



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 Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

18/19th October, 2025

Our Presider today is: Fr Anton Aseervathampillai

From the desk of the PP...



Safeguarding Surprising but ... I have nothing particular to say about safeguarding our children. Yes, we need to remain focussed but ... thank you for your help in ensuring the high standard we have reached.

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

RCIA: New Catholics: Please keep James and Sok in your prayers as they make this journey to Easter and full initiation. And pray for the two or three others still considering joining the journey.

ACYF!!! Australian Catholic Youth Festival. 30th Nov – 2nd Dec. acyf.org.au – Registrations end in about a week – make a big effort to encourage young people around you to register and attend.

Things we do: development in faith: every year we prepare parents and children to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, or Reconciliation, or Holy Communion, or Confirmation. As we undertake these important moments of faith formation for our children I am struck each year by the delicate? difficult? balance there is between 'age appropriate' language and speaking of the deep truths and action of God that are the essence of each of the Sacraments: the visible sign is easy, the invisible work of Grace/God/Jesus/Holy Spirit in us is harder to convey.

It is easy to gloss over the real change that happens in Baptism – the deep reality of a change in our very being that aligns with and makes us fully a part of the Body of Christ Jesus our Lord. It is easier to speak of becoming part of the people and community of Jesus Christ.

We can speak of 'making bad choices,' because that is what children understand while Sin involves understanding something of our relationship with God.

We can speak of "a symbol of Jesus' presence" ... instead of the Real Presence and the real change in the essence of the Bread and Wine to, be transubstantiated, to become what truly and fully IS, the wholeness of our Lord, being given to us.

We can speak of Confirmation as "growing up in faith" and because it is difficult to speak to the real change in us that Confirmation brings because we have received his Gifts – difficult to speak of because we can find it difficult to admit the times the Holy Spirit guides us.

I understand the need for this care in language with children – confusion is not good, best to begin gently. But, please, let us not forget the deeper truth and let us consciously and actively find ways to help ourselves and our children grow to know the deeper truths and realities of our Sacraments so that their faith and ours can grow and flourish and alive and relevant..

First Communion: Please pray for the 13 young people who have prepared so well for their first reception of Holy Communion next weekend 25th/26th October. School Children at the 5:30 pm Mass and Catechist Children at the 9:15 am Mass. It will be a very special event indeed. Your 'normal' seat may be allocated to a family so please be willing to experience a different perspective on the celebration.

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

Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	9.15am	Mass
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 with First Holy Communions
Sunday	9.15am	Mass with First Holy Communions



We pray for Better Health:

Alexandra Bateman, Alan Benn, Federico Aspromonte, Peter Ryan, 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:

Mary Bonnici, Eahle Kim, Eddie Lim and Marta Mlikota.

Recently Deceased: Cephass.

Fr Charles Prayer Intention for this week For our young people who will attend the Australian Catholic Youth Festival: that Sale and broader generosity of our parishes will enable the (spiritual and financial). help that they will need.



All Souls Day will be celebrated as a mass at St Greg’s Parish 9am 2nd November. This will be followed by Fr Charles visiting Templestowe and Eltham Cemeteries in remembrance of our deceased parishioners.

LITURGY ROSTER

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

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 25/26th October 2025
1st Read: Eccl 35: 12-14, 16-19 2nd Read: 2 Tim 4: 6-8, 16-18 Gos: Luke 18: 9-14

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Margaret Turner	1st Communion Candidate	Anne Maguire Lynne O’Brien
9.15am	Tony Byrne	1st Communion Candidate	Pat Rowland Kaye Byrne Lyn Murphy

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 path of meditation is the path of faith.

The sign of faith is silence.

The door to silence is the MANTRA.

Going through the door,
we discover comm-union with God.



Next Weekend at both 5.30pm Saturday evening and 9.15am Sunday morning, we shall be celebrating First Eucharist Masses. All are invited and welcome to come and celebrate this important Sacrament when we pray for our parish children as they travel along their faith journey.



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

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



Dear Father and Parish Team,

Peace and blessings to you.

As we draw closer to **World Mission Sunday on 19 October**, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks for your ongoing prayers and support. In these final days leading up to Mission Sunday, we invite your parish community to continue to pray for the **mothers and children of rural Zambia**.

We remember in a special way the **mothers who walk for days in labour** to give birth in makeshift shelters, and the **children who walk over 10 kilometres** to access education.

Your prayers are a profound act of solidarity, carrying hope and compassion across the miles.

We humbly ask that you share this intention with your parishioners in your bulletins, prayers of the faithful, or simply in moments of reflection.

Thank you for being a vital part of this journey of faith and mission. We remain grateful for your leadership and for walking with us in prayerful support.

With every blessing,

Cruz Ignatius

Province Director, VIC/TAS

Diocesan Director, Melbourne



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.

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>

**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

Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.
Response to Prayers of the Faithful
Lord hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
First Reading	Second Reading
<u>Exodus 17:8-13</u> A reading from the book of Exodus <i>As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.</i> The staff of Moses is a symbol of God's power worked through his servant, Moses. With it, Moses parted the waters of the Red Sea and led the Exodus of the people from slavery; it draws water from the rock in the desert; here it invokes God's help in the battle with the Amalekites. Holding the staff and with arms raised in intercession, God's help brings victory, even when Moses has to sit down and have others hold up his aching arms. The story is meant to set up Jesus' parable in the gospel about the need to pray continually and not lose heart. This is a lively tale of battle, but at its heart is the solemn statuesque figure of Moses standing on the top of the hill.	<u>2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2</u> A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy <i>This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.</i> The Mass has two main parts: the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist: the risen Christ is really present in both. As Vatican Council II said: <i>The Church has always venerated the divine Scriptures just as she venerates the body of the Lord, since, especially in the liturgy, she unceasingly receives and offers to the faithful the bread of life from the table both of God's word and of Christ's body</i> (DV 21). This is why the letter to Timothy says that the holy Scriptures lead us through faith to Jesus Christ. In the Scriptures, it is Christ who teaches us and guides us, who gives us the courage to refute error and, welcome or unwelcome, to proclaim God's kingdom. <i>Taken from 'Break Open the Word'</i>

The 'Exodus Community' of Heidelberg West - and feedback from recent Parish donations

1. For several years our Parish Knitting Group has contributed beautiful blankets to various needy groups, including the Catholic Charitable Organisation, the Exodus Community, based around the old Olympic Village at Heidelberg West. For this weekend and next, our 2nd Collections will help support this needy but successful Exodus Community.
- This Grass roots community established in 1998 is an open community hub, providing companionship, pastoral care and support, for especially vulnerable local people. It also advocates widely for residents experiencing Powerlessness, Homelessness, Injustice and Institutional abuse. Trained and supervised Volunteers visit households and ill residents, distribute donated-food, toiletries and cleaning products as appropriate. It runs youth groups and family camps, and conducts educational and confidence-giving programs. Overall it fosters a sense of hope and belonging. Exodus is supported by various groups including some local catholic Schools such as Marcellin & OLMC, and gives students hands-on opportunities to learn about and help support those in our community with special needs. It's a Catholic organisation, open to all.
2. Appreciative letters for 2nd Collections, include \$430.68 from Catholic Care (supporting disadvantaged/vulnerable); \$592 (International Mission Agency - Pope's Global Appeal); \$574.70 (supporting Young pilgrim participation in the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (Melbourne) ; \$870.35 National Association for Prevention of Child abuse and Neglect (NAPCAN) - **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.