



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.

Year A

Fifth Sunday of Easter

2nd/3rd May, 2026

Our Presider today is: Fr Anton Aseervathampillai

Words from the desk of our PP...

St Clement's as well?

On occasion I recognise the movement of the Holy Spirit as it happens. Such a moment was when I received an email saying that Archbishop Peter would like to appoint me to be Parish Priest of St Clement's in addition to St Greg's and St Kevin's. It felt right! Difficult, complex, challenging? Yes! But 'right' – in that deep way that St Ignatius points to when discerning spirits – it fits, it follows on with the gifts and experience already given. I am humbled at the opportunity given me by the Holy Spirit to be shepherd for three such wonderful gatherings of Christ's faithful disciples.

Now as I take up the additional treasure of St Clement's, muse that I had been pondering retirement at 75 in 2027 but now ... I shall continue as long as my (currently very good) health permits. I suspect I shall be around for some time. This journey will continue to require you and I to work together collaboratively, synodally, towards the future.

If you remember Ephesians 4:1-16 where St Paul talks about charisms/gifts of the Spirit: I am Evangelist / Shepherd / Apostle / Teacher / Prophet. Evangelisation is at the heart of who I am as a priest and a disciple, but gently through shepherding not ordering; and guided by the apostolic vision of Jesus himself. So expect me to continue to seek to find ways to bring people to come to know Jesus. I don't forget that evangelisation must be grounded in the New Commandment: to love one another and I don't omit that we need to worship with excellence and reach out to the poor: but always so that we and others can come to know Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

Now, we are called to work with St Clement's as well as we follow this missionary journey.

God Bless, Fr Charles

Church / Parish Assembly May 21st 6 pm

A small group has been responding to a need across our parishes for discussions that give life to the 'Synodal Way' that Pope Francis, and now Pope Leo have discerned, with the Church, as a way of being – a way which journeys together along the way.

Initially this was St Kevin's and St Greg's and with the start of partnering with St Clement's it is now an opportunity for all three parishes to come together as 'church' and spend an evening working together with the Holy Spirit.

Date and time: Thursday 21st May, 6 – 8 pm

Place: The Clifton Centre at St Clement of Rome Parish 21 Egan Drive Bulleen.

We will share a light dinner then I will introduce the evening with a brief outline of 'being synodal' after which we will spend the rest of the time in discussions starting with 'your perception of signs of the times for our church' then looking at topics such as reaching out to the sick/elderly; engaging families of the schools; ways to listen to young people and respond; turning 'acts of kindness into missionary opportunity' – the actual set of discussions is yet to be finalised but they will be similar to these that I've outlined.

This synodal conversation will have double importance as a moment of getting to know each other as we seek ways forward. It is not intended as a forum to discuss our future together – the idea arose well before partnering as parishes became a fact. Rather it is a moment to talk in a broader way about how we exist as disciples of Christ who seek to bring his Good News to the world around us.

By next weekend we will be organised with sign-up sheets / QR codes / Trybooking so that we can get a good handle on numbers for catering purposes.

Relatively short notice I know – but an important moment for us. I encourage you to come.

God bless, Fr Charles – Parish Priest for St Greg's, St Kevin's AND now St Clement's.

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	8.30am	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:

Vin Natoli, Bob Ulehla, Dot Sharkey, Shirley Loo, Lianny Susanto, Jewly Wylie, Julie-Anne Oldfield, Dylan, Shane, Lyn Murphy, Rose Marie Cameron, Peter Zeantti, Tony Whelan, Charles, Joan & Don Tynan, Lorraine Gibson, Peter Ryan, Flavia Gazzi, Orlando Frigo, Novella Pereira and Pam Cohen.

Anniversaries:

Rosa Giannini, Lucy Molony, Silvana La Greca, Angela Hernet, Maureen Catherine Trezise, Zac Shiel, Anton Urbas, Michelle Savoy, Ken Turnham and Margaret Scott.

Recently Deceased:

Christine Land and Orazio Scaffidi (Betty Natoli's brother).



Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this Week: For our parishes of St Clement's, St Gregory's and St Kevin's, that we will allow the Holy Spirit to inspire us as we work to find ways forward that will strengthen our faith and our desire to live and spread the Good News.

LITURGY ROSTER

Fifth Sunday of Easter – 2nd/3rd May 2026

1st Read: Acts 6: 1-7 2nd Read: 1 Peter 2: 4-9 Gos: Luke 14: 1-12

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Pauline Erickson	Bredenia Raquel	Lawrence Ceconello Anne Maguire
9.15am	Tony Byrne	Marie Arbogast	Frances Bettiol Kaye Byrne Adrian Teo

Sixth Sunday of Easter – 9/10th May 2026

1st Read: Acts 8: 5-9, 14-17 2nd Read: 1 Peter 3: 15-18 Gos: John 14: 15-21

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Janet Parsons	Kathy Pearce	Lynne O'Brien Anne Maguire
9.15am	Carmel Purdey	Bernard Butler	Lyn Murphy Tony Robinson Lyn Robinson



JOHN 14:6

ALPHA CELEBRATION DINNER COME & SEE NIGHT

WEDNESDAY 20TH MAY
6.30-8.30PM
AT ST KEVIN'S CHURCH, TEMPLESTOWE
IN THE GATHERING SPACE
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: 13th May

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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

THERE'S A SEAT FOR EVERYONE





BOOKISH MORNING TEA

Our next Bookish Morning Tea is scheduled for Thursday 7th May. All are welcome to come to the Church Gathering Space on this morning at 10.00am for a chat, browse through the book swap library and a delicious morning tea!



