



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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5/6th September, 2026

Father's Day Weekend

Season of Creation Weekend

Our Presider today is: Fr Charles Balnaves

Words from the desk of our PP...

Rite for Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):

Invite someone to become a Catholic. Let me know via email doncaster@cam.org.au or give me a contact number.

Safeguarding:

After becoming three partnered parishes, the Safeguarding Committees decided to amalgamate – to be one committee sharing our insights and efforts across our three parishes.

It is proving very useful as we are able to share experiences, concerns, difficulties and ways to manage difficulties: thank you to Maria, Bernadine, David, Ana, Richard, Gianna, Marcello for your dedication and on-going contribution to this important building of a culture of safety in our parishes.

Three Parishes Partnering:

Our three Parish Pastoral Councils met in late July to discuss the future. The meeting was very positive and a real success. Progress since then is real, but slow, a slowness appropriate to finding ways forwards together. The three top priorities that arose seem a little prosaic but will be fundamental: creation of a shared calendar; being specific about how we communicate (a communications plan); and then planning things we can do together to supplement the current plans where individual parishes plan and invite the others.

At St Gregory's we have developed a draft for use as a shared calendar to ensure our events are coordinated. If it works, we will bring it to the three parishes and seek to expand the scope to cover the three parishes.

I am hopeful that by taking this measured approach we can grow to know each other and find ways to spread the Good News of God's love further and even more effectively.

God bless, Fr Charles



On **Tuesday, 8th September**, we celebrate the feast day of the **Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**.

It will also be the fifth anniversary of Fr Charles' arrival at our parishes.

A Mass will be celebrated here at St Kevin's on that day at 9.15am.

All are welcome.

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 ring the parish office on 9850 5983, or email templestowe@cam.org.au

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:

Lauren Williams, Allan Robinson, John Brennan, Therese Lavery, Michael Sciavarrello, James & Mary Bone and Jim Bone, Mary Calleja and John Condon (1st)..

Recently Deceased:

Claudio Andrea Raiola (Claudia's Brother-In-Law)

Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this Week: For the young people of our parishes: that the joy and excitement they bring to our lives and our worship will flourish and spread to us all.



Feast Days this week:...

8th September The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
This feast originated in Jerusalem about the sixth century, a development of the feast of the dedication of the church of St Anne, built in Jerusalem 'where Mary was born'. Observed in Rome in the seventh century, it was later used to determine the date of Mary's Immaculate Conception. Because of her importance in salvation history, Mary's birthday is celebrated as well as those of her son Jesus the Lord, and of St John the Baptist.

LITURGY ROSTER

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

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 12/13th September 2026
1st Read: Ecclesiasticus 27: 30-28: 7 2nd Read: Romans 14: 7-9 Gos: Matthew 18: 21-25

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Janet Parsons	Margaret Turner	Lynne O'Brien Lawrence Cecconello
9.15am	Vianney Shiel	Phil Brooks	Adrian Teo Mary Waddick Carmel Shiel

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

The benefits of meditation are not only spiritual closeness to God but also physical: clearer mind, sharper focus, calmness, controlled emotions, contentment.



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.



Synodality is Demanding

At the heart of synodality is trust in the Holy Spirit. Without prayer, synodality becomes mere strategy. With prayer, it becomes a path of grace.

Come Away Day - Wednesday 16th September at Holy Cross Monastery
207 Serpells Road, Templestowe

The **Come Away Day program** is a long - time retreat and reflection ministry at Holy Cross. The next **Come Away Day** for 2026 will be held at Holy Cross on **WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 16th**. The theme of the day is **'COME TO THE WATERS ...'** After our Winter break, we are invited to celebrate the coming of the Spring Season and all that this evokes in us physically, emotionally and spiritually. We have an opportunity to rest, reflect and focus on the deeper meaning, changes, and movements of growth in our own life journeys and how we respond. The day's program provides opportunities for prayer, silent reflection and group interaction in the beautiful grounds and facilities of Holy Cross. All are welcome. Just come as you are. **BYO lunch**. **Registration is from 9.30am in the Holy Cross Main Dining Room**. The program concludes with a celebration of the Eucharist with a departure time of around **3pm**. The suggested cost is \$30.00 or a donation according to your means. Registration is helpful for planning purposes. For any further details contact Sr Brigid cp on bridget.m64@gmail.com . Please put this Date in your Diary and consider inviting a friend along to share the Come Away Day experience. Everyone is welcome.

