



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

Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

30th/31st May, 2026

National Aboriginal Reconciliation Week

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

Words from the desk of our PP...

Pentecost Retreat in the Holy Spirit

About 130 people (mostly from St Greg's and only some from St Kevin's and St Clement's due to poor advertising and late advice there) plus 15 organisers gathered on the eve of Pentecost Sunday, to spend a day with the Holy Spirit. Numbers alone tell us the Spirit was moving. People were enthralled: Deacon Malcolm and Adi Hendaro and the other 13 musicians and organisers were not wasting their time. I spent the morning in the retreat which was for me a period of quiet and contemplation. I spent the afternoon tied up seeking ways to get a magpie out of St Greg's church – parish life is never dull.

Future Planning – Three Parishes Partnering – Mass Times

The small group of people (equal representation across the three parishes) advising me on our ways forwards in partnering of our parishes, met this past Tuesday. We reflected on the outcomes of the gathering of leadership groups across the three parishes, and considered next steps in the journey.

A first and essential step is to look at Mass times in each of the parishes. Two options are being considered:

(1) Adjust evening Mass times at St Clement's and St Greg's and remove the 9:00 am Mass at St Greg's

(2) Remove the 5:30 pm Mass at St Clement's and the 9:00 am Mass at St Greg's.

(St Kevin's only recently merged two Masses on Sunday morning.)

We agreed on a plan for the next two weeks:

1. There is a survey available asking you to choose between the two options for future Masses and provide your thoughts.

Please:

a. use the QR the code located here / or use the paper copy inserted in this newsletter / or go to our parish website for a link / email your parish office / and

b. choose and comment in the survey and return it as soon as possible during the coming ten days.

c. pray for the needs of the parish – imagining how to partner and addressing how to participate in Mass vibrantly when we have only two priests.

2. Meet as three parishes. Put aside 6 – 7:30 pm on June 11th at the Clifton Centre at St Clement's, 9-21 Egan Drive Bulleen.

That evening, we will hold a gathering of as many of you from St Greg's, St Kevin's and St Clement's who wish to come. An opportunity for you all to come and share your thoughts on what partnering of our parishes means to you; what fruits you would like to see arise from our partnering; and share thoughts about the options for Mass times.

3. The small support group helping me guide this process will meet on Friday 12th June and finalise the Mass schedule with the aim of implementing it from the weekend of 4th / 5th July. This Mass schedule will be reviewed after three months to see if it is working well in providing for your spiritual needs and allowing myself and Fr Anton to remain capable and to be properly present for you. After this, further changes may need to be made if this schedule proves impractical.

Confirmations:

Our children received the gifts of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday afternoon. An awesome moment – a moment to treasure. It opens for them as it opens for us the promise of guidance to discern God's will in everything we do.

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	8.30am	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:

Aidan Balnaves, Charles Reames, Rosario Scaffidi, Maureen Whyte, Maria Beiza Rosales, Laura Torre, Giovannina Mazzei, Marjorie Miller and Michael Sloane.

Recently Deceased:

Giovanni (John) Marrari

Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this Week: The world is in turmoil and hard-heartedness seems rife:

we pray that we are graced to be open to the green shoots of life that surround us every day in our own lives and communities.



Feast Days this week:...

1st June St Justin

Remembered for his reasoned defence of Christian belief and practice and for the ultimate witness given by his martyrdom.

3rd June St Charles Lwanga

and Companions

Remembered for the heroic calm of their fidelity to Christ.

5th June St Boniface

Remembered as a determined missionary and as a Church organiser and reformer whose work shaped the future of Europe.

LITURGY ROSTER

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

Body & Blood of Christ – 6/7th June 2026

1st Read: Deuteronomy 8: 2-3, 14-16 2nd Read: 1 Corinthians 10: 16-17 Gos: John 6: 51-58

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



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

This weekend we celebrate 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.



BOOKISH MORNING TEA

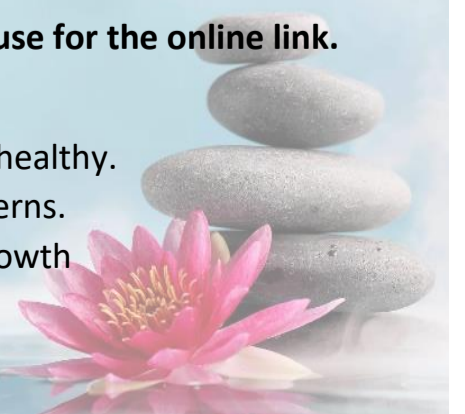
Our next Bookish Morning Tea is scheduled for Thursday 4th June. All are welcome to come to the Church Gathering Space on this morning at 10.00am for a chat, browse through the book swap library and a delicious morning tea!

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

Meditation is about keeping our spirit healthy. We go beyond ourselves and our concerns. Through meditation we are open to growth in truth, love, justice and hope.



On Sunday, 21st June, we will be holding a

COMMUNITY MARKET DAY

We are inviting all parishioners to donate something you may think may be of interest for others to purchase.