The next **St Kevin's Men's Social Group** takes place on **Friday, 8th May @ 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 are welcome. Invite a friend, relative or neighbour along. Supper is provided. BYO alcoholic drinks. \$8 donation suggested to cover costs. For catering purposes, please contact the parish office on 9850 5983, or email templestowe@cam.org.au



CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal (previously held during the month of August).

CatholicCare Victoria is the Church's mission in action - empowering children and young people, strengthening families and individuals, providing safe housing and homelessness assistance, and supporting refugees and asylum seekers.

Your kindness and generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families in our community.

Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.

You can donate using the appeal envelope available in our parish, donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au, call (03) 9967 2515 or scan the QR Code below.



All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible.

"For I was a stranger and you welcomed me." (Matthew 25:35)



Attention all Mass volunteers.

By now you should have received by email, your dates and other information for the new roster beginning the first weekend in May. Please diarise those dates so that you know well ahead of time in order to arrange a swap if needed. If you haven't received your email, please contact Pauline on 0407 824 638.

We're counting on you:

As we enter the month of May it is time for our Annual Mass Count.

Please consider assisting with counting the number of Mass attendees.

Counters are requested to count the number of folk who are at Mass. Counting sheets are provided on the bench in the sacristy near the money bags.



THE 54TH INTERNATIONAL
**EUCCHARISTIC
CONGRESS 2028**
SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

A few weeks ago Catholic parishes across Australia united before the Eucharist, quietly and reflectively beginning the journey towards the International Eucharistic Congress, Sydney 2028.

The pilgrim week of Eucharist28 is still two years away, but the experience begins now. If hearts are to be changed, transformed and renewed through an encounter with Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist, this encounter does not wait to begin in 2028. If we are to truly believe and be sent out to bring this news to the world, this journey begins with spending time in His presence in prayer.

By arriving to our parishes early or staying late to enter into this time of prayer, we're allowing God to encounter us in a new way.

Eucharist28 marks a significant moment in the life of the Church in Australia, coinciding with the centenary of the first International Eucharistic Congress held in Sydney in 1928. More than a single event, the congress is being shaped as a multi-year national pilgrimage of prayer, formation and renewal, inviting Catholics across Australia, Oceania and beyond to rediscover the transforming power of the Eucharist.

'My hope is that people in Sydney, across Australia, Oceania and the whole world will discover for the first time, or rediscover, the joy of being nourished by Christ and be strengthened to become his presence in our communities—other Christs for the life of the world,' General Secretary for Eucharist28 Bishop Richard Umbers said.

It is hoped that Catholics across the nation may be united in prayer, asking for a eucharistic transfiguration of their own lives and communities. Each parish is invited to embrace this moment in its own way, expressing the unity in diversity that characterises the Church.

Reflecting on the spiritual impact of the congress, Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP said, 'No one should be touched by the congress and be unchanged, for no one can experience intimacy with Christ and be the same as before.'

The International Eucharistic Congress 2028 will gather pilgrims from around the world in Sydney, but its vision extends far beyond one city or one week. It seeks to renew eucharistic faith, deepen prayer and inspire a missionary spirit within the Church in Australia for years to come.



Synodality and Bishops

For priests, synodality is not an added burden but a way of exercising ministry in communion. When priests foster listening and participation, parishes become more alive, missionary and joyful. The priest presides at the Eucharist, but the whole community contributes to the Church's mission.

For information on our Parish School please contact:

St Kevin's Primary School
Phone: 9273 9999

Responsorial Psalm

Let your love be upon us, Lord,
even as we hope in you.

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Enliven us with your love, O Lord

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

A challenge is an opportunity. For the first time in the Acts of the Apostles, friction appears between two groups within the Christian community – Jewish Christians with a Greek background and those of an Aramaic tradition. It concerns the care of widows. As a result of this cultural tension, a new ministry of service emerges, leadership is broadened, and the community continues to grow.

It is ironic that the practical ministry of the Seven is meant to leave the Twelve free for prayer and preaching. In the Acts of the Apostles, we only hear again of Stephen and Philip, not in connection with their service of the needy, but only in connection with their preaching!

This is the first time in Acts that the followers of Christ are called 'disciples'. It is a community of faith. They operate collaboratively, electing their leaders and presenting them to the apostles for the laying-on of hands.

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:4-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

Christ is the cornerstone, the keystone. The cornerstone is a large solid piece that anchors the walls of a building; the keystone is the one which drops in at the top of an arch to hold the others firmly in place. A stone rejected becomes a stumbling block!

We believers are living stones, set close to Christ and making a living, spiritual house. This is an evocative image for the community of the Church. Then follow the powerful phrases: '*chosen race, royal priesthood, consecrated nation*'. They speak of the dignity of all the baptised who respond to the Easter call to go '*out of darkness into [Christ's] wonderful light*'.

The final lines are a powerful affirmation of our baptism.

Taken from 'Break Open the Word'

We support



Families & Individuals

We assist families to navigate relational challenges, parent well, increase their emotional intelligence, and find healthy ways to deal with conflict.



Young people

We support young people, including teenagers and children to improve their mental health and wellbeing, develop their education, and work towards a brighter future.



People at risk of or experiencing homelessness

We support people of all ages and backgrounds, to find and maintain long-term, safe and affordable accommodation.



Refugees & Asylum Seekers

We help refugees and asylum seekers to navigate their new environment by offering support with education, employment, English language, mental health, and housing.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

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



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