



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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All Souls Day

1st/2nd November, 2025

Our Presider today is: Fr Anton Aseervathampillai



From the desk of the PP...

November: All Souls: Please put in your requests for November Masses for the souls of those you wish to pray for during November when we make a special effort to pray for those who have gone before us. Yellow coloured envelopes for November Masses are in the Gathering Space with a box to place them in.

October Rosary: thank you to the 20+ people each week (about 40 over the five Thursdays) who joined this real and virtual prayer. Is there an on-going prayer ministry that might form around this? Any thoughts? Please pass them to me.

ACYF!!! Australian Catholic Youth Festival. 30th Nov – 2nd Dec. acyf.org.au – We have registered 23 people – registrations are closed. We now enter a phase of making sure we have all the logistics and planning in place to keep everyone safe and having a Spirit-Filled time.

Things we do:

Sanctuary Layout: Why is the Priest to the left of the Altar and the Lectern (Ambo) to the right of the Altar (as you face the nave, the congregation)? And why is the Altar / Tabernacle / Crucifix in line?

Christ, the WORD of God is given primacy of place on the right of the Altar. The Presider is given importance but is separated from the lectern and the Altar to emphasise that he is not Christ, but presides for Christ, in the person of Christ. There is a small crucifix kept on the Altar itself to emphasise for Presider and People the one-ness of the sacrifice on the Altar and on the Cross. This layout is not mandatory, but customary – other layouts must continue to maintain the primacy of Christ and not the presider.

With the altar / tabernacle / crucifix: alignment along one axis: again, this is not mandatory, but reflects a traditional and very common layout that visibly emphasises the inextricable unity/link between Christ's offering of himself at the table; Christ dying on the Cross; and Christ present fully in the Body of Christ that is reserved in the Tabernacle. Other layouts are acceptable but should always retain clearly the primacy of Christ and his sacrifice.

Praying for the Dead: Why pray in November? And why pray at all?

November? – Because of the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls that begin the month. Pope Gregory III set All Saints Day in around 740 CE with dedication of St Peter's Basilica and the monks of Cluny started praying for the holy souls all month in the 10th Century and the practice spread. Why pray for the dead at all? – Scripture and our deep inner sense of love and reverence and respect: we have biblical roots that lie in 2 Maccabees and the New Testament affirmation of the communion of the faithful/saints as part of the Body of Christ. And it 'feels right' – it is a generous and loving thing to do so, or so it seems to me. The practice of making a donation (of cash) for the offering of Mass has nothing to do with the practice of praying. That is a gesture of thanks/generosity to the priest who offers the Mass. The church encourages that the amount be modest to avoid any sense of 'buying' the Mass or giving opportunity for the priest to become avaricious (as has happened in some times and places).

First Communion: Please pray for our First Communicant's from last weekend. The Masses went well, thanks to children and parents and more than thanks to Ana and Pam, and Dominique and Fulvia who provided the formation of the children and the preparation for the Masses. We pray that this special moment for these children is the start of a lifelong habit for each of these children as they grow and thrive in Christ.

God bless, Fr Charles

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

Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	9.15am	Mass
Monday	8.30am	Little 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, Julie-Anne Oldfield, Dylan and Shane.

Anniversaries:

Piers Clarke, Assunta Raiola, Margaret Gaffney, Marian Carol Mezzina, Pat Ford, Edith & Sydney Young, May and Lik Poon and Teresa Paolilli

Recently Deceased:

Ron Michelangeli

Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this Week: We offer our prayers in thanks for fruits of the works of the Holy Spirit that are flourishing in St Greg's and St Kevin's. And we pray that the organisers and leaders of the group provide inspired guidance.



LITURGY ROSTER

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 Ceconello Maryanne McNamara
9.15am	Carmel Purdey	Bernard Butler	Lyn Robinson Pat Rowland Raffaella Dinelli

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica – 8/9th November 2025

1st Read: Ezekiel 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12 2nd Read: 1 Corinthians 3: 9-11, 6-17 Gos: John 2: 13-22

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

Feast Days this week:...

4th November

St Charles Borromeo
Prominent in the sessions of the council of Trent and eventually became archbishop of Milan. Known for implementing the Council's reforms in liturgy, education, presbyteral formation, and diocesan organisation. Remembered as an exemplary and pastoral bishop and an ardent proponent of reform and renewal.

