



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 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11/12th October, 2025

Baptism Sunday

Our Presider today is: Fr Charles Balnaves



From the desk of the PP...

Fr Charles' Prayer Intention: (repeated from last week) For our sacristans, and all those who help make sure our Masses are set up and well prepared for: that the Holy Spirit will continue to illuminate their hearts.

Safeguarding Audit: Success!!! Congratulations, the audit of St Greg's Safeguarding practices went excellently. Yes, it was an audit of St Greg's – but our processes and evaluations are so closely interlinked that the auditors (Sarah and Donna) recognised both parishes as being of equal quality in implementation of safeguarding.

Thank you: David and Ana for leading the effort to be ready for this audit. And to Vera and Luisa and Nadia and Margaret and Gianna and Marcello and Alfred and Stephanie and Robert who helped prepare but and/or made ample time to be available for the audit itself.

And thank you to all our volunteers for helping us reach a high standard of compliance with the legal requirements surrounding safeguarding. And thank you to all parishioners for being a part of this journey to more effectively provide a safe church of children and all vulnerable people.

October Rosary: Continuing each Thursday: Rosary led by Fr Charles. Start 7 pm, Zoom ID: 818 2077 7329 Passcode: 094929

RCIA: New Catholics: We at least two and possibly five or six people starting the journey, please pray for them and the three others who may join. 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. ☺

Parish Pastoral Council: We met last week and discussed many things. Three things of particular note. 1. We are planning a 'parish forum' for the first quarter of 2026, to discuss synodality and parish direction and needs. 2. St Charles Borromeo: a formal process has begun to terminate the right to use agreement with Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools, return the property to our control and seek expressions of interest for future use (with a preference for education). 3. Develop one or two liturgy formation sessions to help us understand the Mass we love so much a little bit better.

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

Anniversaries:

Eddie Lim (11th), Salvatore Ozzimo, Doris Delaney, Lorna James, Roma Johnson, Palmara Dinelli, Peter Chin, Pam Graham, Liberato Crescia, Charles English and John Bumford.

Recently Deceased:

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



Feast Days this week:...

15th October St Teresa of Jesus
Remembered as a strong, practical reformer who restored the strict Carmelite observance of poverty, solitude and austerity.

17th October St Ignatius of Antioch
Remembered for seven letters written on his way to execution. They show him to be devoted to Christ and his resurrection; they urge Christians to unity in and through the Eucharist and around their local bishop.

18th October St Luke
In his gospel, the compassion of Christ is inclusive of all: Gentile and Jew, the poor and the rich, women and men, the outcast and the privileged.

LITURGY ROSTER

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

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 18/19th October 2025
1st Read: Exodus 17: 8-13 2nd Read: 2 Timothy 3: 14-4: 2

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Daniel Marini	Christine Marini	Lynne O'Brien Bredenia Raquel
9.15am	Jessica Bartholomeusz	Bernard Butler	Liz Polidano Penny 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

When we sit to meditate,
we accept the wonder of the moment
of now.
We are confident in the power of Jesus
to do God's work within us.
We experience Jesus alive in our hearts.

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



Lila Domenica Sabadin
Daughter of Christopher and Chantelle

YOUTH GROUP 18th October



Our next Parish Bookish Morning Tea
will be held on Thursday,
23rd October at 10.00am and continues
every fortnight.

Come to join in the fun!
Look forward to seeing you all then!!





Little Kev's Play Group

Every Monday the Parish of St Kevin's runs a Play group for local families and their pre school children.

The Play Group is 0900 to 11am every Monday During school terms.

Interested? Ring Ana on 7064 3948 to have a chat!

All welcome!

Attention all mass volunteers,

The next roster is being prepared. If you haven't already done so, could you please reply urgently to the recent email you received from Pauline Erickson with any known unavailability from November 2025 to the end of April 2026. No reply will be taken as full availability.

We also need extra Eucharist ministers for Saturday at 5.30pm. If you can help, please see one of the ministers after Mass or ring the Parish office. Full training will be provided.

Volunteers in any capacity are always welcome.



RECITING THE ROSARY

This Thursday 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>



**Are you interested in learning about Catholicism?
Learning more about Jesus?**

Are you, or is someone you know, curious about this?

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) will soon begin its next series of meetings for St Gregory's and St Kevin's parishes at St Gregory's Church. For more information, please phone the Parish Office (9412 8425) or speak with Fr Charles. Warm welcome assured.

Baptisms, RCIA, people joining the Church:

Please, encourage your friends, ask them to just come along and see how friendly Jesus is. We are not seeing many requests for baptism or much interest in RCIA. Please. Make an effort; suggest to your friends that baptising their children is vitally important; invite a friend to join you and come to the first session on becoming catholic. Take a risk! What can go wrong? They say no? So you move on and ask someone else.

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

The Lord has revealed his victory in the sight of the nations.

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
First Reading	Second Reading
<u>2 Kings 5:14-17</u> A reading from the second book of the Kings <i>Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledged the Lord.</i> This is a snippet of a longer colourful tale. Naaman, a wealthy Aramaean, is his king's army commander... but he has leprosy. His wife's servant, a young girl captured from Israel, persuades him to go to Israel for healing. He is deflected to the prophet Elisha who tells him to bathe seven times in the Jordan. This offhand directive offends his dignity but once again he is persuaded to comply. Then our passage takes up the story. Elisha refuses Naaman's lavish gifts and Naaman is converted to the God of Israel. An outsider is healed and comes to faith. This is also the story of the gospel, in both cases, turning on someone who has leprosy. Although it is only a short excerpt of the full narrative, it holds together well.	<u>2 Timothy 2:8-13</u> A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy <i>If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.</i> The Good News of Jesus' death and resurrection is central to this reading from 2 Timothy. It may be the cause of Paul's imprisonment in chains but, he says, no one can imprison or chain up God's Good News. The second part of the reading looks like part of an early Christian hymn. It sets out our participation in the Paschal Mystery. As long as we hold to our baptism and do not disown our union with Christ, we die with Christ and shall live with him and, one day, reign with him in glory. No matter that we are unfaithful, Christ is always faithful because he cannot disown his own self, the Church which is his Body. <i>Taken from 'Break Open the Word'</i>

Pieces? Peace? Gender? (The following includes edited extracts from various respected sources)

Following a lengthy painful history, last Tuesday, 7 October, marked the 2nd Anniversary of a prompted Hamas-lead attack by militants into southern Israel, following its surprise rocket-barrage. Army bases, farming communities and an outdoor music festival were stormed, killing some 1,200 people, mostly civilians. 251 others were abducted. Of those, recently 48 hostages, including 26 now reported dead, remain in Gaza. During the ensuing vicious war with Israel, more than 67,000 Palestinians including many children were reportedly killed, 170,000 seriously injured and over 40,000 left with life-altering injuries.

Pope Leo recently said "Truly these have been two very painful years... We must reduce hatred, we must rediscover the capacity for dialogue, to seek peaceful solutions... We must always proclaim peace, respect for the dignity of all people." Following a sudden Trump led Peace Plan, Israel and Hamas are reportedly holding talks in Egypt aimed at a Gaza ceasefire, with negotiators considering the 20 point Peace Plan. Let us continue to advocate, hope and pray for a lasting peace, and totally new beginning.

Looking retrospectively at such unimaginable continuing horror and prior history, one wonders whether sustained, mindless and obsessive killing and destruction might have been avoided for all, had decision makers not been overwhelmingly male, but gender balanced? - **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.

