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## St Kevin's PPC Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> June 2026

### Agenda

- 1) Opening prayer
- 2) Apologies
- 3) Matters arising from May 2026 minutes
- 4) Parish updates
  - A) Ana Saro
  - B) Gabee Leone
  - C) John Costa
  - D) Fr Anton
  - E) David Hi
  - F) Fr Charles
- 5) Other matters for discussion
- 6) Date of next PPC



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## St Kevin's PPC Meeting

4<sup>th</sup> June 2026

### Minutes

The meeting opened at 2.30pm.

Present: Fr Charles, Fr Anton, Ana Saro, David Hi, Gabee Leone, Carmel Shiel, Claudia Raiola, John Costa, Peter Sheehan, Margaret Turner, Pauline Erickson.

Apologies: Adrian Teo

Opening Prayer: Margaret Turner

Parish updates.

#### Ana Saro: Pastoral Care

Ana has organized a market day after 9.15am Mass on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June to raise funds for our knitting group. Unwanted gifts/goodies and baked goods to be sold on the day. Collection baskets are in the gathering space. Her aged care visits continue and she gladly welcomes a new volunteer who has joined the team. She has recently spoken after Sunday Mass to a group of interested people on mental health issues and how to recognize symptoms. She is very keen to raise awareness of the problem within our community. She also mentioned the importance of family awareness of end of life preferences. Margaret Turner will follow up on an information sheet from her previous parish, specifically provided for this purpose.

#### Gabee Leone: School Principal

Gabee spoke of the daily meditation sessions in each classroom and reported that they are progressing well. The St Kevin's Day celebrations proved to be fun and successful providing students with the opportunity to strengthen their connections within the St Kevin's community. Preparations continue for the VRQA audit in September with positive interim feedback from the school reviewer, Paul Ledwidge. There are 19 preps enrolled for 2027 which is very encouraging.

#### John Costa: Social Justice

The winter coat drive was once again successful with welcome support from St Greg's. There has been a suggestion of direct donation to our local St Vinnie's group and only a token donation to St Vinnie's Administration. The PPC is aware that Administrative support must be recognized and agreed to allow John to make that decision.

John also reported on access to a video “The Spirit of Reconciliation” which will be made available through the Bulletin. In John’s words, “a humbling, wise and spiritual collection of understandings by 1<sup>st</sup> Nation’s people.” Donations of wanted goods have continued to be provided to the West Heidelberg Exodus Community with ongoing support from Balwyn Baptist Church Women’s Group.

### Fr Anton

Fr Anton continues his parish work in visiting nursing homes to celebrate the Eucharist and in prayerful visitation with the residents. He continues his work in serving Melbourne’s Tamil community.

### David Hii: Business Manager

Columbarium plan continues with amended drawings to be resubmitted to Council before due date of 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

Sanctuary. A carpet has now been sourced to complete the modification.

St Charles site. The site was handed over to the parish on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026 and awaits the formal documentation to complete the handover. The Archdiocese is in the process of obtaining quotes to carry out a valuation of the site from a sale or leasing perspective as well as quotes for a 10 year master maintenance plan for the parish’s assets. In the meantime, the parish is responsible for all expenses related to the site. As the site is currently unoccupied, a twice weekly inspection is required for insurance purposes.

### Fr Charles

St Charles site. Fr Charles poses the question to PPC on individual vision for the site or the proceeds from the sale or leasing of the site. PPC awaits the valuation report and a further meeting will be held once the valuation is received in order to make an informed recommendation for the best outcome from all perspectives.

Fr Charles advised of the Mass time survey currently available to all three parishes. A meeting will be held at the Clifton Centre at St Clements on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm for all parishioners to discuss the change /cancellation of some Mass times and thoughts on moving forward together as parishes in partnership.

For security reasons, doors to the parish houses will be snibbed.

