



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.

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Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4/5th October, 2025

Baptism Presentation and Baptism Sunday

Our Presider today is: Fr Anton Aseervathampillai on Saturday evening and Fr Gerry McKernan on Sunday morning

From the desk of the PP...

October Rosary: Continuing each Thursday: Rosary led by Fr Charles. Start 7 pm, Zoom ID: 818 207 094929



RCIA: New Catholics: This weekend we are starting our new journey with people wishing to join the Catholic Faith. It's not too late: if you know someone who would like to join us we meet 3-5 pm at St Greg's in the Church meeting room.

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. ☺ Don't forget to put your name down to help with the Bake Sale.

Safeguarding Audit: The audit is upon us – this coming Wednesday morning. We are as ready as possible but still please keep us in your prayers.

Congratulations to Fr Anton: during the evening of the 29th of September, Fr Anton attended a citizenship ceremony and was officially admitted as an Australian Citizen. An important moment for him, so please congratulate him.

Things we do: Why does the General Instruction to the Roman Missal (the GIRM) encourage us to receive both the Body and the Blood of Christ at Holy Communion?

At St Kevin's the practice has been in place since about 2005. At St Greg's it's never been the practice as far as I have heard, except perhaps in a very limited way. Different ways, different places?

It got me pondering, as you know happens.

The principal reason for receiving both Body and Blood is because ... that is what Jesus SAID to do: take and eat, this is my Body ... take and eat, this is my Blood. In receiving both Body and Blood we are giving a clearly visible sign of doing what Jesus did. It's not about receiving 'the whole of Jesus' – as though we can divide Jesus into little pieces. No, it is about what we see and experience in the physical act of DOING as Jesus did and requested us to do.

There is never compulsion to receive either the Body or the Blood – communion is a choice, to be consciously chosen and received with reverence (which I see in effectively everyone who comes to receive).

I pondered for some time before reintroducing Communion receiving both Body and Blood as St Kevin's – I am pondering seeking to introduce the practice at St Greg's.

What are your thoughts – on the way we enact this practice at St Kevin's? on whether it's a good idea at St Greg's. (Putting aside the logistics of distribution.)

God bless, Fr Charles.

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

Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	9.15am	Mass with Baptism Presentation & Baptism
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	9.15am	Mass with Baptism



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

Anniversaries:

Bartolo Natoli, Guido Maffei, Marino Correzzola and Peter Rice.

Recently Deceased:

Fr Charles’ Prayer Intention for this Week: FR CHARLES WILL PROVIDE WORDING HERE



Feast Days this week:...

7th October Our Lady of the Rosary
This commemoration was established in 1573 in thanksgiving for a Christian victory over the Ottoman forces at Lepanto. It entered the general calendar in the eighteenth century. It is a memorial of the Virgin Mary as honoured in the rosary, a form of prayer combining the salutation of the angel with meditation on the saving mysteries of Christ.



LITURGY ROSTER

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

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 11/12th October 2025
1st Read: 2 Kings 5: 14-17 2nd Read: 2 Timothy 2: 8-13 Gos: Luke 17: 11-19

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Janet Parsons	Rachel Marini	Anne Maguire Lynne O’Brien
9.15am	Julie O’Donnell	Liz O’Connell	Raffaella Dinelli Mary Waddick Tony Whelan

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 benefits of meditation are not only spiritual
closeness to God but also physical:
clearer mind,
sharper focus,
calmness,
controlled emotions,
contentment.



Our next Parish Bookish Morning Tea
will be held on Thursday,
16th October at 10.00am and continues every
fortnight.

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



Daylight Savings commences this weekend!
Please remember to turn your clocks and watches
forward one hour so that we can enjoy the longer
days of sunshine for the next few months.

Baptism Welcome

This weekend we welcome:
Christopher and Chantelle
who will be introducing
Lila Domenica Sabadin
to our Parish Community in
preparation for her Baptism
next weekend.

Celebration
of the
Sacrament of Baptism



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...

Leo James Watson

Son of Bailey and Abigail

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 Via a Zoom link.

If you would like to take part in our online Rosary, please email the templestowe@cam.org.au for the Zoom Link or ring the parish office on 9850 5983.



For information on our Parish School please contact:
St Kevin's Primary School
Phone: 9273 9999

Responsorial Psalm
O that today you would listen to the voice of the Lord.
Do not harden your hearts!
Response to Prayers of the Faithful
Lord hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
First Reading	Second Reading
<u>Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4</u> A reading from the prophet Habakkuk <i>The just will live by faithfulness.</i> <i>Part One:</i> The prophet Habakkuk looks around and sees oppression and injustice, tyranny and violence, contention and discord. In a series of fierce rhetorical questions, he complains that God is not fixing things up. He protests that God is not listening and will not save him. We look at the world today and can also cry out to God in frustration and despair. <i>Part Two:</i> God replies with a calm and peaceful but also enigmatic oracle. It isn't clear what 'the vision' refers to. Yet the promise will be fulfilled – it may take time, but come it will, without fail. The passage ends with an exhortation to faithfulness, to trust in God's providence however bleak things may seem. It is here that the prophet opens up the gospel prayer: Lord, increase our faith.	<u>2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14</u> A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy <i>Never be ashamed of witnessing the Lord.</i> Today the Lectionary moves us to the second letter to Timothy, the first of four selections. Attributed to Paul, it presents itself as a farewell message reflecting on Paul's ministry and giving final instructions to his colleague and successor. Paul has handed on leadership by the laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Centuries later as rites of ordination were developed, this liturgical gesture would remain central. Great prominence is given to the Holy Spirit in the service of leadership. The Spirit will bring power for suffering and witness, love for drawing the Christian community together, and guidance to preserve the precious teaching which enables the Christian community to encounter Christ. <i>Taken from 'Break Open the Word'</i>

Gaza, The West Bank and Israel

"The world is witnessing harrowing events in Gaza, the West Bank and Israel - events that raise urgent questions of justice, human rights and accountability." Extracts from an Australasian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform Flyer for their recent co-sponsored Garratt Publishing webinar (moderated by ACCCR's Eleanor Flynn) presented by Australian human rights lawyer Chris Sidoti, with open discussion and excellent summary response by Sr Susan Connelly. This complex story and devastating history is separately the subject of a very recent joint Gaza proposal by Donald Trump and Benjamin Netanyahu.

"Chris is is a member and centre of of the UN Human Rights Council's *'International Independent Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territories, including East Jerusalem and Israel'*, which investigates alleged crimes committed during the conflict, with **genocide** among its critical areas of focus. Susan a Sister of St Joseph, was a primary school teacher and principal before working for 10 years teaching scripture in state schools. Since 1994 she has worked on projects in Timor-Leste (East Timor) initiated by the *Mary MacKillop Institute of East Timorese Studies*".

This Webinar provides accessible understanding of irrefutable UN Commission evidence, and conclusion of Genocide. View at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g66NL3T2Zrw> - **John Costa SJA**

