



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 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

26/27th September, 2026

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Our Presider today is: Fr Anton Aseervathampillai

Words from the desk of our PP...

Rite for Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

We will start the sessions next weekend: 2 pm on October 3rd.

It's not too late to ask someone if they want to join. Email Charles.Balnaves@cam.org.au.

Or give contact number to Fr Charles.

Greg Sheridan: *God is Good for YOU!*

Sign up!! Please register and book in and come along on October 2nd at 6:30 pm. Pizza, fellowship, interesting and challenging conversation, a chance to grow in faith.

Formation sessions for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

St Kevin's, St Clement's, St Gregory's: English or Italian Masses – all those assisting with distribution of Holy Communion!!!! No sign up needed (just sign in on the day).

Don't Forget! This coming week: come to one of the two sessions:

- October 1st 6 pm to 7:30 pm (bonus Mass at 5:30 pm).
- October 3rd 9 am to 10:30 am (bonus Mass at 8:30 am).

These sessions will be a refresher for those who have been ministering already – and a beginning for those who are just signing up. And they will help us move towards providing Communion under both species: Body and Blood as the training will include discussion and practice of that.

Prayer Groups / Your Prayer

I spoke with the prayer groups at Mass at St Greg's and St Clement's and St Kevin's this past week – I thanked them for their service to Jesus Christ and so to the parish through their concerted prayer and asked that they pray my prayer intention for the parish each week (it's in the bulletin on the next page).

I ask all of you to include my prayer intention in your prayers during the week too – and bring it to any group you meet with: our prayer changes the world even when we don't see it.

God bless, Fr Charles

MEN'S SOCIAL GROUP



ST KEVIN'S PARISH, TEMPLESTOWE

The next **St Kevin's Men's Social Group** takes place on **Friday, 9th October @ 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 let the parish office know on 9850 5983, or email templestowe@cam.org.au



Don't forget to collect your next batch of parish Thanksgiving Envelopes from the table in the Gathering Space before leaving the Church today.

We shall commence using them from the first weekend of October. Thank you all.

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
	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, 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, Michael Angelo Yambao, Elysia Pozzebon, Maureen Quinliven and Raffaella Dinelli.

Anniversaries:

Kristina Kulpinska, Wladyslawa Kulpinska, Gino Trentini, Denis Houlihan, Orazio Torre, Palmira Dinelli, Catherine Conti, Mary Sanderson, Catherine Lamoureux and Filippo Lentini.

Recently Deceased:

Julie-Anne Oldfield, Dorriane Pyndrah and Violette Antonio.

Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this Week: Our Alpha participants are having their retreat days with the Holy Spirit: we pray that they will be filled with God's Grace and the power of the Holy Spirit.



Feast Days this week:...

29th September
Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael
These angels are named as messengers of God, entrusted with special divine missions on earth.

30th September St Jerome
Remembered for his asceticism and scholarship and for his incomparable service to the word of God

1st October
St Thérèse of the Child Jesus
Remembered for her humble obedience and her fidelity to ordinary duties as the path to sanctity.

2nd October The Holy Guardian Angels
This feast associates the human race with the eternal song of praise in heaven.

LITURGY ROSTER			
Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 26/27 th September 2026			
1 st Read: Ezekiel 18: 25-28 2 nd Read: Philippians 2: 1-11 Gos: Matthew 21: 28-32			
Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Pauline Erickson	Margaret Turner	Lynne O'Brien Anne Maguire
9.15am	Julie O'Donnell	Carmel Shiel	Pat Rowland Lyn Robinson Tony Robinson
Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – 3/4 th October 2026			
1 st Read: Isaiah 5: 1-7 2 nd Read: Philippians 4: 6-9 Gos: Matthew: 21: 33-43			
Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Margaret Turner	Kathy Pearce	Lawrence Cecconello Anne Maguire
9.15am	Pauline Erickson	Frances Johnson	Mary Waddick Penny Teo Carmel Purdey

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

As we sit down to meditate, we commit to silence and stillness. We leave behind all our thinking and planning, our failures and successes. Through meditation we are content to **be** in the presence of God, finding a way to balance the human and the spiritual.





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 not uniformity

Different cultures, communities and parishes will live synodality in different ways. Unity does not require sameness.



Little Kev's Playgroup

Sessions have now ceased for the school holidays.

Our first session for the new term will be on Monday, 5th October in our Church Gathering Space.

Doors open at 8.30am. All children between the ages of 0-5 years and their parents/guardians are welcome.



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC MIGRANT & REFUGEE OFFICE

112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees

The theme for this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees is **"Even Just One of These Children."** Pope Leo says: "sadly, migrant children are more easily ignored, because they lack adults capable of protecting and supporting them." Our responsibility in our community and in Australia in general, is to go out of our way to be attentive to this often invisible and voiceless dimension of Migrants and Refugees.

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.

Accommodation Needed...

We are seeking either short-term boarding for a young female student who requires a nurturing place to stay in Melbourne for a few months during her university exams, or longer-term accommodation for a mature woman who is navigating a transitional season in her life and would benefit from companionship, pastoral care and a stable environment for one to two years — or perhaps longer, if appropriate. Payment could certainly be offered in both scenarios.

Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to assist or perhaps point us in the right direction that would suit both/either of the two women above. Thank you.



