



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

Pentecost Sunday

23rd/24th May, 2026

Baptism and Confirmations Weekend

Our Presiders today are: Fr Anton Aseervathampillai (5.30pm Saturday) and Fr Elio Capra (9.15am Sunday)

Words from the desk of our PP...

Future Planning – Three Parishes Partnering

I have promised to keep you aware of planning for our future as partnered parishes. Discussions are happening – no decisions have been made. We are seeking to consult broadly.

Last Tuesday evening twenty-three members of the Parish Pastoral Councils and Finance Groups of our three parishes gathered to discuss what it means to be 'partnered parishes.' Seating was left open and to my great joy people from each parish mixed with the other parishes – getting to know each other – willing to be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

After a light dinner (thank you Maria, Carmen, Martin) we discussed three topics: Foundational Principles; What is partnering and what opportunities and fears does partnering raise? What about Mass times in the future?

The most important Foundational Principles were: Being Intentional Disciples of Christ who are open to and led by the Holy Spirit; Recognising that Fr Charles as our shepherd/pastor/parish priest must be able to be present to each community: often (and Fr Anton too); Care for each parish community; Care for our priests (Fr Anton and I); Care for each other. These are at the core of how we seek to move forwards: respectful of what we have and who we are but recognising the need for change.

About the fact of us being partnering parishes the most important things raised were: realising it is our choice how we respond to and approach change; fear of losing "parish identity" but having the will and capacity to enable growth together that retains the identity of each parish; being intentional in moving ahead together; sharing leadership; collaborating in ministries. There were more things raised but these capture the scope with the focus being that partnering has the capacity to result in mission renewal, growth in efforts and renewal of our faith.

Mass times for the future. An emotional subject. Mass times have been in place for decades (mostly). But we have three Masses at 5:30/6.00 pm and three Masses at 9:00/9:15 am. Three Masses / two priests: impossible!

The ongoing regular use of supply priests is not possible for two reasons. Most importantly: it would negate a foundational principle: Fr Anton and I would not be present regularly/reliably. And practically, supply priests are not easily available now and doubly not on an ongoing basis.

What to do? We canvassed adjusting Mass times to provide a gap of at least 40 minutes from the end of one Mass to the start of the next. We also canvassed the possibility of cancelling one or two Masses. Fr Anton and I would prefer not to cancel Masses but it needs proper consideration. More work and discussion is needed! I would hope that we can reach a decision, with your input, and implement changes starting in July. It is not far away but we cannot shy away from the reality of who we are: St Gregory's, St Kevin's, St Clement's! Partners! One Parish Priest.

I am open to your comments – in person; via email to the parish offices; via your Parish Pastoral Council members. Finally, you will find that in the period May/June I may not be at your Mass very often – that is the result of the commitments there are across the parishes and our reliance on supply at present with the current Mass schedule. Please know that you are not forgotten, you are in my prayers.

Confirmations:

We keep in our prayers the 12 candidates who will be Confirmed this weekend on Sunday afternoon – by our long-term friend: Bishop Les Tomlinson. Confirmation fills us with the Holy Spirit and enlivens us to burst forth with joy at the wonder of Jesus the Christ.

God bless, Fr Charles

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

Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	9.15am	Baptism 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, 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, Pam Cohen and Georgette Taouk.

Anniversaries:

Anne Strickland, Rosa Giannini, Val Byrne, John Norman, Geraldine Dalla Riva, Maureen Whyte, Vince Materazzo, Salvatore Lo Monaco, Peter Joseph Niero and John Balnaves.

Recently Deceased:

Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this Week:

That each of us will remain open to the movement of the Holy Spirit and willing to act on the surprises it leads us to.



Feast Days this week:...

25th May Our Lady, Help of Christians
The first Australian provincial synod held in Sydney in 1844 placed the Church in Australia under Mary's patronage invoked by the title Help of Christians. The solemn feast is an occasion to seek Mary's help and protection for our Church and nation.

