



# 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

Reconciliation Saturday evenings 4.30-4.50pm

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

10.30am and 5.00pm Sundays

Reconciliation Saturday mornings 9.30-11.30am

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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

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4/5<sup>th</sup> July, 2026

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

**Our Presider today is:** Fr Anton Aseervathampillai

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

#### Please Welcome New People

We begin our new weekend and weekday Mass schedules this weekend. If you need help organising to get to a different time or location for Mass let me or the office know.

Because of the changed Mass times, there will be **new** people at your Mass. Please be alert to new faces and welcome them, say hello, chat.

Recognising new people, or people we know from other places is important – our communities within the parish communities are changing and we need to welcome the change and the people that come with it.

#### Aboriginal And Torres Strait Islander Sunday

This weekend we celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday – a celebration that has been held since the late 1930's. We pay our respects to the elders of the first peoples of this wonderful nation which we all share.

In the late 1830's, Archbishop Bede Polding issued a pastoral letter recognising how important our first peoples are: he found in them a perspective on God's love that can enhance the practice of our Catholic faith. And Pope Saint John Paul II in 1986 said "The Church in Australia will not be fully the church that Jesus wants her to be until you, the Aboriginal people, have made your contribution to her life and until that contribution has been joyfully received by others."

Each of our three parishes is graced with symbols gifted to us by our Aboriginal peoples: Aboriginal Message sticks adapted for use as we listen to the Gospel; the three Australian flags (Union Jack with Southern Cross; Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islanders); memories of the 2006 Message Stick Relay; a plaque of commitment to support our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples; a wooden coolamon (used for carrying the bread or used as a manger for the Christ Child at Christmas). Not all these symbols are in all parishes – but each has its symbols – our part of joyfully receiving the contribution of our First Peoples.

#### Parish Master Plan

At a joint meeting of our Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils last Tuesday, we began preparing a vision for the future of St Kevin's with a Master Plan for the parish as we prepare to determine the future of the site that was previously St Charles Borromeo School. There were many ideas put forward – we will draw these together and develop a focus. We will bring the vision to you once ready: seeking your thoughts.

*God bless, Fr Charles*

St Kevin's Parish Playgroup  
Every Monday during School Term

Our very successful Little Kev's Playgroup is now taking an end-of-term break and will resume again on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> July. Doors open from 8.30am onwards here in our St Kevin's Church Gathering Space.

Playgroup is suitable for children aged 0-5 years.

Registration is required - \$5 entry.

Please contact Ana Saro our Pastoral Worker via email: [ana.saro@cam.org.au](mailto:ana.saro@cam.org.au) or call the Parish Office on 9850 5983 if you would like further information.

## 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, Fay Byrne and Faye Harvey.

## Anniversaries:

Rev Austin Cooper, Ernest Balnaves, Marcia Standish, John Sheehan, Rev Bernie Maxwell, Charles Weiland, Florence Weiland, Reg White, Lorna Balnaves and Jean White.

## Recently Deceased:

Peter Balnaves

## Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this Week:

In thanks for the generous Spirit of Love with which you grace our parishes of St Clement's, St Gregory's and St Kevin's.



## Feast Days this week:...

11<sup>th</sup> July St Benedict

Born at Norcia (Italy) about 480.  
 Died at Monte Cassino about 547.  
 After studies in Rome he became a hermit at Subiaco, where many sought his counsel, and then founded the monastery at Monte Cassino.  
 Remembered for his widely influential monastic rule, combining work and prayer, and for his charity and moderation.

**COME TO ME,  
 ALL YOU WHO LABOR  
 AND ARE HEAVY LADEN,  
 AND I WILL  
 GIVE YOU REST.**

## LITURGY ROSTER

### 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

### Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 11/12<sup>th</sup> July 2026

1<sup>st</sup> Read: Isaiah 55: 10-11 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: Romans 8: 18-23 Gos: Matthew: 13: 1-23

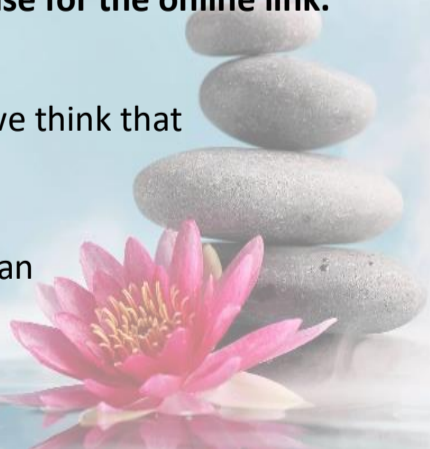
Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Fiona Watson	Kathy Pearce	Lawrence Ceconello Anne Maguire
9.15am	Paul Polidano	Phil Brooks	Frances Bettiol Liz Polidano Raffaella Dinelli

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

Many of us begin meditating because we think that something is missing in our lives.  
 Through the journey of meditation,  
 we recover something much greater than what was lost.  
 We find Jesus Christ.



