



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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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

25/26th October, 2025

Communions Weekend

Our Presider today is: Fr Charles Balnaves



From the desk of the PP...

Catholic Youth Festival: that they will open themselves heart and soul to the Holy Spirit.

The 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Safeguarding Over to you! I have nothing new to say. No special events. No new rules. So ... it's "over to us" to live our lives knowing that we want all people, and especially children and the especially vulnerable, safe from harm. We have developed that culture beautifully. Praise the Lord! Keep it up!

October Rosary: Last one coming up next Thursday 29th Rosary led by Fr Charles. Start 7 pm, Zoom ID: 818 2077 7329 Passcode: 094929 ACYF!!! Australian Catholic Youth Festival. 30th Nov – 2nd Dec. acyf.org.au – We have registered 19 people, including myself. Hallelujah. We have a few more days left for people to join the group so we can register them so please keep encouraging more to join. Thank you to everyone who baked for and who bought from the "Bake Sale" last weekend. (Sorry we couldn't organise to sell at St Kevin's as well as at St Greg's.) We raised far more (\$2,978 at St Greg's and \$674.70 at St Kevin's) than I expected – you are most generous indeed – thank you again. A side benefit of the ACYF and Bake Sale is that some of our younger parishioners have learnt a lot more about organising events.

Things we do:

Hosts & Wine: I was asked recently: where do the communion hosts come from and why are they in the form we use? And where does the wine come from? The hosts we use are manufactured by the Cistercians in the United States – for practical purposes of ensuring it meets church standards, and I suspect for having a large enough business to be commercial in the world today. Why dry 'ice-cream cone' bread: for practicality of not going stale, of not making a mess that needs cleaning up. The large hosts: for visibility as we consecrate and break. The Sacramental wine (red or white) is made, under licence by the Jesuits at Seven Hills Winery in South Australia. Again – one source to ensure we can be sure of its quality and the absence of additives.

Sacrament of Anointing of the SICK: I have had two parishioners recently recoil (a strong word for a strong reaction) at the idea they might be anointed: because they associate this sacrament with dying. There is a history to that perception: a history that has no presence today. This sacrament is a beautiful sacrament of life. The sacrament can be received as often as needed from childhood through to old age. It is a Sacrament of healing; a sacrament of forgiveness; a sacrament of journeying with Christ amidst the big difficulties of life. Yes, it has a place helping us to prepare for our death. But that is a small part of its purpose and place: when you are grieving a loss; when you are approaching a major matter in life from cancer diagnosis to heart operation to moving or loss of home to becoming a parent or a carer to living with physical or mental challenges. Without trivialising the sacrament: any time you

feel your life is disrupted: seek this wonderful healing Sacrament of Anointing. And talk about this with your older relatives. Yes, once upon a time it had a strong association with death but that was a misconception with overtones of social and medical ways. Now, we understand better: this is a sacrament for living, for living well with Christ, especially for those times we are struggling.

First Communion: Please pray for the 13 young people who will receive Holy Communion for the first time this weekend. They have prepared well and are of open heart to receive the very fullness of Christ into themselves.

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

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



We pray for Better Health:

Alexandra Bateman, Alan Benn, Federico Aspromonte, Peter Ryan, Eugenia Pozzebon, Dr Noel Smyth, Louis & Angelina Amalfi, 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:

Laurie Dwyer, Gwen Reddick, Christie Cameron, Antoinette Maher, Aldo Tesa, Marco Finadri, Margaret Gaffney, Ivan Cvetko, Gustavo Gutierrez and Mary Therese McGinty.

Recently Deceased: Tim Doherty

Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this Week: For our 19 pilgrims registered to attend the Australian Catholic Youth Festival: that they will open themselves heart and soul to the Holy Spirit.



LITURGY ROSTER

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	Clarissa Budiman, Olivia Fusco, Sena Cannon	Anne Maguire Lynne O'Brien
9.15am	Tony Byrne	Charlotte Mens Oliver Mens, Valentino Del Monaco	Pat Rowland Kaye Byrne Lyn Murphy

All Souls Day – 1st/2nd November 2025

1st Read: Isaiah 25: 6-9 2nd Read: Romans 5: 5-11 Gos: Luke 7: 11-17

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Pauline Erickson	Kathy Pearce	Lawrence Cecconello Maryanne McNamara
9.15am	Carmel Purdey	Bernard Butler	Lyn Robinson Raffaella Dinelli

Feast Days this week:...

28th October Saints Simon and Jude
A tradition has Simon and Jude preaching and being martyred in Persia. Honoured among the twelve apostles, the first followers of Christ.

1st November All Saints
Honoured today are all holy men and women in glory with Christ: known or unknown, mighty or lowly, all whose lives were modelled on the Beatitudes and on the great commandment of love.



A Pastoral Letter to the Catholics of Victoria on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide

The State Government is seeking to amend Victoria's euthanasia and assisted suicide laws. If passed, the new laws would further weaken protections for vulnerable patients and reduce protections for nurses, doctors and other medical practitioners who conscientiously object. In response, the Bishops of Victoria have written a pastoral letter asking that we contact our local Members of Parliament and urge them to vote against these laws.

