



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

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

25/26th July, 2026

Baptism Presentation Weekend

World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly

Our Presider today is: Fr Charles Balnaves

Words from the desk of our PP...

Partnering of three parishes:

Last month the parish councils of our Bulleen, Templestowe, and Doncaster parishes started looking at what it means to 'partner' as parishes. Partnering is not about losing parish identity. At the same time, it must mean something more than just having one parish priest (and assistant priest). What are your thoughts?

What could we do more? What could we do better? What do you dream of for your parish (be it St Gregory's, St Kevin's or St Clement's)?

Some things are obvious: I will run the RCIA program for all three parishes at once. We will run Alpha across all three parishes. We've already aligned Mass times to be manageable (and thank you for the gracious way you've accepted that change). But ... what more could we be?

The three Parish Pastoral Councils will meet again on 29th July to discuss this – please email me your thoughts at Charles.balnaves@cam.org.au.

Stewardship / Thanksgiving: Thank you

It is late July already – nearly a month into the new financial year. June financial reports have arrived on my desk and so I am prompted to say a big "THANK YOU" to all of you who contribute so generously to the life of the parish and to the livelihood of myself and Fr Anton.

I know that your generosity extends beyond the parish into the special collections that occur quite often during the year, but I want to thank you especially for ensuring that your parish can continue to thrive as a presence of Christ in the world.

Registering with the Parish / Communicating with you

I know we've done a census as part of our thanksgiving / stewardship campaigns but ... contact details change and new people arrive in our parish.

For new arrivals: please fill in a census form (forms are available at the entrance of the Church) and provide your details: especially please your current and best email and phone details.

For existing parishioners: please make sure we have your current details. Emails change and phone numbers change – we need these things up-to-date please.

Especially: please provide your current **email address**.

If we have your email address: we can provide urgent messages and we can save vastly on postage when we need to send something out.

God bless, Fr Charles

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for July 2026 The intention is to pray for the respect for human life, recognising it as a gift from God. The Pope calls on Catholics to pray for the protection of human life and to learn to accept life unconditionally, tenderly care for fragility, and courageously defend those who have no voice. The intention also emphasises the importance of a new heart ready to choose life and generous hands that protect it through concrete actions. The Pope hopes that the Lord will help his Church become a living witness to the Gospel of life, an open home where every life is celebrated, and where dignity is always respected.

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

Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	9.15am	Baptism Presentation Mass
Monday	9.00am	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, Georgette Taouk, Fay Byrne, Faye Harvey and Mike Yambao.

Anniversaries:
Domenico Morello, Alberico Mollica, Joy Lewis, Nick Corken, May and George Poon, Gary Neal, Maree Metcalfe, Maria Kos and Fr Des Panton

Recently Deceased:
Federico Aspromonte (father of our School Principal – Gabee Leone)

Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this Week:
For our Parish Pastoral Councils as they begin to discern what it actually means for our parishes to be partnered.

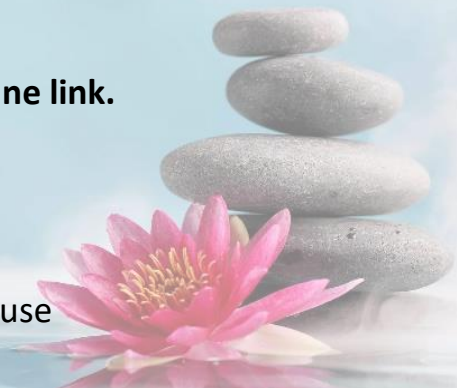


Feast Days this week:...
29th July
Ss Martha, Mary and Lazarus
Siblings, Mary, Martha & Lazarus were friends of Jesus & welcomed him into their home in Bethany.
31st July St Ignatius of Loyola
Remembered for his loyalty to the Church and its renewal, his ministry to the marginal, his concern for education, and his dedication to the greater glory of God, the motto of the Jesuits.
1st August St Alphonsus Liguori
Remembered as a popular preacher, devotional writer and as a master of moral theology.

