



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 Body and Blood of Christ

6/7th June, 2026

Baptism Presentation Weekend

Our Presider today is: Fr Paul Connell

Words from the desk of our PP...

Mass Times Survey

We have received over 100 responses to the survey regarding changing Mass times. The responses are very varied, and the comments provide great food for consideration of alternatives.

Until the end of this weekend (June 7th) the survey remains available for your input. If you haven't provided your thoughts, then please do so. I want the broadest possible range of responses.

The survey is available in paper form in the gathering spaces of the churches and on the websites for the three parishes or you can email the parish offices. Responses can be made using this QR code:



Three Parishes Partnering

There are many things coming along the path for the future of our parishes.

- On-going joint Parish Pastoral Council discussions.
- The Alpha Experience – we spent Wednesday evening planning our next adult experience from August 19th to October 28th with the possibility of a separate Alpha for young people (13-17 year olds).
- We are piloting a new approach to developing faith in our children – Andrew's Ministries. Small groups of children discussing the things affecting them in a context of faith and in a safe setting.
- Perhaps a follow on from the Pentecost Retreat in the Holy Spirit. A follow on for adults and another for young people.
- Opportunities for our three liturgy groups to gather and imagine ways we can help each other enrich our Masses.
- Opportunities for our safeguarding groups to build upon each other's learnings and enhance the already well-advanced practices that we have.
- Possibilities for shared events.

This is just a beginning. It will take your participation to help us move ahead with these and all the things that the Holy Spirit has in store for us.

Sanctuary

It has taken some time but we finally have a carpet that will suit our sanctuary so that we can finalise the modifications we started before Easter. The space is working well and from comments made to me, has enhanced both visibility and a sense of being 'around the altar.' It will take some weeks longer before things are finalised, but we will make it happen.

God bless, Fr Charles

Day of Solemnity...



On **Friday 12th June**, we celebrate the Feast of the **Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**.

Masses will be celebrated as follows:

9.00am at St Gregory the Great Church Doncaster

9.15am at St Clement of Rome Bulleen

12.30pm at St Kevin's Templestowe

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

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

Anniversaries:

John O'Brien, Tony Nicolopoulos, Wally Mahoney, Sue Higgins, Brian Howes, John Lanzon, Michael Graham Sloane, David Oates, Taouk family members and Mario Pennisi.

Recently Deceased:

Peter Ryan, Caterina Coniglio and Lily Hayes.

Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this Week: For the successful discernment of the Spirit and its ways leading us to implement revised Mass times for our three parishes.



Feast Days this week:...

11th June St Barnabas
It is not known when he died, but according to Eastern and Western tradition, his remains were discovered on this day sometime in the fifth century. A Jew from Cyprus and one of the first converts in Jerusalem, a leading member of the Church there, though not one of the twelve. He introduced St Paul to the twelve and worked with him in Antioch and on missionary work in the Mediterranean world. Remembered as 'a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith'.

LITURGY ROSTER

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	Janet Parsons	Kathy Pearce	Lynne O'Brien Maryanne McNamara
9.15am	Julie O'Donnell	Pauline Erickson	Lyn Robinson Raffaella Dinelli Lyn Murphy

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

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 to the spirit,
what food and air are to the body.
Set aside what is here today and
gone tomorrow.

Make time for life eternal.

Meditation gives us the means to do this.



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.

Baptism Welcome

This weekend we welcome:

Jamie and Laura

who will be introducing

Eloise Grace Butterworth

to our Parish Community in preparation for her Baptism next weekend.

Celebration
of the
Sacrament of Baptism



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

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

**Gaining a richer understanding of the Mass.
Thursday June 18, 7.00pm to 9.00pm.**

This session 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
carmelpurdey@gmail.com

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.

