Our next Parish Bookish Morning Tea will be held on Thursday, 9th October at 10.00am and continues every fortnight.

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



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.

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 13th –14th, 2025.

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



Little Kev's Playgroup



Sessions have now ceased for the school holidays.

Our first session for the new term will be on Monday, 6th 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.



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 abortion².

This is the 17th 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

MEN'S SOCIAL GROUP



ST KEVIN'S PARISH, TEMPLESTOWE

The next **St Kevin's Men's Social Group** takes place on **Friday, 10th October @ 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 add your name to the sign-up sheet at the entry of the church, or you can ring the parish office on 9850 5983, or email templestowe@cam.org.au

St Kevin's Parish warmly welcomes through the Sacrament of Baptism...



Amelia Vincenzina Azzopardi

Daughter of Matthew and Vanessa

Little sister of Luisa

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.



RECITING THE ROSARY

Beginning next Thursday, 2nd October at 7.00pm and continuing every Thursday for the remainder of October, we shall be reciting the Rosary, led by Fr Charles.

These sessions will be held online only using the Zoom ID link below:

Meeting ID: 818 2077 7329 Passcode: 094929

The Zoom link is:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81820777329?pwd=Ahbr0kMntwICEv5qyUtumJalvV4Q6e.1>



For information on our Parish School please contact:

St Kevin's Primary School
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Responsorial Psalm

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

God of all creation,
hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
First Reading	Second Reading
<p><u>Amos 6:1. 4-7</u></p> <p>A reading from the prophet Amos</p> <p><i>You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.</i></p> <p>Again this week, the prophet Amos offers his sarcastic condemnation of the rich upper class. Snug and safe, these ‘sprawlers’ luxuriate in their comfort, in their fine food, wine and music. They are totally self-centred and are blinded to the needs of the poor. Within a few decades, the kingdom would be invaded by Assyrian forces and the ones snugly ensconced in luxury will be the first, says Amos, to find themselves in exile. The parallel with the gospel is clear.</p> <p>The images in this passage paint a vivid picture of complacent decadence.</p>	<p><u>1 Timothy 6:11-16</u></p> <p>A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy</p> <p><i>Obey the commandments until the coming of the Lord.</i></p> <p>At the conclusion of this first letter to Timothy, the author (whether Paul or a disciple) reminds him of his duty to be a holy and virtuous person and to put all that he had learned about leadership into practice.</p> <p>The language is quite formal – almost like the taking of an oath of office – and ends with a liturgical doxology that adds its own dignity to the address.</p> <p>The final sentence which incorporates the doxology is long indeed and very complex. It will be solemnly declaimed in the climax, the part which reads: ‘<i>I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told...</i>’ and then will become more expansive as the liturgical part unfolds.</p> <p><i>Taken from ‘Break Open the Word’</i></p>

"Maybe no baby?"

The following extracts from "*Maybe no baby: Australian couples ditch traditional values about family, work and Marriage*" (The Age, 19 September, Shane Wright & Nick Newling) report that "High-priced housing and the struggle to afford everyday necessities are killing the desire of Australian couples to have children as signs grow that traditional attitudes towards everything from marriage to the role of women in the workforce are rapidly breaking down." It reports that that "The Household, Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia Survey (HILDA) has tracked the same 16,000 people for more than two decades, delivering one of the world’s most respected long-term social surveys." It further reports that "In 2005, 8 per cent of women and 11 per cent of men did not want children. That has climbed to 14 per cent and 15 per cent respectively. More than a quarter of both sexes either don’t want a baby or just a single child, almost matching the proportion who want three or more."

In an increasingly troubled world that global reporting highlights is fast worsening, and becoming more divided, what can we in families, parishes and wider community do? Beyond simply *recognising* these challenges, how might we more directly *face* them? What do we believe? What does this week's Gospel readings suggest? Our faith and Catholic Social Justice already provide clear values and guiding principles. Catholic Social Services Victoria has accepted our invitation to speak with us on this should we proceed. But can we even provide an interested audience? Please *quickly* let us, or the Parish office, know? - **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.