



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

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

13/14th June, 2026

Baptism Weekend

Our Presider today is: Fr Charles Balnaves

Words from the desk of our PP...

Ordinary Time

We have finished all the special celebrations of Easter and Trinity and Body and Blood of Christ and Sacred Heart. We are back in 'ordinary time.' Not ordinary = boring. But Ordinary in the sense of the day to day living of our lives as we head towards eternal life, the second coming of Jesus Christ. It is in Ordinary Time, the day to day living of our lives, that choosing to be intentional disciples of Jesus Christ translates into how we act as Christ in the world, worship with enthusiasm, help the poor and needy, and invite people to come and know Jesus. I look forward to living this journey of faith with you.

Mass Times

Nearly 300 responses to the survey – thank you – that is amazing. The results form part of the discussions at the three-parishes forum on 11th June and in other discussions after that. I plan to make a decision about Mass times by next week so that we can plan to have our new Mass schedule from the first Sunday in July for a trial period of 6 months.

To ensure I have the best advice possible, I have had discussions with groups across our three parishes, with our regional bishop and with others who have experience in partnering parishes and the need for adjusting Mass times. I know the Holy Spirit is guiding us in this. Once this is in place we will be able to focus on the longer-term realities of being partnered parishes.

There may be a change in Mass times. I know it will be difficult to accept – but it is essential so that we can act effectively for the greater glory of God and the change is being led by the Holy Spirit.

Also, after some weeks of the current weekday Mass schedule, it is proving to be unsustainable. I am currently considering what might constitute a sustainable set of Masses which can consistently meet the needs of our parishes and our schools. I plan to implement changes at the same time as the changes to Weekend Masses.

Safeguarding our Children and others

A Reminder: Safeguarding our children and other vulnerable people is MANDATORY!

- Christ says it (love one another).
- Archbishop Peter says it (again and again).
- Pope Leo says it (and Pope Francis and Pope Benedict too).
- The criminal law of Victoria says it.

If you volunteer in any way in the church: you MUST have a Working with Children Check. You must sign the Code of Conduct. You must sign your position description. You must do the Safeguarding Essentials training. These are not onerous (though getting the WWCC can be a bit tedious).

Thank you to the hundreds of you across our three parishes who are compliant.

For those who are NOT compliant: please – act now – make the effort. I shall soon be going through our lists of volunteers and will remove those who are consistently non-compliant.

We are doing well with a Safeguarding culture. We need to continue to improve. We need to be 100% compliant and even more important we need to be 100% willing to be people who consciously do what is required to keep our children and vulnerable people safe.

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, Flavia Gazzi, Orlando Frigo, Novella Pereira and Georgette Taouk.

Anniversaries:

Monique Daisy Chong, John Dickenson, Fortunata Butta, Kevin Cheng Shou Kong, Mary Norman, Stephen Kenshole, Mario & Rose Pennisi and Marco Raiola.

Recently Deceased:

Hanz Vaitilingum, Margaret Mathai and Gerry Bond.



Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this Week:

In thanks for the blessings the Holy Spirit has poured upon our partnering parishes through the people he has called to follow him.

LITURGY ROSTER

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – 13/14th June 2026

1st Read: Exodus 19: 2-6 2nd Read: Romans 5: 6-11 Gos: Matthew: 9: 36-10: 8

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Tasha Vercauteran		Lawrence Ceconello Anne Magire
9.15am	Tony Byrne	Marie Arbogast	Kaye Byrne Pat Rowland Carmel Shiel

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 20th/21st June 2026

1st Read: Jeremiah 20: 10-13 2nd Read: Romans 5: 12-15 Gos: John 10: 26-33

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Ana Saro	Margaret Turner	Lynne O'Brien Maryanne McNamara
9.15am	Carmel Purdey	Bernard Butler	Adrian Teo Frances Bettiol Mary Waddick

The seed is
the word of
God, Christ
is the sower.