**CatholicCare** VICTORIA  
 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.

**ST GREGORY DONCASTER**

# Social Night

12TH JULY\*  
 AFTER OUR 5PM  
 YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS MASS

**PIZZA.MUSIC.GAMES**

MEET NEW PEOPLE |  
 ASK QUESTIONS | HAVE SOME FUN

Registration through trybooking.  
 Parents/guardians of under 18 participants MUST 'sign in' & 'sign out' their children. Parents of primary school children must accompany their children at the event.  
 Sign-in commences after Mass at the Parish Hall.

The link to trybooking is: <https://www.trybooking.com/DNBHR>



### BOOKISH MORNING TEA

Our next Bookish Morning Tea is scheduled for Thursday 9<sup>th</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!

### 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!'

A huge **thank you** to our hard-working and dedicated Liturgy Team who have spent many hours preparing and planning for these special Masses.

## 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.



World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 2026

The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly was instituted by Pope Francis in 2021. It is celebrated close to the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. It is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and give thanks for our grandparents and all the Elderly that we come across.

The celebration of this day provides an opportunity for the Church, at all levels, to draw close to the Elderly; to celebrate their unique communities; and to reach out to those who may feel lonely or forgotten. The theme that Pope Leo has chosen for the 2026 World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is:

**"I will never forget you."**

A Mass will be celebrated here at St Kevin's on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> July at 12.00pm together with the schoolchildren. All are welcome.

### SEAFARERS SUNDAY

Seafarers Sunday is an important opportunity to remember and pray for the seafarers whose tireless work in very challenging conditions benefits us all.

On the weekend of 18/19<sup>th</sup> July we shall celebrate Sea Sunday, when we pray for all those who live and work at sea.

There will be an Appeal for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church.

Funds collected will be used to provide practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously.



### Synodality and the Margins

Walking together means recognising that no one has all the answers. Synodality invites humility – from leaders and from communities – so that the Spirit can guide us beyond our limitations.

For information on our Parish School please contact:

**St Kevin's Primary School**  
Phone: 9273 9999

## Responsorial Psalm

I will bless your name for ever,  
my King and my God.

## Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer.

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

#### First Reading

##### [Zechariah 9:9-10](#)

A reading from the prophet Zechariah

*See how humbly your king comes to you!*

This passage begins with rejoicing. The glad shouts accompany the arrival of the victorious king. But wait, the king comes not on a warhorse or glorious in a chariot; he arrives humbly riding on a donkey! War and conflict are at an end. The king introduces an era of universal peace. Certainly, this is a message we need to hear and receive in today's world.

Five centuries before Christ, Zechariah is presenting a new vision for the people who have returned from exile. We hear echoes here of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. As he approaches the Paschal mystery of the cross and resurrection, he opens up a new era of the Holy Spirit.

#### Second Reading

##### [Romans 8:9.11-13](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.*

When people say they are 'spiritual', it can mean anything; it's often extremely vague and all-inclusive. Paul is quite clear. 'Spiritual' is to do with the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of the risen Lord. We are spiritual if we welcome the Spirit to make a home in us. This means that, in our way of life, we try to discern what the Spirit is prompting us to do, we are conscious of the presence of the risen Lord walking always by our side.

Life in the Spirit is not disembodied. It does not reject the body; it directs the body. As Jesus once said, I have come that they may have life and have it to the full (Jn 10:10).

*Taken from 'Break Open the Word'*

## Social Justice Action

### St Kevin's Parish, Templestowe

#### Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday - and beyond

(includes edited extracts from NATSICC, Reconciliation, and Nungalinya)

On the first Sunday of July each year, the Catholic Church in Australia celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. On this day, we gather as one to honour and celebrate the rich cultural heritage and spirituality of our First Nations peoples, and the contributions they make to the life of the Church, and society. The theme for this year's celebration is 'Walking together in Christ: 40 years on!'. This is not just a weekend event. As we gather in faith, we do so as a people shaped by story — by the Gospel, by culture, and by the journeys that have brought us to this moment. We gather in the presence of God, who walks forward with us always, and who calls us into unity as one people, shaped by history, and multi-culture, in an ever evolving challenging world.

Now marks 40 years since St Pope John Paul II spoke with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in Alice Springs, as we also celebrate 50 years of NAIDOC Week. These milestones are more than anniversaries — they are reminders of enduring faith, resilience, and our shared call to walk together. It is also important to look back. Not to dwell in the past, but to recognise the path that has been travelled — to see the strength, the challenges, and the grace that have carried us forward, with mutual challenges and opportunities, open to continuing reconciliation. There are now 135,680+ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics, 12 associated Ministries, and there has been 189% Growth in ATSI Catholics since 1986.

The path forward in Australia continues to include Aboriginal culture, reconciliation, forgiveness, healing from Trauma, restoring relationships and multi-culture. In this column we recently wrote about an uplifting new Reconciliation video from Nungalinya College, which our Parishioners also support (video details remain from SJA or the Parish Office) - **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.