



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

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

29/30th August, 2026

Social Justice Sunday

Our Presider today is: Fr Barry Caldwell

Words from the desk of our PP...

Rite for Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

I have a good number of people who have heard the call to faith and want to follow the path into joining the Catholic Church. There is always room for more. Who do you know whom you suspect to be ready to journey in faith: invite them; let them know about RCIA.

It will start on October 3rd and continue (with holiday breaks) through to Easter 2027 (March 28th) for initiation and then till Pentecost (May 16th)

Invite someone. Let me know via the office email (doncaster@cam.org.au) or give me their contact number directly.

Mass Wednesday evening 6:30 pm – St Greg's

We have been consistently getting about a dozen people attending this Mass, which is wonderful. But ... could there be more? Do people know this Mass is happening?

I am wondering if everyone knows about this Mass and its time: perhaps you can spread the word and let others know there is a Mass each week at 6:30 pm on Wednesday evenings.

Safeguarding:

I listened to a radio show a few days ago that talked about a "Robot" that provided simulated interactions between a teacher and a parent, intended to help young teachers to learn how to respond to difficult, sometimes threatening, situations. Co-incidentally, I was walking along the streets nearby and saw targeted graffiti.

It occurred to me, again, that we talk about safeguarding our children and we can forget about other forms of abuse. It is my firm conviction that we cannot properly safeguard our children if we don't care for every person and seek to bring an end to abuse in all its forms.

So – please, report abuse, or suspected abuse, of children under Safeguarding reporting rules. Absolutely!! Or come and tell me and I can action the matter. But ... please don't ignore other abuse that you see happening – if we do nothing we perpetuate abusive behaviours. I myself have made two reports to police on suspicion of abuse – the police said in both cases they couldn't do anything, But they said my report would help them build an understanding over time which may lead to being able to intervene.

If you see something that looks like abuse – find a way to act, with due regard to your own safety.

Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament

I was recently asked to give a talk on the practice of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. There are many facets to this beautiful practice but at the core it is about silence with Jesus Christ and the Father in the presence of the Holy Spirit. Silence from physical action; silence from words or songs of prayer; silence from thinking about our needs. The action elements of prayer and song etc are good but at their core are designed to lead us into silence and in the silence ... as Elijah found as he stood outside the cave ... in the silence we hear God's words and call; we feel and are comforted by his presence.

Can it be hard to do? Yes! Does it work if my prayer and silence is imperfect? Yes! Will it work if I prefer more music and words that actually leads me into internal quiet? Yes!

Please make space for adoration: for silence with Jesus. There is a particular focus when adoration happens in the Real Presence, before the Blessed Sacrament. But you can make space for silence ... anywhere. Please ... make space.

God bless, Fr Charles

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

Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	9.15am	Mass
Monday	8.30am	St 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	
	6.30pm	Mass at St Gregory the Great Church
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, Mike Yambao, Elysia Pozzebon and Maureen Quinliven.

Anniversaries:

Carlito Gonzales Ricerra, Luisa Vierra Ricerra, Dulcie Chancellor, James, Joe, Pat and Rena (Willowbrae residents), Frank & Doris Delaney and Lorna James.

Recently Deceased:

Maree Mills (sister of Pat Rowland) and John Negri (brother of a parishioner).



Fr Charles’ Prayer Intention for this Week:

For the success of our Youth and Adult Alpha experiences that began this past week: that the Holy Spirit will fill all guests and leaders.

Feast Days this week:...

3rd September

St Gregory the Great
While prefect of Rome, he founded monasteries here and in Sicily and himself became a monk. Called to be a deacon of Rome by Benedict 1, and then sent as papal legate to Constantinople. Elected pope in 590. Reorganised Church life and administration in a time of crisis, sponsored liturgical reform and initiated the evangelisation of the English. Remembered also for his extensive writings on pastoral care, spirituality and morals, and for his self-designation as ‘servant of the servants of God’.