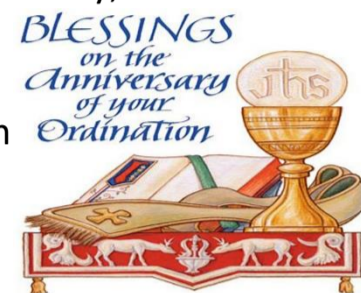
All are welcome. Invite a friend, relative or neighbour along. Supper is provided. BYO alcoholic drinks. \$10 donation suggested to cover costs. For catering purposes, please contact the parish office on 9850 5983, or email us at templestowe@cam.org.au



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. Please bring a plate to share. Tea/Coffee provided.
- * 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.



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/unity

For Yamikani*, getting to school means walking long distances in pain, often without enough food or strength to make the journey. For many families in vulnerable and remote areas like rural Malawi, education has become an impossible choice.

But there is hope. Led by Fr Matthew Semba, a new primary school is being built, offering children a safe place to learn, grow, and look ahead with renewed possibility.

This World Mission Month, you are invited to share in this mission, standing with families as they rebuild their lives and create a brighter future for their children.

- *Name changed for privacy



Synodality and unity

Discernment is more than discussion.

It is a prayerful process of seeking God's will. In a Synod, time is given to silence, prayer and reflection so that decisions emerge from faith, not haste.

For information on our Parish School please contact:

St Kevin's Primary School

Phone: 9273 9999

Responsorial Psalm

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, we pray you hear us.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF OUR LORD

First Reading

Deuteronomy 8:2-3. 14-16

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.

Jesus said at the Last Supper: Do this to remember me. "Remember" is Moses' first word in this reading. This is not an invitation to reminisce about the good old days. The Hebrew word meant to call up a past event and make it a reality in the present. Now, the people with Moses had a hard time of it in the desert after their exodus from slavery in Egypt. But Moses does not want them to enter the experience of being humbled and hungry; he wants them rather to realise in the present the blessing of God's providence. God liberated them, provided food and drink for them, and protected them from danger. This is the reality Moses wants the people to 'remember'.

The manna and water God gave the people in the desert prefigure the Eucharist with which God continues to nourish us today.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

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

Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.

There are just two sentences in this reading but they are bursting with meaning and beauty. They open for us the reality of the Blessed Sacrament. Sharing a meal establishes a bond. First of all, the blessing cup and the bread broken are about our oneness with the living Christ. 'Com-union' means 'union with'. As Jesus said, Do this to remember me.

The Sacrament is also about our unity with one another in Christ. Paul opens the meaning of the liturgical gesture of breaking the bread: it is broken to share; all partake of the one loaf... which is Christ. That is why it has sometimes been said that 'The Church makes the Eucharist and the Eucharist makes the Church'.

Taken from 'Break Open the Word'

Social Justice Action St Kevin's Parish, Templestowe

Much good news around us, mostly hidden in the background, reaffirms signs of hope.

The warm coats and clothing generously donated by our parishioners over last month anticipate a cold winter when refugees from very hot countries arrive with mostly just the clothes they wear, are a blessing. Thanks to all in our Parish (and St Greg's) who kindly contributed what were delivered during last Monday's wet afternoon to Catholic Care's very appreciative Dandenong office, by SJA's Carmel Purdey and Lawrence Ceconello. The large volume of good warm clothes will be put to invaluable use around Victoria.

Our Parish among other Christian Parishes also support Nungalingya College NT, financially and in prayer, for work equipping indigenous Christians to be leaders in their Churches and Communities. The question of how to reconcile with people when we go through so much pain, trouble and suffering is a very real question faced by Aboriginal people in our nation, not just because of racism, but also resulting from trouble within indigenous families and communities. The College has released an uplifting, humbling and very helpful video "The Spirit of Reconciliation" <https://www.nungalingya.edu.au/the-spirit-of-reconciliation> Further good news next weekend – **John Costa SJA**

PS The just produced Nungalingya College "spirit of reconciliation" video linked to the SJA item above is a beautiful, deeply personal, humbling, wise and spiritual collection of understandings by 1st Nations People of 'reconciliation' for all in Australia, and indeed for all in today's warring world. As its producers most appropriately suggest of this 1 hour 5 minute production (and having just experienced it I agree) "Who better to listen to for how we can learn to live with a Spirit of Reconciliation?"



Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

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