



# St Kevin's Catholic Parish

26-44 Herlihys Road, Templestowe Lower  
Weekend Mass times: 5.30pm Saturdays, 9.15am Sundays



## Other Weekend Mass Times

**St Clement of Rome:** 5.00pm Saturdays

9.00am and 11.00am-(in Italian) Sundays

**St Gregory the Great:** 6.30pm Saturdays

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

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

27/28<sup>th</sup> June, 2026

**Our Presider today is:** Fr Paul Connell

### *Words from the desk of our PP...*

#### REMINDER:

Most Masses remain at the same time and location. BUT: next weekend the new schedule starts July 4/5<sup>th</sup>.

#### New weekend Mass times are:

St Clement of Rome Bulleen: 5.00pm Saturday (not 5:30pm) and 9.00am and 11.00am-(in Italian) Sunday.

St Gregory the Great Doncaster: 6:30pm Saturday (not 6:00pm) and 10.30am Sunday. There is no 9:00am Mass.

Other Masses remain unchanged.

I shall be celebrating all the English Masses for St Clement's and St Gregory's in the first week with the new times.

And the new weekday Mass schedule begins also from 7<sup>th</sup> July.

#### Weekday Mass times:

Tuesdays: St Clement of Rome Bulleen 9:15am-(in Italian) / St Kevin's Templestowe 9:15am

Wednesdays: St Clement of Rome Bulleen 9:15am (occasionally with the school)

Wednesdays: St Gregory the Great Doncaster 6:30pm (especially for workers who cannot attend Mass during the day)

Thursdays: St Kevin's Templestowe 9:15am

Fridays: St Gregory the Great Doncaster 9:00am (with Grs 3-6 from School)

#### **Becoming Partnered Parishes**

Discussions about new Mass times have dominated our thinking (my thinking I suppose) because the changes needed to be implemented quickly.

But! Partnering is about much more than adjusting Mass times.

Partnering is about deliberately looking to see what things we can do together. Things that will help us to flourish in faith, grow in our outreach to the needy, and be a welcoming and invitational people who seek to share the basic truth that through Jesus Christ we are brought into the Father's loving embrace.

Already, we plan to work together on our Safeguarding efforts; and we've agreed to have regular joint meetings of the three Parish Pastoral Councils. Our Alpha group is considering using the Clifton Centre (St Clement's); people from all three parishes came to Fr Frank O'Loughlin's talks; and I've had a request to organise training for lectors/readers and for those who assist in distributing Holy Communion.

Over time, we will be sharing and planning events together that will help each parish grow in all facets of following Christ's command to love others as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit loves us.

Please put forward your ideas about what you would like to see happen and let's see where we head.

#### **Community Market**

\$1600 was raised. Wow! How generous of you. An amazing effort. Thank you Ana (and others) for organising this truly community event.

If the remaining goods haven't already been taken / used please take a tour through the chapel and see what might catch your attention and make an offer.

*God bless, Fr Charles*

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

Saturday 5.30pm Mass  
 Sunday 9.15am Mass  
 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, Georgette Taouk and Fay Byrne.

## Anniversaries:

Joan Goold, Kevin Donnelly, John Coates, Thomas Shannon, Mike Westbrook, Marcia Standish, Jean Kavanagh, Joseph Van Rooy, Reg White and Helen Peppard.

## Recently Deceased:

**Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this Week:** We pray for all those whose cross in life seems too heavy to bear: that the Holy Spirit will open their hearts to find how truly they are a gift to others.



## Feast Days this week:...

**29<sup>th</sup> June** Ss Peter and Paul  
*It commemorates the martyrdoms of Peter the 'chief of the apostles' and Paul the "apostle to the Gentiles'. Remembered for their faith, their courage and their leadership during the difficult days of the birth of the Church.*

**3<sup>rd</sup> July** St Thomas  
*Thomas, called the 'Twin', was one of the twelve chosen by Jesus. Remembered for his initial disbelief in the resurrection and his subsequent proclamation of faith upon seeing the resurrected Christ: "My Lord and my God". An early tradition venerates him as the Apostle of India.*

## LITURGY ROSTER

### Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 27/28<sup>th</sup> June 2026

**1<sup>st</sup> Read: 2 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: Romans 6: 3-4, 8-11 Gos: Matthew: 10: 37-42**

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Bredenia Raquel		Lawrence Ceconello Anne Magire
9.15am	Vianney Shiel	Frances Johnson	Penny Teo Tony Robinson Lyn Robinson

### Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 4/5<sup>th</sup> July 2026

**1<sup>st</sup> Read: Zachariah 9: 9-10 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: Romans 8: 9, 11-13 Gos: Matthew 11: 25-30**

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Janet Parsons	Margaret Turner	Lynne O'Brien Maryanne McNamara
9.15am	Miriam Ayoub	Jessica Bartholomeusz	Carmel Shiel Pat Rowland Adrian Teo

**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 not separated from all our other activities.

Meditation helps to give life to all else what we do.