All who come
to him will
live for ever.



**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.

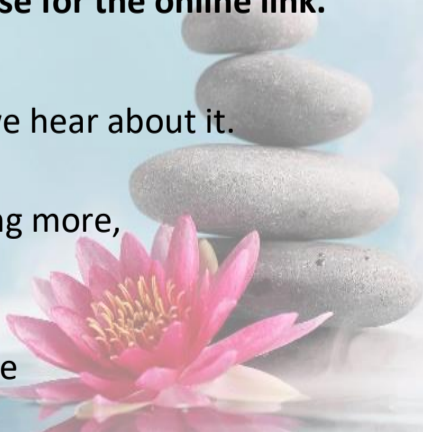
All welcome

Some of us start to meditate because we hear about it.

We are half-interested in it.

Then gradually we experience something more,
desire for more.

When that happens,
the first step is made into God's lifeforce
in Meditation.



BOOKISH MORNING TEA



Our next Bookish Morning Tea is scheduled for Thursday 18th 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!

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.

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



Eloise Grace Butterworth

Daughter of
Jamie and Laura

Little sister of
Claire, Hunter, Mason and Riley

The MASS / Fr Frank: We had a marvellous session with Fr Frank O'Loughlin last Saturday. He spoke about the source of the Mass and how it has come about and why it is the way it is – and the fifty people listening were held enraptured. It was truly worthwhile and he answered all the questions that people had.

A second session will be held on the 18th of June 7-9 pm (see below) – taking our understanding of the Mass more deeply.

You can still sign up for that session – the first session is not a pre-requisite.

Please sign up – and come along. Understanding the Mass more deeply will help all of you to pray the Mass more fully, consciously and actively.
God bless, Fr Charles

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

We are looking forward to welcoming you into conversation with Fr Frank. **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.

Gaining a Richer Understanding of the Mass - Thursday June 18, 7.00pm to 9.00pm.

This will be held in St Gregory the Great Church Gathering Space. Fr 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 carmelpurdey@gmail.com

Day of Solemnity...



On **Wednesday 24th June**, we celebrate the **Nativity of St John the Baptist**. Masses will be celebrated at St Gregory The Great Church at 9.00am and here at St Kevin's Church at 7.00pm. All welcome.

The **Come Away Day program** is a long - time retreat and reflection ministry at Holy Cross. The next **Come Away Day** for 2026 will be held at Holy Cross on **WEDNESDAY JUNE 24th**. The theme of the day is **'Called to embrace the Mystery of the Heart'**.

As we celebrate the winter month of June, the traditional month of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we reflect on how we may deepen our understanding and experience of the Mystery of Divine Love today. We have an opportunity to rest, reflect and focus on the deeper meaning and call of our heartfelt yearnings in our own life journey and how we respond.

The day's program provides opportunities for prayer, silent reflection and group interaction in the beautiful grounds and facilities of Holy Cross. All are welcome. Just come as you are. **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. Please put this Date in your Diary and consider inviting a friend along to share the Come Away Day experience this year. Everyone is welcome.



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Synodality Begins Locally

Synodality is lived first in parishes, schools, families and communities.

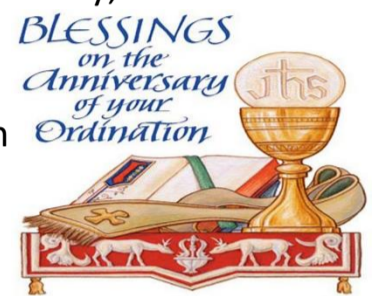
When people feel heard and valued locally, the Church becomes more credible and more missionary.



to our wonderful and hard-working Parish Priest, Fr Charles Balnaves who celebrates his 74th birthday on Friday, 26th June.

AND

Congratulations to Fr Charles on the occasion of his 11th Anniversary of Ordination to Priesthood on Saturday, 27th June.