MARCH FOR THE BABIES

Come and show your support and march for the babies at 1.00pm Saturday, 10th October - Treasury Gardens, Cnr Spring St and Wellington Pde, Melbourne

Wear pink and blue for the Babies! www.marchforthebabies.com

This is the 17th annual March for the Babies, and every year since 2009, thousands of Victorians have gathered peacefully with grief and hope to remember the ever-increasing number of babies killed by abortion in this state since the Government legalised abortion-till-birth on October 10, 2008.



Please join the march in their 17 year anniversary.

Attendance is completely free, all you have to do is book your tickets in advance for yourself, your family or group using this QR code:

**BOOK
YOUR
FREE
TICKETS**



A free bus is being offered for our parish – if we can recruit 58 people, a number required by those who are financing this offer. Departure from our church or similar location and return after the event. Details to follow soon.



“For the care of water’: Pope’s prayer intention for September.

‘We are called to allow our hearts to be renewed, so that we might seek peace and care for creation. Scripture tells us to guard our hearts, for everything we do flows from them (cf. Prov 4:23). If we take up this task with humility and faith, we will become collaborators in God’s work of renewal. We will move, slowly but surely, from desert to garden, from division to communion, and from violence to peace.’ – Pope Leo XIV, for the 11th World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation 2026



RECITING THE ROSARY

Beginning next week and continuing throughout October especially, we shall be reciting the Rosary at the following times and at the following locations:

St Clement of Rome Bulleen: Tuesdays @ 8.45am in the Chapel
(in Italian)

St Gregory the Great Doncaster: Fridays @ 9.30am

St Kevin's Templestowe: Thursdays @ 8.45am

Value the journey: Melbourne prepares for AFL grand final

This week, Melbourne will welcome interstate visitors arriving for the AFL Grand Final. As Pope Leo teaches, sport is a source of encounter and hospitality. We celebrate the city's role as a gracious host to players and fans in pursuit of a common goal.



Please Support Our Parish

Mass Volunteer Call

We are in need of some more people to join our team for both Masses, but especially for 5.30pm on Saturdays. We need Lectors, Commentators and Eucharist Ministers. Are you new to St Kevin's and have been waiting for the call out? We warmly invite any new friends from St Greg's and St Clement's to join our team. Father Charles is running a Eucharist Minister refresher course at St Greg's on Thursday, Oct 1st, 6pm to 7.30pm or Saturday, Oct 3rd 9am to 10.30am for current Ministers and new people (see his note in our bulletin cover page). A training session for any new Lectors and Commentators will also be arranged. Please pass your contact details to any Mass volunteer, ring the office or ring Pauline Erickson on 0407 824 638. We look forward to hearing from you.

For information on our Parish School please contact:

St Kevin's Primary School
Phone: 9273 9999

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, be mindful of your mercy.

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
First Reading	Second Reading
Ezekiel 18:25-28 A reading from the prophet Ezekiel <i>The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.</i> This reading, short and direct, contrasts sin and repentance; it affirms the responsibility of the individual for the consequences of our actions – no less than life or death! Ezekiel focusses on the choice we have either to do actions that are unjust or to renounce these evil actions and live honestly. We do not hear it in these few lines, but Ezekiel places our personal choices into the context of God's desire that all should live. The reading ends on a positive note which can be emphasised: <i>they shall certainly live, they shall not die.</i>	Philippians 2:1-11 A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians <i>In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.</i> Paul's passionate encouragement for the community at Philippi to be united has a very contemporary ring to it. In the Church today, we often encounter polarisation and even division on some issues. Paul's emotional opening sentence – appealing to our life in Christ, the Holy Spirit and tender Christian love – should move our hearts. There is a whole world out there waiting to hear of the gospel – and, whatever our differences, we are all on the same side, with a common purpose and a common mind. In order to achieve deep reconciliation, we need to be humble and self-effacing; we need to listen to and respect the other person. The shorter version of the reading allows us to omit the ancient hymn to Christ. Given that Christ sets the example of self-emptying for us to follow, it is highly desirable to use the full version. It demonstrates that our unity in the Church is grounded in the self-sacrifice of Christ which ultimately God's power alone can bring to fulfillment. <i>Taken from 'Break Open the Word'</i>



Peace through Dialogue

(extracted in part with permission from the author, Regional Director Oceania, Rev Dr Patrick McInerney, *The Far East*, Sept-Oct 2026)

"....Populist politicians have fanned the flames of intolerance by promoting a monoculture that erases the richness and diversity of the many ethnicities, cultures, and religions that make up our multicultural, multifaith society.

How can we find hope in these hyper-contested times? In recent weeks, I have been privileged to be part of several events that give me hope.

The Abraham Conference hosted a "Listening Circle". A group of 10 Jews, 10 Christians, and 10 Muslims came together. We listened to each other. There was no discussion, no comment, no debate. We simply listened. We spoke our truth. It was emotional and heartfelt. We heard each other's pain and hurt. There was deep bonding. It was a healing experience for all involved. There needs to be much more listening like this to diffuse the toxic animosity that is tearing the fabric of our society apart....." "I was a participant in a "Social Cohesion Roundtable" hosted by Western Sydney University which brought together leaders from government, policing, business, education, sport, faith, philanthropy and community. There was open sharing about the economic, educational, social and other stressors that lead to marginalisation, the many good things already taking place, and the need for greater cross-sector collaboration.