The items can be anything from unwanted gifts (one person's rubbish is another's reward), freshly baked goods and anything you may want to purchase to donate.

Donations can be made either directly at the Parish Office or placed in the white laundry basket in the Church Gathering Space.

We will then sell everything after Mass on **Market Day** for good prices and all the money we raise will go to the Craft Group Ladies for more wool, and to the Community Cupboard.

Share the Light of Christ Corpus Christi Procession Sunday 7 June 2026 – Begins 2pm at St Patrick's Cathedral. Concludes at Federation Square

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Archbishop Comensoli says in his Easter Message, 'We are called not only to receive Christ's light but to rediscover its wonder – and to bear that light for others'.

All parishes, communities and families across the Archdiocese, you are invited to join Archbishop Comensoli at the Archdiocesan Melbourne Corpus Christi Procession on Sunday 7 June 2026, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Feast of Corpus Christi).



The next **St Kevin's Men's Social Group** takes place on **Friday, 12th 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

Come and delve into "The Mass" with Fr Frank O'Loughlin

We are looking forward to welcoming you into the conversation with Fr Frank on June 6. The previously planned and eagerly anticipated seminars on the Mass were postponed and have now been rescheduled.

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, Mass will be celebrated at 9.30am and the seminar will begin at 10.00am to 1.00pm.

Lunch provided.

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. Father Frank will provide a rich encounter with the Mass and put into context your important role within it.

Please RSVP to Mary Tonti-Filippini mary.tontif@gmail.com or Carmel Purdey carmelmpurdey@gmail.com



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In two weeks, we will share the story of Yamikani*, a young boy in rural Malawi whose daily journey to school is filled with hardship.

You will also meet Fr Matthew Semba who is leading a project to build a new school close to home, so children like Yamikani can learn safely and begin to imagine a future beyond survival.

Through your prayers and support, you are part of this mission, helping to ensure that no child is left behind.

To learn more about Catholic Mission and our work, please go to catholicmission.org.au/united.

*Name changed for privacy



Synodality and unity

Walking together does not mean everyone thinks the same way. The Church has always held unity alongside diversity. Synodality helps us learn how to disagree respectfully, discern patiently, and remain united in Christ even amid differences.

For information on our Parish School please contact:

St Kevin's Primary School

Phone: 9273 9999

Responsorial Psalm

Glory and praise for ever!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, we pray you hear us.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF TRINITY SUNDAY

First Reading

Exodus 34:4-6. 8-9

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving.

Some time after Moses' encounter with the Lord God in the burning bush and the establishment of the covenant between God and the people, the people are unfaithful – they make and worship a golden calf. Moses pleads with God on their behalf.

God agrees to write the commandments again on new tablets of stone and Moses carries them up Mt Sinai first thing in the morning. God passes before him affirming that indeed he, the Lord, is a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.

This renewal of the covenant takes place in mystery on top of Mt Sinai surrounded by cloud. Then Moses worships God and begs forgiveness.

God's self-revelation is the centre of this reading and is proclaimed with warmth and expansive solemnity. The aim is to open up for people today an encounter with God in mystery.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

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

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

This is the conclusion of Paul's second letter to the Church at Corinth. It ends with a blessing in trinitarian form: grace, love and fellowship of Christ, God and the Spirit. It is a greeting we use often at the beginning of Mass.

Paul prays that the God of love and peace will be with them. Encountering the God of mystery and love has consequences. We ourselves need to grow and be joyful. We need to be united and help one another. Acknowledging that love is at the centre of the triune God impels us to live in love.

Taken from 'Break Open the Word'

Social Justice Action

St Kevin's Parish, Templestowe

Managing the risk evolving technology poses to Human Dignity, Justice, and Labour

(includes edited Extracts from The Vatican, America Magazine, CAM, NYT,)

On May 25, Pope Leo XIV formally presented his first encyclical (a Papal Letter to all) **Magnifica Humanitas**, significantly dated 15 May, a document focused on the protection of the human person in the age of artificial intelligence. As a "sign of the times" it was presented alongside Christofer Olah, a major AI developer who spoke jointly, in a symbolic gesture of dialogue between leaders of spiritual and technological worlds. While emphasising that "technology should not in itself be considered as a force antagonistic to humanity" he further wrote that "the pursuit of greater profits cannot justify choices that systematically sacrifice jobs".

Pope Leo XIV's Encyclical was significantly signed the very same date on the 135th anniversary of Pope Leo XIII's famous 15 May encyclical "Rerum Novarum," responding to upheaval of the Industrial Revolution, considered the beginning of the church's modern social justice teaching. Beyond AI, the Document helpfully can more broadly guide discussion on concerns about technology pressures in modern life - **John Costa SJA**



COMMUNITY MARKET DAY

AFTER MASS ON SUNDAY JUNE 21ST

Parishioners are invited to donate items others may enjoy, such as unwanted gifts, baked goods, or newly purchased items.

Please drop donations at the Parish Office or in the white laundry baskets in the Church Gathering Space.

All money raised will support the Knitting Ladies with wool supplies and the Community Cupboard.



Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

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