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 are available on the table in the Gathering Space.

13TH SEPTEMBER
MASS 5.00PM

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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



The next batch of parish Thanksgiving Envelopes have been prepared by our ever efficient Peter Norman (thank you very much Peter) and are now ready for collection from the table in the Gathering Space.

If you give via credit card, your receipts have been emailed to you.

Please remember to collect your envelopes before leaving today.

The Season of Creation

The **2026 Season of Creation** invites Christians to immerse themselves in the **Living Water** of God's creation, combining **spiritual reflection, prayer, and practical ecological action**. It is a time to renew relationships with the Creator, care for the Earth, and participate in a global movement for environmental justice and sustainability



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.

Archbishop announces two key appointments for Melbourne Archdiocese

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli has announced two key appointments for the Archdiocese.

Fr Luciano Toldo CS has been appointed Episcopal Vicar for the Northern Region, and Mgr Charles Portelli has taken up the role of Dean of St Patrick's Cathedral.

The appointments come in the lead-up to Auxiliary Bishop René Ramirez's installation as Bishop of Sandhurst, and as current dean of St Patrick's Cathedral Mgr Stuart Hall is ordained as the new Bishop for the Military Ordinariate of Australia.

In his letter, Archbishop Comensoli explained that Fr Toldo will undertake his new responsibilities as episcopal vicar in addition to his current role as parish priest of St Luke's Parish, Lalor, and that Mgr Portelli will also continue in his role overseeing the Archdiocese's permanent deacons.

The Archbishop expressed his deep gratitude 'to Monsignor Charles and Fr Luciano for their willingness to take up these important ministries and for the generosity with which they have responded to my request'.

He acknowledged that there 'have been a number of announcements of significant change across the Archdiocese in recent times' and that 'These moments of change bring with them both gratitude for ministries generously exercised and hope for the new responsibilities being embraced.

'May the Lord richly bless all in the ministries entrusted to their care,' the Archbishop concluded in his letter to clergy, 'and may we continue to support one another in our shared service of the people of God in Melbourne.'

For information on our Parish School please contact:

St Kevin's Primary School
Phone: 9273 9999

Responsorial Psalm

O that today you would listen to the voice of the Lord.
Do not harden your hearts!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-9

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

This reading does not have immediate appeal because it is phrased in the negative. However, it does presume that the one who repents of wickedness will be saved by God's mercy, even though it does not actually say so.

The prophet sees his calling as a kind of security guard on the lookout for danger and crime. His task is to warn the wrong-doer. If the prophet does not warn him, he will be held responsible for the demise of the wicked person. The prophet will be let off the hook if he issues the warning, even when the wrongdoer does not repent.

As preparation for the gospel, this text challenges us to reflect on our responsibility to speak out to try to bring others to repentance and reconciliation.

Second Reading

Romans 13:8-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

The Great Commandment given by Christ is that we love the Lord our God with all our being and love our neighbour as ourself (Mt 22:34- 39). In these lines, Paul is focussing only on the second part of this commandment to love. The commandments he cites are ones that deal with our behaviour towards others.

'The debt of mutual love' is a strong phrase that invites contemplation. The one thing that cannot hurt another is love.

In Ordinary Time, the second reading is independent of the gospel, but this passage resonates well with what is to come.

This reading is made up of short and simple sentences and a clear message. Enjoy it!

Taken from 'Break Open the Word'

Social Justice Action
St Kevin's Parish, Templestowe

For the suffering of abuse - 2026 Prayer Service of Lament, 4.00pm-5.00pm, 15 September, St Patrick's Cathedral Grounds (Extract from Melbourne Catholic)

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For deaths and suffering from the recent Nepal Floods

For the next two weekends, our 2nd Collections will support the Caritas Flood disaster Appeal. A short (1"30") video will be shown at weekend Masses - **John Costa (SJA)**



Knights of the Southern Cross—Archbishop's Dinner 2026

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.