



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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Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8/9th November, 2025

Our Presider today is: Fr Charles Balnaves



From the desk of the PP...

November: All Souls: Thank you to all those who joined me in blessing the graves of those we love at Templestowe and Eltham Cemeteries as part of our commemoration of the souls of all the faithful departed.

ACYF!!! Australian Catholic Youth Festival: Apparently bookings are full: so 5000 pilgrims from across Australia will attend. An amazing eruption of the Holy Spirit is anticipated 😊 There is much work going on to prepare for the event to ensure a safe and spiritual experience so we keep the pilgrims and organisers in our prayers. And thank you to the additional donors who have added an extra \$1500 to the kitty. We will use the money wisely thank you.

Opportunities coming up:

There are numerous things on the horizon for our parishes.

We have been piloting a way of walking in discipleship with young people. A man in the US, Everett Fritz, started Andrew Ministries as a means of helping show parishes a different way of helping our young people grow into their faith. Small groups with mature people to guide them. A gathering of 5 or so young people with two leasers – each week for maybe 2 hours, from age 13 or so – to help the young people ask the questions and seek the answers THEY need.

We are looking to pilot fellowship groups over the Christmas / New Year. Groups of people gathered together for a meal, faith discussion, fellowship, sharing of challenges and joys, friendship building. We don't have a name for this, though many others do have something along these lines and call them Faith Circles, or Connect Groups, and many other things.

Possibilities for faith formation / bible study / prayer groups / devotionals / adoration, lectio divina ... all sorts of things are possible.

Please let me know, or your PPC members know, what you need for your faith to be nourished and grow and spread.

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.

Parish Forum: Please put in your diaries for 2026 that we will be holding a parish forum / assembly / gathering. It'll be about ... where we're at as St Kevin's and where we want to be and ... we don't know yet. Just so you know: expect a date somewhere in May (probably, could be a little earlier if we get our skates on organising).

God bless, Fr Charles



Remembrance Day is one of the most important days on our Australian Government's commemorative calendar. It's a day when we acknowledge those who died or suffered while serving in wars, conflicts and peace operations. Remembrance Day is held on 11 November each year. This is the anniversary of the Armistice of 1918 that ended fighting in World War I. The war didn't officially end until 28 June 1919 with the Treaty of Versailles. People in Australia and many other countries observe one minute's silence at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month because that's when the Armistice came into effect. It's a time to honour all personnel who died or suffered in the service of Australia.

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 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:

Angel Ibrahim, Giuseppina Bolzonello, Teresa Paolilli, Heather Brady and Michael Brady.

Recently Deceased:

Angelina Amalfi
Angelina's funeral will be held here at St Kevin's Church on Tuesday, 11th November at 10.30am.

Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this Week:

We pray for the future of our children as they approach the end of their school year and especially those in Grade 6 and Year 12 as they approach a significant change in their lives: that they will be open to the Holy Spirit guiding them and journeying with them.



LITURGY ROSTER

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	Daniel Marini	Margaret Turner	Lynne O'Brien Anne Maguire
9.15am	Vianney Shiel	Pauline Erickson	Frances Bettiol Carmel Shiel Tony Whelan

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 Days this week:...

10th November

St Leo the Great
Remembered for his eloquent sermons, and for the prayers he composed for the Roman liturgy.

11th November

St Martin of Tours
Remembered for his generosity to the poor, for arguing against the persecution of heretics and for his active evangelisation and pastoral care of rural areas.

12th November St Josephat
Remembered for his energetic pastoral reform and courageous ecumenism.

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

As we meditate, we set aside our egoism,
possessiveness, self-focused desires.
We leave our old ways,
our old selves and open to a new life,
a new way which is the way of God.

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, 13th 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

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.**

Prayer Service of Lament, 12 November 2025 - St Patrick's Cathedral Grounds, East Melbourne: 11.30am— 12.00pm **— An invitation from our Archbishop**

In this Year of Jubilee —a sacred time of mercy, renewal, and reconciliation — the Church is called to a deep and humble work of reparation. **I invite all those who have been affected and impacted by abuse and violence across the Archdiocese to join in a Prayer Service of Lament on Wednesday 12 November 2025, in the grounds of St Patrick's Cathedral.** This gathering expresses our shared lament for the abuse that has occurred, as well as our commitment to those who have suffered abuse within the Church in our ongoing journey of reverent listening and repentance.

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 streams make glad the city of God,
the habitation of the Most High.
Response to Prayers of the Faithful
Lord, hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE FEAST THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

First Reading	Second Reading
<u>Ezekiel 47:1-2. 8-9. 12</u> A reading from the prophet Ezekiel <i>I see water flowing from the temple and all who were touched by it were saved.</i> The final chapters of Ezekiel present his theological vision of the Temple (which in fact had not yet been rebuilt). It is a vision which carries the symbolism of an ideal relationship between God and the people. Ezekiel's extraordinary poetic imagery proposes a return to the Garden of Eden. He imagines the relationship with God in terms of streams of life-giving water. This sacred water teams with fish, fruit trees flourish along the bank, and to all it brings healing, health and new life. It becomes clear that this glorious climax to the book of Ezekiel is not describing a building but lauding the life-giving power of the Creator God whose dwelling-place is the Temple. All creatures are given fullness of life. With such vivid imagery, this text provides a wondrous proclamation of God's word for the Sunday assembly.	<u>1 Corinthians 3:9-11. 16-17</u> A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians <i>You are the temple of God.</i> Happily, this text of Paul uses the metaphor of a building to speak of community of the followers of Christ. This is just what we need to hear on the Feast of the Dedication of the Basilica of the Lateran because it celebrates the communion of the Church centred on the pope, the Bishop of Rome. It is also a message which the Church at Corinth needed to hear because of their ongoing competitiveness and rivalry. Today we celebrate a festival of the Christ-centred unity of diverse believers. Paul sees himself as the architect who laid the foundation of the community and his successors in leadership as the ones who continue the building. Christ is the foundation stone. By the Holy Spirit, God lives in this sacred temple which we are. For once, this reading from Paul uses a clear metaphor and short sentences. <i>Taken from 'Break Open the Word'</i>



Brief extracts from Pope Leo's Synodality Presentation to The Jesuits, 24 October 2025 (from americamagazine.org)

"We live in what many describe as a change of epoch, an age marked by rapid shifts in culture, economics, technology and politics. In particular, artificial intelligence and other innovations are reshaping our understanding of work and relationships, and even raising questions about human identity. Ecological degradation threatens our common home. Political systems often fail to respond to the cries of the poor. Populism and ideological polarization deepen divisions within and among nations. Many are affected by consumerism, individualism, and indifference."....."A major frontier today is the path of synodality within the Church. The synodal journey calls all of us to listen more deeply to the Holy Spirit and to one another, so that our structures and ministries may be more agile, more transparent, and more responsive to the Gospel."

Separately, and following Conclusion of the global Synod last October, Pope Francis followed by Pope Leo have made clear that while the concept of Synodality responsive to the Gospel is the way ahead for the Church, its practical implementations across the Church will vary, as does the Church itself in different places. Each of us as People of God will help create our local model of synodality. In 2026 the Melbourne Archdiocese and parishes will formally start to work synodally. So next year each one of us will be invited to contribute to St Kevin's synodal approach "open to new ways of being Church" (a process that has already well begun) - **John Costa, Chairperson, SJA**