Next PPC 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2026

Meeting closed at 4.30pm

## Pastoral Worker PPC Report May 2026.

### **Sacramental Program.**

Confirmation went well. There were 12 students in total. The mass was uplifted by the presence of a 4 piece band – wonderful.

### **·Baptisms.**

The number of Baptisms has slowed – we have one on 14<sup>th</sup> June (from Play Group)but no others booked for June and July. This happens every year as slows down during Winter.

### **·Safeguarding.**

- WWCC and COC continue to be updated on PACEM.
- Safeguarding meetings continue monthly.
- A new series of dates for Safeguarding Essentials training- look to have in June. Will liaise with David.

Attended the Safeguarding Regional Network meeting on Saturday May 23<sup>rd</sup> at St John's Mitcham- the Eastern region has changed its geographical boundaries and is now approx. 30% bigger. The Eastern region now includes suburbs including Mont Morency, Greensborough, Millpark and Diamond Creek.

### **Outreach and Nursing Home Visits.**

A team of amazing volunteers continue to attend 11 nursing homes a week. In talks to facilitate Ashby nursing home and Mercy nursing home to attend 0915 mass and morning tea. Working with the Lifestyle teams.

There are 8 families

### **·Bookish Morning tea –**

Will now be held in the foyer after 0915 mass every second Thursday – to assist attendance of a parishioner with mobility issues.

### **Youth Group.**

Average 15 teenagers.

### **Playgroup.**

We currently have 12that continue to receive communion through home visits. families enrolled in play group. Very noisy but joyous fun!

### **St Vincent De Paul**

·We have a dedicated team of 5 – Marie Holt, Jenny Coates, Lolita Booth, Adrian and myself.

### **Upcoming Events**

1. **Market after Mass on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June.** The goal is for every parish family to donate a new or used (in good condition) item that they are happy to give away. All items will then be sold in a mini market after mass on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Items that can be donated include baked goods, books, ornaments, kitchen items. All money raised is going to the Knitting group to assist them in providing warm blankets to those most in need.

2. **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July** – there will be a guest speaker at mass. Albert was a gentleman who survived against incredible odds and is a medical miracle. Alfred credits his survival to his faith and since treatment has discovered a talent and joy in drawing religious icons. The Mothers Day keyrings were a product of Alfred. He is attending mass to talk about his journey and after mass there will be an opportunity to purchase his wares – tea towels, placemats, keyrings etc.



**Social Justice Action**  
**St Kevin's Parish Templestowe**

**Report to Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, 4 June 2026**

**1. Response to 2026 winter's Cold Temperatures for refugee arrivals from Hot climates**

Following a month collecting warm winter coats and clothing from our parish and St Greg's, a very large collection of quality goods was delivered last Monday's wet afternoon by SJA Committee members Carmel Purdey and Lawrence Cecconello and very appreciatively received at Catholic Care's Dandenong HQ Last Monday, for distribution around Victoria to newly arriving refugees. The last coat donation was received that same morning, all helpfully sorted by Ana. As for last year, around a third of the donations came from St Greg's.

**2. Responding to new Parish volunteer request for information on Parish Ministries**

The Alpha session attendee seeking direct information on all Parish Ministries as previously advised has since spoken with me about SJA and seems impressed by all our ministries, and is considering possibilities in the context of her timing. I emphasised that as for all Ministries, time availability is very much a personal choice, and not a limitation.

**3. Second Collections**

For understandable reasons we have been approached to discuss the possibility of giving one of our 2<sup>nd</sup> collections directly to those in our Parish officially involved with a particular charity rather than to the official Administration of that Charity as we have regularly done over the past. I've had a mutually helpful initial discussion with the leader of that Parish group, and subsequently with SJA Members, with whom a possible approach has been developed, and will shortly meet again meet with the local group leader. I wish to raise this issue with the PPC Meeting to consider the way forward.