26th May St Philip Neri
An outstanding proponent of Church reform after the Council of Trent. Worked among the young and the poor in Rome and founded the Congregation of the Oratory. Remembered as a spiritual director, for his pastoral initiatives and for his humour, simplicity and charity.

LITURGY ROSTER

Pentecost Sunday – 23rd/24th May 2026

1st Read: Acts 2: 1-11 2nd Read: Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13 Gos: John 20: 19-23

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Fiona Watson	Fiona Watson	Lynne O'Brien Maryanne McNamara
9.15am	Miriam Ayoub	Phil Brooks	Carmel Shiel Pat Rowland Frances Bettiol

Trinity Sunday – 30th/31st May 2026

1st Read: Exodus 34: 4-6, 8-9 2nd Read: 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13 Gos: John 3: 16-18

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Bredenia Raquel	Margaret Turner	Lawrence Ceconello Anne Magire
9.15am	Jessica Bartholomeusz	Carmel Shiel	Frances Bettiol Penny Teo Liz Polidano



The National Reconciliation Week (NRW) 2026 theme, All In, is a call for all Australians to commit wholeheartedly to reconciliation every single day.

Next weekend we will be celebrating National Reconciliation Week (NRW) in our liturgies at here St Kevin's.

It is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to recommit ourselves to reconciliation and the fight for First Nations justice in Australia.

On Wednesday, 3rd June we celebrate

St Kevin's Feast Day

Saint Kevin of Glendalough (c. 498 – June 3, 618) was an Irish saint and the founder of the monastery at Glendalough in County Wicklow, Ireland. He is known for his hermit lifestyle, miraculous deeds, and his role as one of the patron saints of Dublin. His life is deeply intertwined with the natural beauty of the Wicklow Mountains, and he is celebrated for his spiritual contributions and monastic foundations. His feast day is observed on June 3.

A special commemorative Mass will be celebrated on this day at 10.00am together with the schoolchildren. All are welcome to attend.



Social Justice Action

St Kevin's Parish, Templestowe

St Kevin's Social Justice Action Group in conjunction with CatholicCare Victoria will conduct a WINTER COAT DRIVE during the month of May.

We are collecting warm, clean coats, jackets, beanies and wool blankets (not quilts) for refugees, asylum seekers and other vulnerable people.

There is a collection basket in the Gathering Space during May.

Any queries to Carmel Purdey: carmelpurdey@gmail.com

We thank you in anticipation of your support.



BOOKISH MORNING TEA

Our next Bookish Morning Tea is scheduled for Thursday 4th June (please note change of date). 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!

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.



Day of Solemnity

On **Monday, 25th May**, we celebrate the **Feast Day of Our Lady, Help of Christians Patron of Australia**

Special Masses will be celebrated on this day at St Gregory the Great Church at 9.00am and 6.30pm.
All welcome.



We pray for these young people in our Parish as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend.

Confirmation is conferred by Bishop Leslie Tomlinson

*Cleo Abel
Mackenzie Anderson
Adele Cappellotto*

*Lacey Clarke
Kate Harman
Leon Iacobucci*

*Milana Nunziato
Imogen Paterson
Isobel Paterson*

*Mia Purcell
Alyssa Russo
Arthur Scully*

Congratulations Children!

St Kevin's Parish warmly welcomes through the Sacrament of Baptism...



*Leo James Connell
son of
Dean and Vanessa
little brother of Sophie*

We warmly welcome Peter, Suzanne, Michael and Kevin as guest musicians at St Kevin's!

They have worked with Anne and Roger for many decades in music ministry, and we are very grateful that they have offered to share their gifts with us. They will be supporting our Confirmation candidates and will also help lead the music at the 9:15am Mass.

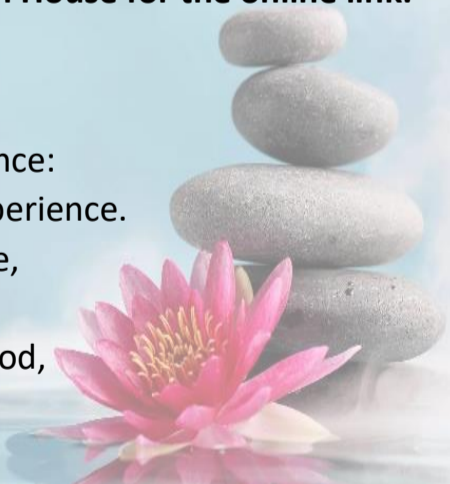
We thank them for their generosity and look forward to welcoming them into our parish community.