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

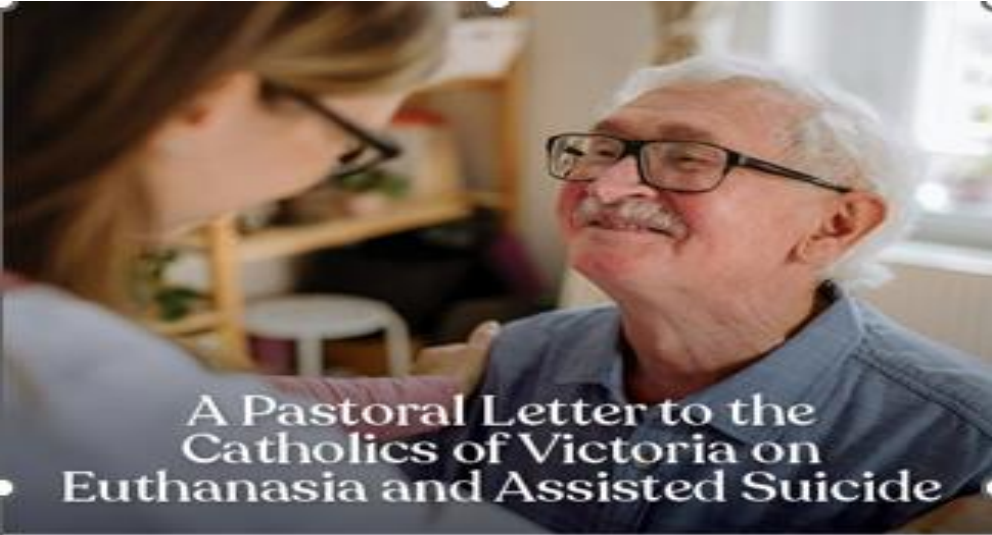
Every religion has meditation as a way to wisdom.
As we seek to follow Christ more closely through meditation, we will be led to greater respect for other religions, those who seek God with a sincere heart.

A cowboy buys a horse from the town pastor.
The pastor explains, "to make the horse go, you gotta yell, 'Thank God!' and to make it stop, yell, 'Hallelujah.'"
The cowboy rides off. He rides all day and starts to nod off in the saddle when he notices he is about to ride straight over a cliff.
Searching his memory, he yells to the horse, "Hallelujah! Hallelujah!"
The horse grinds to a stop just at the edge of the cliff.
The cowboy wipes the sweat off his forehead.
"Phew!" the cowboy sighs. "Thank God!"



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!!



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.



MEN'S SOCIAL GROUP



ST KEVIN'S PARISH, TEMPLESTOWE

The next **St Kevin's Men's Social Group** takes place on **Friday, 14th November @ 7.30pm in the Church Gathering Space**. Open to men of any age (older teenagers are welcome with their guardian) - parishioners and non parishioners alike. All welcome. Supper provided. BYO alcoholic drinks. \$8 donation suggested. For catering purposes, please ring the parish office, or email at templestowe@cam.org.au

St Kevin's Annual Bereavement Mass Thursday, 27th November @ 7.30pm

As a compassionate people, we are encouraged to come together on this important night in support of all who are grieving the death of a loved one. At this Mass, we shall also bless the plaques on our memorial wall. All are welcome, in particular those who have lost loved ones in the last 12 months.

For further information, please contact Lyn Robinson via email: lynrob73@outlook.com or mobile: 0438 078 067.

Memorial Book:

If you wish to have a relative or friend inscribed in this precious book, please fill out a form from the table in the Gathering Space and hand it into the parish office. Thank you.



In Loving Memory

Applications open for the Australian Young Catholic Women's Fellowship

The Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry is pleased to announce applications are now open for the Australian Young Catholic Women's Fellowship for 2026/2027.

The Fellowship, which is offered over a two-year period, is a key initiative reflecting the Australian bishops' ongoing commitment to formation of women for missionary leadership.

Since 2006, eight leadership programs have been successfully delivered, enabling many Australian Catholic women to be intellectually, spiritually, emotionally and personally formed for effective leadership roles in their communities.



Further details can be found on the National Centre for Evangelisation website. **Applications close November 24, 2025.**



Saturday, 1st November

Our chance to celebrate the call to holiness each of us received at Baptism.