**4. Nungalinga College video**

We've received details of and access to a very relevant and wonderful video "The Spirit of Reconciliation", from Nungalinga College (NT) which our 2<sup>nd</sup> Collections also support one weekend each year. It will be described in next weekend's Parish Newsletter, with invitation to experience the video, and associated advice "Who better to listen to for how we can learn to live with a Spirit of Reconciliation?"

**5. West Heidelberg Exodus Community**

In consultation with them we recently provided Exodus Community with a (modest) *drone* for its (disadvantaged) very young peoples' group (Primary school age) who are very enthusiastic. We also provided two (pre-owned) mobile phones\* to the community, and once again another good supply of hand-knitted winter rugs and blankets, very kindly recently again offered to us for this purpose by the Balwyn Baptist Church's Women's Group,

- The mobile phones come from SJA's 'recycled mobile phone & computers' project, which is currently not a very busy activity although we've passed on several computers over past years to the Brigidine Asylum Seeker's Network (BASP), and more recently to an elderly disabled pensioner (now in a Nursing Home).



## PPC 3 Principal's Report

04/06/26

### **Meditation in the classroom**

We are now in our second term of Meditation, and students have begun moving the Message Stick from class to class. This month, our Fire Carrier students are leading the meditation sessions.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our student leaders to develop their leadership skills, responsibility, and confidence. The younger students greatly enjoy being supported and guided by the older leaders, and it is pleasing to see these positive connections being strengthened across the school.

We thank our FIRE Carriers for the respectful and thoughtful way they are leading this important initiative.

### **St Kevin's Day 03/06/26**

The students participated reverently in Mass and thoroughly enjoyed the Kaboom activities and St Kevin's art experiences throughout the day.

Overall, it was a fun and successful celebration, providing students with a wonderful opportunity to work with different peers across the school and strengthen their connections within the St Kevin's community.

### **Review Work and VRQA**

A few weeks ago, Eva and I met with our 2026 School Reviewer, Paul Ledwidge. During his visit, we took Paul on a tour of St Kevin's and showcased our learning environments, facilities, and classroom practices. He was very impressed with both our facilities and the positive learning culture evident throughout the school.

Paul will be returning next week for a two-day review process, during which he will meet with a range of stakeholders, including students, staff, parents, and school leaders. Following these discussions and observations, he will prepare a report outlining the school's strengths and opportunities for continued growth and improvement.

We look forward to receiving the report in mid-July and using the feedback to further strengthen the excellent work taking place across our school community.

There is still a considerable amount of evidence to be collected and organised for the upcoming VRQA audit. We will continue working through the requirements over the coming months, with the audit scheduled for 8 September 2026.

### **Preps 2027**

Acceptance of positions for 2027 are continuing to come in, which is very encouraging. At this stage, 19 Prep students have enrolled for 2027, and we even welcomed another prospective family for a school tour yesterday.

Thank you to everyone who continues to promote St Kevin's and contribute to making our school such a welcoming and vibrant community.



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## **BUSINESS MANAGER REPORT – June, 2026**

### **Columbarium (Wall Niche)**

I had a very productive meeting with the Planning Officer on 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2026 at the Council's office.

Our proposal to erect a brick wall as screening, combined with potted roses in front of the wall, is acceptable to Council. The potted roses are required to be a minimum of 2 metres in height.

The architect will further amend the drawings, and I will resubmit them to Council before the due date of 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2026.

### **Modifications to the Sanctuary**

An Alpha attendee has sourced a custom-made carpet that closely matches our existing carpet. The manufacturing timeframe is expected to take approximately 4 to 5 weeks.

### **St Charles Borromeo**

The site was handed over to the Parish on 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2026. The Parish is currently awaiting the formal legal documentation to complete the handover process. In the meantime, the parish is responsible for all the expenses related to the site.

The Archdiocese is in the process of obtaining three quotes to carry out a valuation of the site from a sale or leasing perspective, as well as three quotes to prepare a 10-year master maintenance plan for the Parish's assets.

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