



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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Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

15/16th November, 2025

Our Presider today is: Fr Anton Aseervathampillai



From the desk of the PP...

33rd Sunday: The last Sunday before the Feast of Christ the King – ordinary time is drawing to a close. Our journey in life towards the end of times is drawing to a close – our journey to reflect upon our own faith and how we live it draws to a conclusion: so take a little time this weekend and in the coming week to reflect on who Jesus Christ is for you in your daily life.

ACYF!!! Australian Catholic Youth Festival: preparations well underway – keep all pilgrims to ACYF in your prayers.

Fr Charles' Retreat: I go on retreat for 5 ½ days each November. For the last quite some years I have been going to clergy retreats at Santa Casa in Queenscliff. I come partly because it is organised for clergy – start after Masses on Sunday, finish on Friday in time to get back and prepare for the weekend; and partly because it is useful and instructive to sit with other parish priests / retired priests and hear their stories of how they have resolved issues in parish life. Mostly I choose to come because I need the time to relax into my relationship with Our Lord – Christ Jesus our Messiah.

This year we have had Fr Chris Monaghan as our retreat director and he has taken us on a journey through the Year of Hope; Pope Francis and priests and priesthood; a bit on the Gospel of Matthew; fun with Leunig and his cartoons; pictures and reflections from his own work and photos from his drone; prayer in the Gospel of Luke and in Acts of the Apostles; the Gospel as a challenge that calls us into crisis, a crisis of change from what WE want to what the Gospel calls us to: to change in the core of our beings – not just with the moment of baptism, confirmation, marriage, holy orders (whichever are relevant) but throughout life. Baptism and Holy Orders particularly are said to “change” who we are deep down in the essence of our person-hood. But this change is not a one off but the start of a life of change, a life leading further and further into the love that is Christ Jesus our Lord.

It took me till day four to be relaxed and properly present. I allowed a distraction on Thursday afternoon to type these words but otherwise Thursday is for Christ. I am managing to MAKE that happen.

Thursday: 6:30 am, walking on the beach, beautiful weather – still, air 7 deg C, clear skies, beautiful sun, waves breaking, friendly dogs on the beach, slow walking soaking in the beauty of creation: and God's love touched me – calming my mind and heart to just 'be present' – what a great gift. Too often I am in a rush and don't make the time – today the rush is gone and ... God is walking with me. Hallelujah! Indeed Hallelujah!

Another day to go yet so I pray that I shall return to you with even greater openness to you and the graces you bring to the parishes with which I am entrusted as your shepherd.

Singers / Music: We are hoping to have live music at 5:30 pm Mass at least once and hopefully twice a month in future. If you have the least bit of a voice, please share it: come up to sit with the music and sing to help us all sing up. You won't be on your own and if it makes a difference the keyboard largely hides people standing behind.

More singers at 9:15 am on Sunday wouldn't go astray either. 😊

God bless, Fr Charles



In just over two weeks, we are thrilled to be welcoming 6,000 pilgrims to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Melbourne. All Melbourne parishes are invited to come along to the opening event—the Melbourne Festa—on Sunday 30 November at St Patrick's Cathedral, from 1.30pm. Come and pray before the World Youth Cross and Icon and then join the pilgrimage walk through the streets of Melbourne to MCEC. It promises to be a beautiful witness of faith!

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 with Baptism Presentation



We pray for Better Health:

Alexandra Bateman, Alan Benn, Federico Aspromonte, Peter Ryan, Eugenia Pozzebon, Dr Noel Smyth, Louis 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, Shane and Lyn Murphy.

Anniversaries:

Kim West, Karl Haussegger, Nina Luca, Wally McCormack, Bruna Niero, Assunta Raiola, Gillian Barrington and Joan Cullen.

Recently Deceased:

Fr Frank Moloney SDB

Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this Week: We pray for all those who are affected by fraud and embezzlement, that they will find the grace to forgive and that perpetrators find grace to return the stolen funds.



Feast Days this week:...

17th November

St Elizabeth of Hungary
Remembered for her good-humoured resilience in adversity and for her humility in menial service of the needy.

21st November Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

It is a celebration of Mary's presentation to God in the Temple at the age of three a non-biblical story from the apocryphal gospel of James. It celebrates Mary in her grace-filled life, wholly given over to the Holy Spirit from the time of her conception.

22nd November St Cecilia

She was named the patron of music. Remembered in tradition as a virgin, martyred for the faith.

LITURGY ROSTER

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 15/16th November 2025

1st Read: Malachi 3: 19-20 2nd Read: 2 Thessalonians 3: 7-12 Gos: Luke 21: 5-19

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Janet Parsons	Kathy Pearce	Bredenia Raquel Lawrence Cecconello
9.15am	Tony Byrne	Paul Polidano	Kaye Byrne Lyn Murphy Penny Teo

Feast of Christ the King – 22nd/23rd November 2025

1st Read: Samuel 5: 1-3 2nd Read: Colossians 1: 12-20 Gos: Luke 23: 35-43

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Pauline Erickson	Christine Marini	Maryanne McNamara Lynne O'Brien
9.15am	Frances Johnson	Carmel Shiel	Liz Polidano Carmel Purdey Adrian Teo

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 more active and busy we are,
the more important it is that we make
time for meditation.
Meditation refocuses our mind on what is truly important.