A Mass will also be celebrated on Wednesday, 5th November at 12.30pm here at St Kevin's Church together with the whole school.

All are welcome to attend.



Sunday, 2nd November

- Vigil Mass on Saturday 1st November at 5.30pm
- Feast Day Mass on 2nd November at 9.15am
- Blessing of the graves at Templestowe and Eltham Cemeteries after 11am

International Morning Tea

Celebrating our Multicultural Parish

**Sunday 23rd November
after the 9.15am Mass**



St Kevin's is a vibrant parish that gathers people from around the world – UK, Italy, China, Vietnam, Poland, Slovenia, Malaysia, Sri Lanka – to name just a few!

Let's celebrate our diversity with an **International Morning Tea!**

Please bring a plate of food to share that reflects your origins and let's enjoy and celebrate our diversity!

MARCELLIN COLLEGE ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS

Parishioners who have lost a loved one are warmly invited to the **Marcellin College Annual Memorial Mass**:

Day and Date: Thursday 27/11/2025

Time: 7.00pm followed by a light supper in the Functions Room

Where : Marcellin College Champagnat Chapel

Address: 160 Bulleen Rd, Bulleen VIC 3105

Jubilee Year: "Hope does not disappoint" – Being Pilgrims of Hope:

A Pilgrims of Hope prayer card is 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 is my light and my salvation.

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE FEAST OF ALL SOULS DAY

First Reading

[Isaiah 25:6-9](#)

A reading from the book of Isaiah
The Lord God will destroy death for ever.
Whatever people’s tears or shame, the Lord will triumph.
The prophet imagines that, on God’s holy mountain, a great banquet will be set up. This image of the messianic banquet is one of the most inspiring images of the kingdom of God because it speaks of the promise of festivity and joy. It is inclusive of all peoples and nations. Death is undone and the funerary signs of mourning are destroyed because in God we are saved and have life.
The text finishes with an exultant hymn of joy that we are saved by the Lord.

Second Reading

[Romans 5:5-11](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
Having been justified by his blood, we will be saved from God’s anger through him.
When we sin, God does not turn away from us; no, we turn away from God who is always there reaching out towards us. The Holy Spirit pours God’s love into our hearts. That is why hope springs eternal!
The central affirmation of this reading is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. We are reconciled and saved not by anything of our own effort or merit, but purely by God’s grace.
Let us take the time to trace the line of Paul’s thought. The clearer we are in our own mind, the better we will understand the good news.
Taken from ‘Break Open the Word’



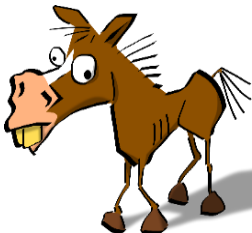
Recent Parish Visit from Nungalinga Combined Churches Training College; Ordination of another Aboriginal Catholic Deacon

Last Friday Fr Charles, Carmel Purdey and I welcomed a visit from Lucy Valentine of Nungalinga Combined Churches College Darwin which provides training for 1st Nations Christian ministers and community helpers. Fr Charles first made a connection with the college some years ago and we have since kept across their role and achievements, providing some financial support via our 2nd Collection schedule. The visit helpfully updated us on their impressive progress, and discussed connections between Catholic and 1st nations spirituality, and potential ways of powerfully communicating spirituality, visually and musically, which we will explore ahead, e.g. including for Mass on National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (NATSI) Sunday.

The Nungalinga visit turned out to be very timely. Independently, on Thursday 23 October, their former College Dean, Mr. Dean Chisholm, was separately ordained a Catholic Deacon at St Mary’s Star of the Sea Cathedral, Darwin. Appropriately, The Darwin Diocese already has an Aboriginal Diocesan Council. There are over 130,000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics in Australia. 11,000 of these are located within the Diocese of Darwin alone. Bishop Charles Gauci described the ordination as “a moment of great pride and joy for the whole Church in the Northern Territory”, noting that Dean joins a rich tradition of Aboriginal men who have answered the call to serve as permanent deacons. Dean joins five other existing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Deacons. Amongst those attending and celebrating the ordination was Sherry Balcombe, previously manager of the former

Q: How do you make a small fortune on horse racing?

A: Start with a large fortune!



A pony goes to the doctor and tells him, “Doc, I think I’m dying. I have this terrible sore throat.” The doctor assures him, “It’s okay—you’re just a little horse.”