It is not empty or time that is 'lost'.

It is a positive experience.

It is a worthwhile commitment that enriches our physical and spiritual life.



## COMMUNITY MARKET DAY

### Thank you!

The Market after Sunday morning Mass last weekend was a huge success raising over \$1600 for the knitting group to buy wool. This wool will be lovingly transformed into toys, clothes and blankets for the needy, disadvantaged and unwell.

A special thanks to Pat, Carmel S, Frances, Theresa, Peter S & Angela for all the hard work setting up, and to Lee, Frances, Theresa and Carmel to help run it on the day.

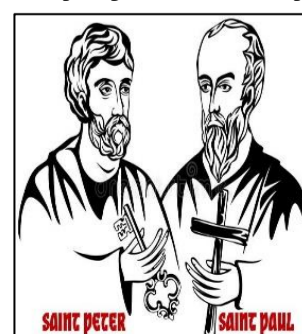
The Market was a success because of the generous and open hearts of you, our parishioners - Thank you.



**Quality fabrics sought by Catholic Care for Afghan Refugee women's sewing group!**

One of Catholic Care's many activities is running sewing groups for Afghan women refugees to sew clothes for themselves and their families. If you have any quality fabrics for clothes-making purposes to spare (excluding curtains and thick fabrics) our Social Justice Action group members (Carmel Purdey, John Costa, Lawrence Ceconello, Tony Robinson) or the Parish Office would be appreciative.

## Day of Solemnity...



On **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June**, we celebrate the **Feast of Ss Peter & Paul.**

Mass will be celebrated at:  
 St Gregory The Great Church  
 Doncaster at 6.30pm.

All welcome.



### BOOKISH MORNING TEA

Our next Bookish Morning Tea is scheduled for Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. 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!



Thank you for your generous support of the Church in Malawi and the communities it serves.

Because of your kindness, children like Yamikani\* will have greater access to education, nourishment, and the opportunity to build a hopeful future.

And if you chose to become a Mission Partner with a monthly gift - thank you so much for your ongoing commitment.

To learn more about the work of Catholic Mission in Malawi and around the world, please visit [catholicmission.org.au/our-work](http://catholicmission.org.au/our-work).

Thank you again for your compassion, and please keep this impactful work in your prayers.

## Peter's Pence COLLECTION

This weekend the traditional **Peter's Pence** collection takes place. This is a concrete way to support the Holy Father in his mission of service to the universal Church. **Peter's Pence** is a gesture of communion and participation in the Pope's mission to proclaim the Gospel, promote peace, and spread Christian charity.

### MEN'S SOCIAL GROUP



ST KEVIN'S PARISH, TEMPLESTOWE

### St Kevin's Men's Social Group

It's time to get together and have fun, to rekindle connections and make new friendships.

The next St Kevin's Parish Men's Social Group is on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm.

Open to men of any age (older teenagers are welcome with their guardian) - parishioners and non parishioners alike. All welcome. Invite a friend, relative or neighbour along. Socialising in person is good for our wellbeing! Share food, drinks, chat and mingle - the footy will be playing in the background.

Venue is St Kevin's Church Gathering Space at 7.30pm.

To assist with costs, suggested donation is \$8 - BYO alcoholic drinks. Supper provided. Please register your interest by emailing the parish office on [templestowe@cam.org.au](mailto:templestowe@cam.org.au) or ring the office on 03



### Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday Weekend of 4/5<sup>th</sup> July 2026

On the first Sunday of July each year, the Catholic Church in Australia honours and celebrates the rich cultural heritage and spirituality of our First Nations peoples, and the contributions they make to the life of the Church. The theme for this year's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday is 'Walking together in Christ: 40 years on!'

Please mark the date in your diaries and come along to celebrate these wonderful and meaningful Masses prepared by our hard-working Liturgy Team.

## Guided by the Holy Spirit

Albert Nisi was first diagnosed with Stage 4 bowel and bladder cancer in 2020. The prognosis was very poor.

Despite this Albert is alive and well today. The diagnosis of 2 cancers made Albert reevaluate his life.