LITURGY ROSTER			
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 25/26 th July 2026			
1 st Read: 1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12 2 nd Read: Romans 8: 28-30 Gos: Matthew: 13: 44-52			
Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Margaret Turner	Bredenia Raquel	Lawrence Cecconello Anne Maguire
9.15am	Tony Byrne	Marie Arbogast	Kaye Byrne Adrian Teo Frances Bettiol
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 1 st /2 nd August 2026			
1 st Read: Isaiah 55: 1-3 2 nd Read: Romans 8: 35, 37-39 Gos: Matthew 14: 13-21			
Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Janet Parsons	Kathy Pearce	Lynne O'Brien Maryanne McNamara
9.15am	Carmel Purdey	Bernard Butler	Pat Rowland Lyn Robinson Penny 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

We need to be recharged in so many ways and that happens in silence.
Meditation is the **way of silence** because *it is the way to silence.*



Baptism Welcome

This weekend we welcome:
Nicholas and Rachel
who will be introducing
Chloe Lauren Bolzonello
to our Parish Community
in preparation for her
Baptism next weekend.

Celebration
of the
Sacrament of Baptism



ST GREGORY'S & ST KEVIN'S

Multicultural DAY

SUNDAY, 9TH AUGUST 2026
FOLLOWING THE 10.30AM MASS

ST GREGORY THE GREAT PARISH HALL
71 WILLIAMSONS ROAD
DONCASTER

Come in your cultural costumes or colours
Celebrate the vibrant diversity of our community
Enjoy an afternoon of fellowship, food & fun!

Event Highlights

ENJOY MULTICULTURAL FOOD AND BEVERAGES
BID ON EXCITING ITEMS IN OUR SILENT AUCTION
PURCHASE RAFFLE TICKETS FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN

RSVP: USE SIGN UP SHEETS AT CHURCH, SCAN QR CODE
OR GO TO [HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/DNFAI](https://www.trybooking.com/DNFAI)



Feeling Cold? Winter frost getting you down?

St Kevin’s Parish is having a winters warmers brunch to help warm you up! Come for a bowl of hot soup, crusty bread and great conversation.

When: Sunday 16th August 12-2pm.

Where: The gathering space.

There will be coffee and cake for dessert (of course!)

Please RSVP to the Parish Office or Ana- for Catering purposes!



BOOKISH MORNING TEA

Our next Bookish Morning Tea is scheduled for Thursday 13th August. 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!



Are you ready to be entertained?

The Parish of St Kevin’s is looking for volunteers to come and be part of the joy of Youth Group and/or Playgroup. Lead by experienced leaders, volunteers are required to have a good sense of fun and the ability to chat with youngsters and adults alike.

Applicants must be over the age of 18.

Please contact Ana in the Parish Office.



Solemnity of St Mary Mackillop

On Saturday, 8th August, we celebrate the feast Day of St Mary MacKillop.

A Mass will be celebrated here at St Kevin’s together with the schoolchildren on Friday, 7th August at 2.30pm.

It will also be celebrated at St Gregory the Great Church Doncaster at 9.00am on Saturday morning.

All are welcome to attend to celebrate our very own first Australian Saint.

ALPHA

18YO AND ABOVE

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT 6.30PM
FROM 26TH AUGUST TO 4TH NOVEMBER

AT ST KEVIN'S CHURCH
30 HERLIHYS ROAD LOWER TEMPLESTOWE

Registration is now open!



Alpha

ALPHA
YOUTH

13- 17 YEARS OF AGE

FRIDAY EVENINGS AT 6.30PM
FROM 28TH AUGUST TO 16TH OCTOBER

AT ST GREGORY THE GREAT
71 WILLIAMSON'S RD, DONCASTER

REGISTER VIA
QR CODE:



Alpha is a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment.

Free- Meals included
Donation welcome

Enquiries:
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MEN'S
SOCIAL GROUP



ST KEVIN'S PARISH, TEMPLESTOWE

The next **St Kevin's Men's Social Group** takes place on **Friday, 14th August @ 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 indicate your intention to attend by contacting the parish office on 9850 5983 or via email templestowe@cam.org.au



Pope Leo XIV has called on every parish and Church group or association to become part of a ‘revolution’ of care and gratitude by regularly visiting older people.