Celebrations to commemorate these important milestones include:

- * A celebratory morning tea here at St Kevin's after the 9.15am Mass on Sunday morning 14th June.
- * A celebratory morning tea at St Clement of Rome after the 9.00am Mass on Sunday morning 21st June.
- * A celebratory morning tea at St Gregory the Great after the 10.30am Mass on Sunday morning 28th June.

Happy Birthday and Congratulations Fr Charles!

Thank you for all that you do for us and for our parishes.

This week, you are invited to partner with Catholic Mission and the Church in Malawi as we support families rebuilding after devastating floods and help children access education close to home.

Through projects like St Peter's Nyamikuta Primary School, the Church is creating a place where children can learn, be nourished, and grow with dignity, regardless of their background or beliefs.

As we celebrate 100 years of World Mission Day, we are reminded by Pope Leo XIV that we are 'One in Christ, United in Mission'.

Join with us in celebration and action by supporting this work with a compassionate gift. Use the provided appeal envelope, scan the QR code, or visit catholicmission.org.au/unity to make a difference today.

For information on our Parish School please contact:

St Kevin's Primary School

Phone: 9273 9999

Responsorial Psalm

We are his people:
the sheep of his pasture.

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Compassionate Lord, hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Exodus 19:2-6

A reading from the book of Exodus

You will be a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.

Moses and the people are gathered at the holy place of Mount Sinai where God established the covenant with them. The people are called to recognise and accept God's protection and to live accordingly as a consecrated nation. The image of a 'kingdom of priests' expresses this relationship strongly if somewhat ambiguously.

Under the new covenant in Christ, St Peter applied this promise to the Christian community (1 Pet 2:9) and, 2000 years later, Vatican Council II developed the idea of the baptismal priesthood, common to all the faithful (LG 10). This is the basis for our sharing in the mission of Christ.

The phrase '*I have carried you on eagle's wings*' is a familiar and reassuring line from church music. In proclaiming this text, the listener should be warmly assured of God's love and care.

Second Reading

Romans 5:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

We have been reconciled to God through the death of his Son; we are saved by his life.

Parts of this reading can mislead: when we sin, God is not angry with us; God is not our enemy. Rather Paul is saying that God loves us even while we are sinning! We may be estranged by sin but we have already been reconciled by Christ.

So even while we are sinners, God is loving us, Christ is dying for us, we are being reconciled. God is always reaching out with mercy to save us. This is the source of our joyful trust in God. Reconciliation is God's work, not ours.

It is important that this message is clearly understood.

Taken from 'Break Open the Word'

Social Justice Action

St Kevin's Parish, Templestowe

As promised in last Newsletter: Further good news, and Food for thought!

Beyond an extraordinary single \$40 million donation to Motor Neurone Disease research, the overwhelming public response in so many other ways to Neil Daniher's Premature MND death speaks loudly about the importance of creating awareness - and responding. While the capacity of our small Parish is limited, all helps when combined with the efforts of others. Further to our recent 2nd Collection *Cash* donation to Catholic Care, they gratefully responded "The compassionate support from your parish community will help turn fear into stability, isolation into connection, and despair into hope."

This weekend's scripture focus on "missionary disciples", calls and commissions us to share in God's Mission, "promoting justice, healing and wholeness". Pope Leo's recent Encyclical on the benefits and risks of AI also expresses concern with the "normalisation of war" (Nos. 189-192). "*When historical memory fades and the ethical principles that protect civilians and the most vulnerable are weakened, it becomes easier to justify violence as necessary, inevitable or even 'sanitized'*". He similarly observes, "*Today, however, we are witnessing a real paradigm shift in public discourse and in decisions regarding rearmament, with a troubling revival of war as an instrument of international politics, while the very ethical principles that had previously limited its use are being eroded*" (No.190). This reaffirms the approach of locally talking, reflecting faithfully, then considering action as appropriate, which is at least the Parish aspiration of SJA.

John Costa SJA

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

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