And in this time of treatment and recovery Albert found a calling. The Holy Spirit called to him and gifted him the remarkable gift for drawing - something Albert had never done before.

On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July, after the 9.15am Mass, Albert's son Anthony will share his father's remarkable journey - from confronting life-threatening illness to finding healing, resilience and hope through the transformative power of art.

There will be an opportunity to talk with Albert and his family, and a chance to purchase his creations.



### Mass for Marriage Anniversaries

Sunday 12 July 2026, 11am, St Patrick's Cathedral

Married couples and their families are cordially invited to join us as we celebrate the gift of marriage and family. Couples who register and are celebrating the following anniversaries—5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 or 40 years and above—will receive a commemorative certificate.

Couples must register by Tuesday 7 July.

# thank you

A belated *thank you* to everyone who attended Fr Charles' double celebration recently. Thank you to all who set up the Gathering Space, contributed food, prepared it, served it, stayed behind to tidy up afterwards, etc. Our parish is very blessed indeed, not only to have such a caring and committed parish priest, but also in the devotion and dedication of our parishioners. May God continue to bless us all!



**Synodality and the Margins** A synodal Church pays attention to voices often overlooked: the poor, the wounded, the disaffected, and those who feel distant from the Church. Their experiences matter, and their stories can teach us where renewal is most needed.

For information on our Parish School please contact:

**St Kevin's Primary School**

Phone: 9273 9999

## Responsorial Psalm

Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

### Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Compassionate Lord, hear our prayer.

#### REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

##### First Reading

[2 Kings 4:8-11. 14-16](#)

A reading from the second book of the Kings

*That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.*

The story of the prophet Elisha and the wealthy woman of Shunem looks forward to the gospel text about welcoming a prophet.

The woman's hospitality is a blessing for the prophet: she offers him a meal whenever he is in the neighbourhood and eventually builds him a comfortable room where he can stay and rest.

Elisha in turn becomes a blessing for the woman and her aged husband. If her husband died, she would be left destitute, without a son to support her. The prophet's intervention grants her a son.

##### Second Reading

[Romans 6:3-4. 8-11](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.*

The womb and the tomb: these are the two great images the New Testament employs to talk of baptism. Both speak of new life. John features the image of baptism as a rebirth – being reborn of the Spirit from above (Jn 3). Paul, as seen in this reading, uses the image of dying and rising with Christ. Christ is victorious, death has no power over him. So it will be for us! It is often a shock when parents bring their darling child for baptism to hear a reading about death.

Yet it takes us to the heart of our belonging to the Body of Christ, the Church. In both baptism and Eucharist, we are united with Christ and share in the Paschal mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection. Plunged in the water of baptism, we are brought to a new way of life – living the gospel here on earth, as we walk the pilgrim way to God's eternal kingdom.

*Taken from 'Break Open the Word'*

## Social Justice Action St Kevin's Parish, Templestowe

### Imperfect World, Ongoing Challenges, example of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Popes Leo XIII and XIV

As so often abruptly reminded in changing times, none of us as individuals, Governments, Organisations, Media or Institutional Churches, are perfect. Our potential nevertheless remains unlimited, and there's no shortage of uplifting examples to give hope and encouragement. However if feelings become over-comfortable, history and particularly current news should prompt us otherwise. This calls for need to be better informed, deeper listening in conscience, reflection, faithful discernment, mission choice together, for the times in which we live, then action. That's also Synodality.

Recent Newspaper reports sadly remind us that in Childcare Centres, Schools, Families, Streets or Shopping Centres, Work Places, and Religions, *current or historical* violence and abuse cases with associated or life-damaging traumas still persist, despite comprehensive new and otherwise successful protective measures over recent years following Royal Commissions. Having consequently to pay massive compensation for sex-abuse in the US and elsewhere including Australia, where for example the Christian Brothers have just confirmed they are on the brink of financial collapse in conceding that the value of their remaining assets would not cover the ongoing surge in survivor compensation cases.

Yet beyond all this, Sr Mary Mackillop stands as a beacon. Despite exceptional pastoral work for the poor and disadvantaged, strong opposition to her from within the then local Catholic Church by clergy and bishops who resented her order's independence in relation to control of schools and property, her insistence on being a centrally governed order answer directly to Rome, and accusation of a priest's abuse resulted in Excommunication in 1871, later revoked by Pope Leo XIII in 1888, and *mission values* echoed today by Pope Leo XIV. The rest, with much more, is history, and relevant. - **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.