November is traditionally the month when we remember our deceased loved ones. If you would like Father to include them in our prayers, please complete the appropriate envelopes which are on the table in the Gathering Space and hand them directly to him. Thank you.



Our next Parish Bookish Morning Tea
will be held on Thursday, 20th November
at 10.00am and continues every fortnight.

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



Alpha Celebration Dinner
Come and See Night
Wednesday, 26 November
6.30 pm - 8.30 pm
St Kevin's Church, Templestowe Dinner Provided

Join us for a celebration of Alpha with fun, food and conversation.
Open to all our Alpha participants and to anyone interested in Alpha
RSVP: templestowe@cam.org.au; 9850 5983

Alpha is a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment.

Find out more at
alpha.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.**

Come Away Day

The last **Come Away Day** for 2025 will be held at Holy Cross 207 Serpells Rd. Templestowe on **WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 19th**. The theme of the day is **'ONE CANDLE LIGHTS THE WAY ...'**. This is an opportunity to rest and reflect and to focus on the deeper meaning of our life journey as we approach the time of Advent. The day's program provides opportunities for prayer, silent reflection and group interaction. All are welcome. BYO lunch. **Registration is from 9.30am**. The program concludes with a celebration of the Eucharist with a departure time of around **3pm**. The suggested cost is \$30.00 or a donation according to your means. Registration is helpful for planning purposes. For any further details contact Sr Brigid cp on bridget.m64@gmail.com.

POSITION VACANT - Office Manager

Billings LIFE – Leaders in Fertility Education, in Mont Albert Rd Surrey Hills has a casual position available for a person with computer and office management skills. The hours are 10 hours per week, working in the office on Wednesdays and from home as desired. The remuneration offered by this not-for-profit organisation is modest, but the personal rewards are enormous. The salary rate is according to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, Pastoral Associate rate of pay.

Please telephone 9802 2022 on Mondays or Thursdays for an application form or email: lynneanderson@thebillingsovulationmethod.org

**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 coming to judge the peoples
with equity.

Response to Prayers of the Faithful
Life-giving Lord, Hear our Prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
First Reading	Second Reading
Malachi 3:19-20 A reading from the prophet Malachi <i>The sun of righteousness will shine on you.</i> The short book of Malachi (the 'messenger') is trenchantly critical of the nation for failing to abide by the covenant. These five lines are from an oracle about the coming of the Day of the Lord. It will be a judgement day of burning for sinners but healing for the faithful.	2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians <i>Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.</i> The context of this letter to the Thessalonians is the Day of the Lord which they expected would come soon. The question concerns their behaviour in view of the expected return of Christ in glory. Some of them are 'disorderly' (the word ataktoi means more than 'idle'), disrupting the regular life of the community. Paul offers his own life and ministry as an example and urges them to 'go on quietly working and earning their keep'. No one is to be a burden on anyone else. In light of some of the alarmist and apocalyptic opinions present in the early Church, Paul's advice here is calming and sensible. <i>Taken from 'Break Open the Word'</i>

Social Justice Action

St Kevin's Parish, Templestowe

Australia: Model blend of First Nations Peoples, Convicts, Settlers, Refugees, Asylum Seekers - and Newborn

(Includes edited extracts from How things will change under treaty, Chip Le Grand, The Age. 1 Sept 2025). Despite current Global Unrest, Wars, Conflicts, Major Climate, Social and Technology changes and challenges, Australia has much to celebrate while moving forward as one. The centrepiece of Victoria's new treaty will at last give First Nations Peoples going back 60,000 or so years, the right to make representations to the Victorian State Government, and conduct briefings with the Victoria Police chief commissioner and state-funded service providers...This new structure is very long on empowering First Peoples in relation to their own affairs and creating decision-making mechanisms through which they can address their own issues and engage with the government and parliament,"..... "But its powers are carefully limited and circumscribed so as not to impinge upon parliament's sovereign powers to make laws and the government's capacity to govern", and provides a sound model for others.

At the same time, the Refugee Council of Australia reminds us that Australia now marks the significant milestone of the one millionth refugee arrival in Australia since WWII. Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Migrant settlers, Convicts and First Nations Peoples, and significantly newborn from all these have comprised and increasingly make us what we are and can be. This highlights the profound importance of Australia's newborn and young people to our future, including our Church, progressively equalising all while moving us forward. *John Costa, Chairperson SJA*

Archbishop's Campaign Results

We are delighted to share the wonderful success of the Archbishop's Campaign and extend our heartfelt thanks for your generosity and support.

Together, parishes across the Archdiocese have raised over \$1.1 million, including \$2,120.40 contributed by St Kevin's Templestowe Parish.

These funds will strengthen key mission areas across our Archdiocese, including the Priests Retirement Foundation, the John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, Corpus Christi College, Catholic Theological College, and the Archbishop's Evangelisation Initiatives.

Thank you for your commitment to this important mission and for expressing your faith through your generous response.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

The Archdiocese is committed to the safety, wellbeing and human dignity of children, young people and adults.