LITURGY ROSTER

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 29/30th August 2026

1st Read: Jeremiah 20: 7-9 2nd Read: Romans 12: 1-2 Gos: Matthew 16: 21-27

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Tasha Vercauteren		Lynne O’Brien Maryanne McNamara
9.15am	Tony Byrne	Miriam Ayoub	Kaye Byrne Mary Waddick Penny Teo

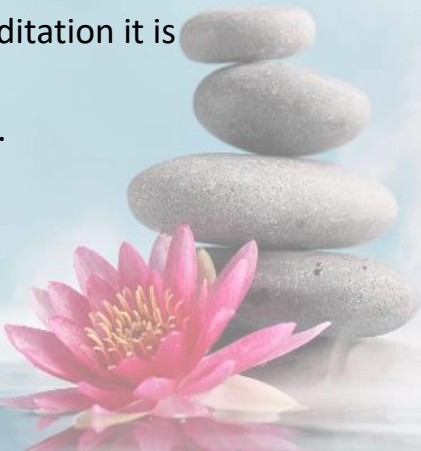
Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 5/6th September 2026

1st Read: Ezekiel 33: 7-9 2nd Read: Romans 13: 8-10 Gos: Matthew: 18: 15-20

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Fiona Watson		Lawrence Cecconello Anne Maguire
9.15am	Carmel Purdey	Pauline Erickson	Pat Rowland Lyn Robinson Tony Robinson

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

Once we have begun the journey of meditation it is the nature of God,
the nature of love that sweeps us along.
We leave behind loneliness,
confusion and isolation.
What we find is communion,
and love.
To be silent with another is truly to **be**
with that person.



BOOKISH MORNING TEA

Is taking a hiatus for the month of September and will recommence on **Thursday 8th October**.
However, this does not mean you are not able to stay for a cuppa and catch-up with any of our Mass-goers after any weekend or weekday Mass. All are welcome.



Evangelisation in the city: Pope Leo XIV’s prayer intention for August

Pope Leo XIV is inviting Catholics to pray ‘for evangelisation in the city’ as his August prayer intention, asking the Lord to accompany millions searching for meaning amid the noise and haste of urban life.

St David’s Winter Warmer Concerts

St Davids Anglican Church is hosting a **Winter Warmer Concert** where we are invited to “Sway to the Music”.

When: Sunday, 30th August, 2026 **Time:** 2.00pm
Cost \$40 (\$30 Concession) which includes afternoon Tea
Where: St David’s, 1111 Doncaster Road, Doncaster East

More information is on the flyer on the noticeboard in the Gathering Space.



Synodality is Demanding

Walking together takes patience, time and effort.
But the Gospel has never promised an easy path – only a fruitful one.

ARCHBISHOP’S CAMPAIGN

Thank you to everyone who has so generously already made a pledge or gift to the 2026 Archbishop’s Campaign. Every gift, large or small, is greatly appreciated! This campaign supports the vital ministries of the Church in our Archdiocese.

MEN'S SOCIAL GROUP



ST KEVIN'S PARISH, TEMPLESTOWE

The next **St Kevin's Men's Social Group** takes place on **Friday, 11th September @ 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 RSVP to the parish office on 9850 5983, or email templesowe@cam.org.au

Speakers Evening

Be inspired by

Greg Sheridan AO

"God is Good for You"

A journalist proclaims Christ to a secular world

Greg is the foreign editor of The Australian newspaper, a well-known author and is a parishioner of St Gregory's Parish

Greg's three books on religion and Christianity have been best sellers.

Friday 2nd October The Clifton Centre

(adjacent to St Clement of Rome's Church)

Pizza Dinner 6.30pm, followed by the presentation and discussion.

Sign-up sheets available soon!

**13TH SEPTEMBER
MASS 5.00PM**

★★★★
FROM THE EMPTY TOMB TO
THE ALTAR



**COME WITH
EXPECTANT HEARTS.
BRING YOUR FAMILY
AND FRIENDS.
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

There will be
Refreshments after
Mass

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS MASS

ST GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC CHURCH

71 WILLIAMSONS RD, DONCASTER

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Come and
encounter Jesus
through the
Blessed Sacrament

**Friday,
4th September
7PM Start**

WORSHIP
TESTIMONY
ADORATION
FELLOWSHIP

*All Are
Welcome*

St Gregory the Great Church

71 Williamsons Road, Doncaster

Info: doncaster@cam.org.au

FEAST OF ST GREGORY THE GREAT

All are warmly invited to join in as we celebrate the Feast of St Gregory the Great.

- Wednesday, 2 September 6:30pm – Vigil Mass
- Thursday, 3 September 10:00am – Mass with the St Gregory the Great School Community

We look forward to celebrating this special occasion together as a partnered parish community.



An invitation from our Archbishop of Melbourne, Peter Comensoli...