‘Christian hope always urges us to be more daring, to think big, to be dissatisfied with things the way they are,’ the Pope wrote in his message for World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. ‘In this case, it urges us to work for a change that can restore the esteem and affection to which the elderly are entitled’. The 2026 celebration marks the sixth edition of World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Pope Francis instituted the world day in 2021; it is observed each year on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the liturgical memorial of Ss Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. Pope Leo has said this is a time of liberation from injustice and inequality, and is an appropriate time for all the faithful to help older people ‘experience liberation, especially from loneliness and abandonment’.

For information on our Parish School please contact:

St Kevin's Primary School
Phone: 9273 9999

Responsorial Psalm
Lord, how I love your law!
Response to Prayers of the Faithful
Lord hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
First Reading	Second Reading
<u>1 Kings 3:5.7-12</u> A reading from the first book of the Kings <i>You have asked for wisdom.</i> The wisdom of Solomon is legendary. It was God's gift in answer to his prayer. In this reading, we see Solomon as a young man, just appointed king, and overawed by his responsibility. His dream expresses his deep desire for the gift of discernment, the ability to judge between good and evil. God grants him a wise and shrewd heart. As it turned out, he was not the perfect ruler, but that is a story for another time. It is not immediately clear how this reading relates to the gospel parables. Perhaps Solomon's desire to be of service to God and the people as a first priority opens us up to hear the gospel parables which urge that God's kingdom be our greatest treasure. There is intimacy of Solomon's request in prayer and the awesome response of God to his unselfish request.	<u>Romans 8:28-30</u> A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans <i>He predestined us to become true images of his Son.</i> God has called us, chosen us and works with us. We respond with love, modelling ourselves on Christ who, in the incarnation, has become one of us. Then comes the strongest image of the reading. God intends that Christ will be the eldest of many brothers and sisters. By God's grace, this is us! In our baptism we are joined to Christ who puts us right with God and shares his glory with us. There are so many surprising elements in these few lines: God co-operates with us; we become true images of Christ; Christ is our eldest brother in a big family; we share Christ's glory. We should be in awe as we try to capture the wonder of God's grace and blessing revealed in these phrases. <i>Taken from 'Break Open the Word'</i>



Help towards those in need - Appreciation expressed to St Kevin's Parishioners

Recent 2nd Collections raised \$1,204.65 for Vinnies. Under new arrangements directly supporting our now joint Parish's St Vinnies Conference, 20% went direct to Vinnies VIC HQ supporting their excellent Advocacy work, making St Vincent de Paul/Vinnes a highly respected Australian household name, and provider of essential Infrastructure, enabling effective charity. Vic HQ also separately receives Government funding towards housing and other services, eg for Ozanam House in North Melbourne. The remaining 80% went directly to our now joint St Greg's, St Kevin's, St Clements 'Vinnies Conference', which provides Outreach and Personal support through its facilities and many volunteers, for pre-assessed local needs. These include direct person-to-person aid including food, vouchers, clothing and Utility Bill relief, and other works such as seasonal clothing-drives for local Asylum Seekers, Refugees and others.

While our parish contributors don't expect or seek thanks, \$1,173 separately was warmly appreciated also by Catholic Care for actively supporting their diverse programs. Among others these included Winter Clothing and Outreach for newly arrived Refugees and Asylum Seekers (from very hot countries), personal health items, quality fabrics, and sewing skills for home-made clothing. For the Pope's recent global 'Peter Pence' campaign \$515.80 was also raised.

The Exodus Community (Br Harry Prout) wrote again recently, expressing further appreciation to St Kevin's for recent winter clothing, further blankets and other items, two mobile phones (one new), and a Drone for teaching young people safe and enjoyable usage. All recent 2nd Collection recipients have gratefully responded, highlighting the benefits, so thanks parishioners! We also thank Wayne McGough, Social Justice advocate and former Cardijn leader for facilitating the Balwyn Baptist Church women's Group engagement, which like our Parish Knitting Group and through us has again recently contributed additional lovingly made goods to the West Heidelberg Exodus Community - **John Costa, SJA**



Synodality and the Eucharist

The Eucharist is the heart of synodality. Around one table, many are gathered as one Body. What we celebrate sacramentally must shape how we live communally.