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 become aware of God's Presence: not 'out there' but as an inner experience. We live in this presence more sure, more hopeful, stronger. We draw closer and stronger to God, to his goodness, compassion and justice.



Help Please with Church Flowers!

The ladies arranging the church flowers would greatly appreciate some assistance please.

The commitment would only be for 2 weeks every 2nd month.

The cost of the flowers can be reimbursed. Please contact the parish office or speak to Carmel Shiel at church.



MEN'S SOCIAL GROUP



ST KEVIN'S PARISH, TEMPLESTOWE

The next **St Kevin's Men's Social Group** takes place on **Friday, 8th June @ 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. \$10 donation suggested to cover costs. For catering purposes, please contact the parish office on 9850 5983, or email us at templestowe@cam.org.au



Vinnies

Winter Appeal



What synodality is NOT

Synodality is not about changing doctrine according to popular opinion. The faith handed down through the centuries is not negotiable. What synodality seeks to renew is how we live, communicate and embody that faith in changing times.

For information on our Parish School please contact:

St Kevin's Primary School
Phone: 9273 9999

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, send out your Spirit,
and renew the face of the earth.

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, graciously hear us.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF PENTECOST SUNDAY

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

Significant moments of revelation are often accompanied by momentous signs. Think of Moses on Mt Sinai, the baptism of Jesus or his transfiguration. Thunder, lightning, cloud, smoke, fire and trumpet blasts, all have testified to God's might and majesty. The descent of God's Spirit on the apostles and their friends is no exception. There is a powerful and noisy wind, tongues of fire, and the strange manifestation of the Spirit's 'gift of speech'. The excitement of the event means the reading is not dull.

Pentecost is a pivotal event in the transition from Christ to the Church. As the Holy Spirit transforms the disciples, so the Spirit transforms us. This reading aims to set the listeners' hearts on fire with the Holy Spirit. They too should be amazed and astonished! This text has passion and energy.

The reading is important and confidently comes to a strong conclusion.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

The Corinthians were competitive and this led to rival factions which created division in the community. Here Paul acknowledges a variety of gifts but points out that they are all works of service for building up the community. They all come from the same Spirit.

He then uses the image of the body to repeat that this variety should work for unity not fragmentation. While different parts of the body have different functions, they are all part of the one body and work together.

Then he applies it to the community: all are baptised in the one Spirit, Jews and Greeks, slave and free. We are one in Christ.

The message is clear. The phrases are short. It should not be difficult to understand this well.

Taken from 'Break Open the Word'

Save the Dates

June Parish Seminars 2026

Celebration of the Mass is our central action of worship wherein we seek a close communion with God and our community.

The previously planned and eagerly anticipated seminars on the Mass were postponed and have now been rescheduled.

All are welcome to attend!

Fr. Frank O'Loughlin, retired priest, author and theologian, will lead us in better understanding the structure and purpose of the Mass as the central act of faith in our Catholic tradition.

Session 1:

Exploring the fundamental shape of the Mass.

Saturday June 6, 10.00am to 1.00pm.

Session 2:

Gaining a richer understanding of the Mass.

Thursday June 18, 7.00pm to 9.00pm.

Both sessions will be held in St Gregory the Great Church gathering space to ensure we have a relaxed space that is large enough for all.

Father Frank will provide a rich encounter with the Mass and put into context your important role within it. He is an engaging presenter, willing to discuss any questions you may have. His presentations and his answers arise from his experience as a priest, a renowned theologian, and an adult educator. He has researched and taught in the areas of fundamental theology, sacramental theology and liturgy in the Archdiocese of Melbourne for the last 50 years. In recent years he has published several books.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

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