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St Kevin's PPC Meeting

2nd July 2026

Agenda

- 1) Opening prayer
- 2) Apologies
- 3) Matters arising from June 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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Minutes

The meeting opened at 2.30pm.

Present: Fr Charles, Fr Anton, David Hi, John Costa, Peter Sheehan, Margaret Turner, Carmel Shiel, Adrian Teo, Pauline Erickson.

Apologies: Gabee Leone, Ana Saro, Claudia Raiola.

Opening prayer: Pauline Erickson

Matters arising from previous minutes.

Social Justice report from John Costa for June 2026.

The June minutes had recorded that the PPC allowed John Costa to make the decision re the amount of the donation to St Vinnies Administration. PPC fully understands that Administration support must be recognized. The minutes are now corrected to express that PPC supports John and his associates to make the decision on the amount.

Margaret Turner has not yet been able to obtain the information sheet from her previous parish re "planning for funeral".

Parish Updates.

Ana Saro - Pastoral Worker (Written report in absence).

Ana reported on the Sacramental program, Baptisms, Safeguarding and an update on essentials training, outreach and nursing homes, bookish morning tea, youth group, playgroup and St Vinnies. The market stall to assist the knitting group was a great success raising \$1,785, Anna has recently attended the Proclaim conference and may do a talk in September re parishioners enriching faith and having a personal relationship with God.

Guest speaker 5th July. Albert is a cancer survivor against incredible odds and credits his survival to his faith. He has discovered a talent and joy in drawing religious icons.

Gabee Leone- School Principal (Written report in absence).

Gabee and the religious education leader attended professional learning on the new Religious Education Curriculum being trialled across MACS schools. Prep will begin trialling in term 3. The aspiration is to ensure that every child leaving primary school has a sound understanding of the Catholic faith.

Gabee also reported on the recent inter school sports and Semester one - Parent, Student and Teacher conversations.

John Costa – Social Justice

John reported on the final arrangement for splitting donations to St Vinnies from our second collection. Refer to minutes of June meeting. Second collection preferences for ad hoc presbytery help requests was reaffirmed by PPC. John reminded PPC of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Day being celebrated on 5th July highlighting the link between Indigenous spirituality and evolving multiculturalism among all Australian people. John also reported on ongoing support of Catholic care and West Heidelberg Exodus Community.

Fr Charles added that ongoing assistance to Philippine schools may be in doubt.

Fr Anton

Fr Anton's work as assistant priest and his involvement with the Tamil community continues.

David Hii – Business Manager

Columbarium. The necessary progression is in place re Council permit. We await Council advice.

Modification to the Sanctuary. Carpet has been ordered,

St Charles Borromeo. The valuation report of the site is expected by end of July.

A quotation for a 10-year master maintenance plan for the assets of the Parish has been obtained and forwarded to the Archdiocese for approval. The Archdiocese has also obtained a quotation.

Fr Charles

1)Fr Charles offered his thanks to PPC members for attending the extraordinary PPC meeting on 30th June to discuss our vision and dreams for St Kevin's going forward.

A report will follow shortly.

2)Fr Charles also mentioned Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Day on 5th July and on a different subject, the guest speaker also on 5th July.

3)As three parishes work together, a common calendar needs to be drawn up in order to avoid clashes.

4)Three parishes in partnership – what does it mean and how do we go about it? It would appear that future meetings between PPCs of all three parishes is necessary. PPC members are requested to think about what it means for St Kevin's. Decisions will take time and not be rushed.

Meeting closed at 3.50pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday 6th August at 2.30pm.

Pastoral Worker PPC Report June 2026.

Sacramental Program.

Preparing to start the catechism for First Eucharist.

·Baptisms.

There are 2 Baptisms booked in for July.

·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 July. Will liaise with David.

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 (couples) visited regularly.

·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 12 that 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.

Recent events.

1. Over the last 2 weekends doing the Market after Mass for the Knitting group.. All money raised is going to the Knitting group to assist them in providing warm blankets to those most in need. Money raised so far \$1785!! Thank you to everyone involved.
2. Attended the Proclaim Conference. Was very worthwhile – learning a new way to approach assisting existing parishioners to enrich their faith and have a personal relationship with God. I may do a talk after mass in September?

Upcoming Events

1.Sunday 5th 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.

PPC 5 Principal's Report

30/06/26

New RE curriculum

On Thursday 25 June, Lil (Religious Education Leader) and I attended professional learning on the new Religious Education Curriculum being trialled across MACS schools.

During the session, it was emphasised that the aspiration of Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools is for every student to leave primary school with a sound understanding of the Catholic faith. The new curriculum has been designed to support this vision through clearly structured units of work, with content, knowledge and skills deliberately sequenced to build students' understanding year by year.

Our Prep class will begin trialling the new curriculum in Term 3, 2026. This will provide us with valuable insights as we prepare for its broader implementation across the school. I look forward to sharing samples of student learning and the curriculum resources at our next PPC meeting.

Interschool Sports (Year 3-6)

Last Thursday 25th June, selected students from Years 3–6 represented St Kevin's at the District Soccer Round Robin, competing against seven other schools. We proudly entered four teams—two boys' teams and two girls' teams—and all of our students displayed outstanding teamwork, sportsmanship and determination throughout the day.