You can read the letter online and find out more by scanning the QR code or via: www.bit.ly/EuthanasiaBill.



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

In meditation we are totally open to God's present moment.
If we can be faithful to the practice,
our ability to love will grow,
helping us to be more loving towards others.



Our next **Parish Bookish Morning Tea** will be held on **Thursday, 13th November** at 10.00am and continues every fortnight.

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



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. Contact the office for the Zoom Link details



Little Kev's Playgroup

St Kevin's Parish Playgroup
Every Monday during School Term
8.30 am – 11 am. Begins Monday 10 February
26-44 Herlihy's Road, Lower Templestowe. In the church gathering space.

For ages 0-5 years – Registration required – \$5 entry

Connect with other parents and bring your little one for nursery rhymes, sensory play, books and more.



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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 be next series of meetings for St Gregory's and St Kevin's parish 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 to your friends that baptising their children is vitally important.



29th November 2025

3-6pm

Our Lady of Lourdes
631 High St, Prahran VIC 3181

\$15 TICKETS
CATERED BY HAP CAFE

CELEBRATE BEING A YOUNG, CATHOLIC WOMAN THROUGH THE MASS, INSPIRING STORIES, FRIENDSHIP, FORMATION & DANCE.

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St Kevin's Parish proudly extends a warm welcome to the following children who come to the Table of the Lord for the first time this weekend.

Congratulations and Welcome to:

Clarissa Budiman	Sena Cannon	Matthew Crimi	Orlando De Angelis	Valentino Del Monaco
Olivia Fusco	Sebastian Gavan	Nicholas Kral	Charlotte Mens	Oliver Mens
	Chloe Montuoro	Luka Nardelli	Aria Stoikos	

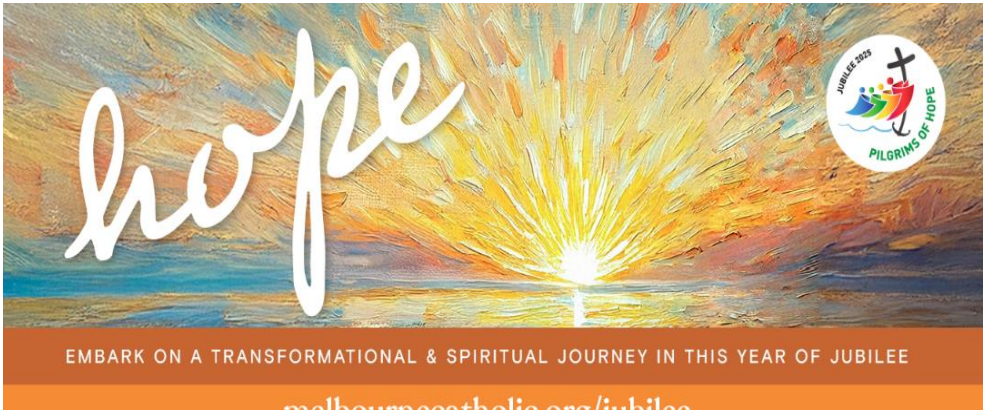


Plant Hope –
Harvest Change in Zambia
catholicmission.org.au/hope



Jubilee Year: “Hope does not disappoint” – Being Pilgrims of Hope:

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.



EMBARK ON A TRANSFORMATIONAL & SPIRITUAL JOURNEY IN THIS YEAR OF JUBILEE
melbournecatholic.org/jubilee

Responsorial Psalm

The poor one called and the Lord heard.

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
Exodus 17:8-13 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.	2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2 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>



Scotland's lead substantially cutting knife crime and youth offending. Peaceful, Just and Respectful relationships. Synodality.

(The following draws from Andrew Hamilton SJ, Jesuit Comms & Jesuit Social Services, 22 Oct 2025; Angus Delaney & Melissa Cunningham, The Age, 28 Sept 2025)

"Underlying a peaceful and just society are respectful relationships between individuals and groups within it. If we regard others as our brothers and sisters, as most religious traditions urge us to do, we may still come into conflict with one another, but we are more likely to return to accept one another. Unless we see one another as brothers and sisters, we are likely to destroy one another when we struggle for freedom or for equality." **(AH)**

Following a spiralling rise in youth crime "Glasgow police rounded up more than 100 gang members and put them in a courtroom, where the dangers of a criminal lifestyle were highlighted. Surgeons described the trauma of stab wounds. A mother spoke about the heartbreak of losing her son to gang violence. You could see some the guys in the back of the court privately crying, because whatever harm they were doing, they sort of loved their mums." Police told the young men "We know who you are, we know where you live and we could come - in and kick your doors in" - or you could engage with a special program and change your behaviour"....."We can fill the jails. I mean, you've done it in Australia, we've done it in the UK. That's not what prevents crime from happening. You have to be smarter, and so we did this very public health approach **(A.D & M.C).** Glasgow statistics show a substantial decrease in youth crime since implementing these encounter programs. What 'Synodality' has in common with the above is - seeing one another as brothers and sisters, working together, and finding new ways of being community, in a different, challenging world, firmly based on shared (faith) values. What is our attitude towards others? How do we see ourselves before God? - **John Costa SJA**