PRAYER SERVICE OF LAMENT – 15 September 2026 – St Patrick's Cathedral Grounds, East Melbourne 4pm

The Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows invites us to stand with Mary at the foot of the Cross. There we see a mother who remains close to her Son in His suffering steadfast in faith and open to the hope that God alone can bring. In Mary, the Church learns not to turn away from suffering, but to remain present with compassion, humility and prayer. In 2026, on this memorial we will gather as the Church in Melbourne for our annual Service of Lament for survivors of abuse. I invite you all to join me on **Tuesday 15 September 2026** at 4.00pm in the **grounds of St Patrick's Cathedral** as we come before the Lord in prayer and lament. This Service is an occasion to humbly stand alongside those who have suffered abuse, and all who continue to carry its lasting effects. It is for us, as the Body of Christ, to acknowledge and lament sincerely and with humility the failures that have caused such profound harm, and to place before the Lord our prayer for healing, justice and the ongoing conversion of His Church. Survivors and their loved ones remain at the heart of this gathering. Through the proclamation of God's Word, silence, music and symbolic ritual we will commend to the Lord all who have been harmed by abuse, asking that His healing mercy bring light where there has been darkness, hope where there has been despair and renewed trust where trust has been broken. As we stand with Mary at the foot of the Cross, may we allow the Lord to deepen within us hearts that listen with compassion, seek the truth with humility and remain steadfast in the ongoing work of healing and reconciliation.

For information on our Parish School please contact:

St Kevin's Primary School
Phone: 9273 9999

Responsorial Psalm

My soul thirsts for you,
O Lord my God.

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
First Reading	Second Reading
<u>Jeremiah 20:7-9</u> A reading from the prophet Jeremiah <i>The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.</i> Jeremiah's lament is shocking and confronting. He describes his God-given mission in terms of violent sexual assault; God has seduced and overpowered him. For he is the proverbial 'prophet of doom' – he has been called to challenge the people. The people's response is rejection and ridicule. For him, being God's spokesman has brought nothing but insult and derision all day long. He tries to set his mission aside. But when he tells himself this, he realises that he cannot resist God's call – there is a fire burning in his heart. He can do no other. Jeremiah gives us a stark and vivid picture of the cost and courage of discipleship. This is an anguished text. Its words are fiercely confronting.	<u>Romans 12:1-2</u> A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans <i>May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.</i> Paul embarks on a new section of his letter teaching about a good Christian life. He begins with God's mercy and our response of worship. In doing so, he sets out the intimate connection between liturgy and life. He pairs 'thinking beings' with 'living bodies'. We do not acknowledge God's grace simply in our minds, but in our behaviour – by the way we live. The ethical response to God's mercy is to understand what is good, and then do it. Paul's comment about not modelling our behaviour on the world around us remains highly pertinent in today's era of social media. Rather, our new mind – our understanding of God's mercy – shapes our actions. <i>Taken from 'Break Open the Word'</i>



Australian Catholic Bishops' Statement urges renewed focus on ways to make Australia a more cohesive society
(edited extracts)

The 2026 Catholic Social Justice Statement "Living the Gospel in Times of Social Division" invites reflection and discussion on our current social climate, and the opportunity it presents to witness to the Gospel, the opportunity to choose forgiveness over enmity, hospitality over isolation, and solidarity over vilification. It asks "how can we create conditions in which a more peaceful society can prosper?"

The full Statement (to be linked on our Parish website SJA page) explores recent social developments in Australia including the December 2025 Bondi Beach attack as well as the alarming rise in Islamophobia and other forms of racism. It also lists a range of actions to build social cohesion, which it argues can only come through practising a "culture of encounter". "It entails drawing close to others who have very different life experiences from ours. It means deep solidarity with them, seeing their light with our hearts and not just our eyes, listening intently and not just hearing, not passing by, but stopping to engage, with great compassion, not pity."

"Our starting point is the conviction that every person is created in the image and likeness of God and possesses an inherent dignity that can never be diminished by race, religion, culture language or background".

"Australia has been enriched by successive generations of migrants, refugees and First Nations peoples whose stories form part of our national identity. Listening is especially important. Genuine listening doesn't require us to agree on every issue, but it does require recognition of the dignity of those with whom we might disagree." - **John Costa SJA**



Knights of the Southern Cross—Archbishop's Dinner 2025

Friday 16 October 2026 7.00pm–11.00pm

Join the Knights of the Southern Cross Victoria to celebrate the 26th annual Archbishop's Dinner. The dinner is held each year to raise funds for the Priests Support and Education Fund. This fund was established by the Knights of the Southern Cross to assist in the funding and education of seminarians and the post-ordination education of priests.

Venue : Grand Star Convention and Reception Centre, 499 Grieve Parade, Altona North **Cost:** \$170 per person

Dress: Black tie, business suit, after-five wear

For all enquiries or to book tickets, please email Nadia Bolzonello at giveback@optusnet.com.au or call 0407 055 237.