Each team celebrated some fantastic wins, but one of our girls' teams was simply dynamic and fearless. Their skill, resilience and teamwork saw them remain undefeated to win the District Championship—an outstanding achievement!

Congratulations to all of our students for representing St Kevin's with such enthusiasm, respect and perseverance. A special thank you to Mr Montalto, Ms Bertoncello and Mr JR for their coaching, encouragement and support throughout the day.

Our District Champion girls' team will now progress to the Manningham Division Championship. We wish them every success and know they will continue to represent St Kevin's with pride.

Reports for Semester 1 and Parent Teacher Conversations

Our teachers, students and families were engaged in our Semester 1 Parent, Student, Teacher Conversations. Semester 1 reports were made available to families via the Compass portal, providing valuable insights into each student's learning, growth and achievements. The conversations provided a wonderful opportunity to celebrate learning, set meaningful goals for Semester 2 and strengthen the partnerships between home and school. It was encouraging to see students actively involved in discussing their progress and future learning goals.

These meetings also provided an opportunity for families to share important information about their child's wellbeing and any challenges they may be experiencing. This ongoing communication enables us to better understand and support our students and families, ensuring we continue to work together in partnership to help every child flourish.



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

Report to Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, 2 July 2026

1. New Disbursement arrangement for our Second Collection funds raised for Vinnies

As advised by a previous Social Justice Action Committee Meeting then further considered and decided by the last PPC Meeting, I met with our local Vinnies Conference leader Gerard O'Donnell to jointly decide arrangements for splitting our 2nd Collection funds between State Vinnies Office and the local Vinnies Conference (now involving our three Parishes). Gerard initially explained the new structural and funding arrangements within Vinnies for supporting local Conferences. Whereas in the past our disbursement went directly to State HQ, who in turn then allocated funds to the various conferences, we unanimously agreed that it was most effective all round to split disbursement of our Parish Vinnies Collection between Vinnies State HQ and our local Vinnies Conference. Recognising the essential and highly effective Vinnies Advocacy and Operational Infrastructure role, and at the same time the government funds received by State Vinnies HQ we readily decided on a ratio of 20% to State HQ and 80% to our local Vinnies conference. On that basis, of the \$1,204.65 raised, \$963.72 has now been directly disbursed to our local Vinnies Conference and \$240.93 directly to State Vinnies HQ,

2. Previous PPC endorsed arrangement for an annual 2nd Collection for Special Parish needs including ad hoc presbytery help-requests

I wish to re-raise and reaffirm/review this issue as previously agreed by the PPC 4/12/25

3. Forward-looking context for July "Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday"

For so long this single day celebration each year has effectively had mostly a "One day a year" feel. This year, as outlined in the Parish Newsletter for next weekend, ATSI Sunday not only highlights and preserves the strong and important continuing link with aboriginal spirituality, the growing number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics, and reconciliation, but also now in an ongoing forward looking way, clearly also links these with the wonderful Australian/Catholic value of multiculturalism.

4. Further support for Catholic Care

At Catholic Care's request in response to what they see as St Kevin's Parish support, and while still promoting this in our Parish, we've managed to source and will shortly deliver some externally provided fabrics to enable their sewing class for Afghani women refugees to sew new clothes for themselves and their family members. With support from a former though still active Cardijn Community Leader we've also managed to access clothing items.

5. West Heidelberg Exodus Community

The Drone we recently donated to Exodus Community has since become the basis for Exodus Community youth training in safe operation of Drones, somewhat inspired by St Kevin's Parish Primary school model. We have also delivered further clothes and household goods to Exodus Community, including some again from the Balwyn Baptist Church Women's Group.



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BUSINESS MANAGER REPORT – July, 2026

Columbarium (Wall Niche)

The advertising period for the columbarium started on 10th June, 2026 and will end on 1st July, 2026. To date, no submissions have been received by Council.

Following the close of the advertising period, Council will proceed to determine whether to grant the planning permit. If a Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit is issued, objectors will have 28 days to lodge an application for review with VCAT.

Modifications to the Sanctuary

An order has been placed for a custom-made carpet that closely matches the existing carpet. An Alpha attendee has paid, on behalf of the Parish, a 50% deposit for the total cost of supply and installation.

The manufacturing timeframe is expected to be approximately 4 to 5 weeks.

St Charles Borromeo

The Parish is still awaiting formal legal documentation to complete the handover process. In the meantime, the Parish remains responsible for all expenses related to the site.

The Archdiocese has obtained three quotations to undertake a valuation of the site from both sale and leasing perspectives. The Parish has selected the lowest of the quotes received, and barring any unforeseen circumstances, the valuation report is expected by the end of July.

To date, the Archdiocese has received only one quotation for the preparation of a 10-year master maintenance plan for the Parish's assets and is still awaiting the remaining two quotations. Due to the higher than expected cost of the quote received, the Parish has also obtained quotations from a firm previously engaged by St Gregory. These quotations are significantly lower and have been forwarded to the Archdiocese for approval.