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St Kevin's PPC Meeting

3rd September 2026

Agenda

- 1) Opening prayer
- 2) Apologies: Fr Anton, Margaret Turner
- 3) Matters arising from August minutes.
- 4) Parish updates
 - a) Ana Saro
 - b) Gabee Leone
 - c) John Costa
 - d) David Hi
 - e) Fr Charles
- 5) Other matters for discussion
 - a) Parish Website
- 6) Date of next PPC



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Minutes

The meeting opened at 2.30pm

Present: Fr Charles, David Hi, John Costa, Gabee Leone, Pauline Erickson, Adrian Teo, Peter Sheehan, Ana Saro, Carmel Shiel and Claudia Raiola.

Apologies: Fr Anton, Margaret Turner.

Opening Reflection: John Costa

Matters arising from previous minutes.

It is noted that in the minutes of the August meeting, Peter Sheehan was omitted from the list of members present.

Parish Updates

1) Ana Saro: Pastoral Care Worker. Full report available on website.

Ana reported on the recent Eucharist Sacrament Masses, recent Baptism, an update on Safeguarding requirements, outreach and nursing home visits, Bookish morning tea, Youth Group, Playgroup, St Vincent de Paul, the upcoming Father's Day breakfast, and future events to be held later in the year.

2) Gabee Leone: School Principal. Full report available on website.

Gabee reported on the school Art Show planned for next week and St Kevin's participation in the Doncaster District Athletics Carnival on 8th September. Gabee also reported on the recent Faith development Day for staff members of St Kevin's and St Greg's.

3) John Costa: Social Justice. Full report available on the website.

John provided updates on St Kevin's response to Caritas support of the Nepal flood disaster, the production of the NATSICC video, review of SJA current and potential future activities, some discussion

on selected shared parish 2nd collections and a report on shared time with special needs individuals. John also provided an updated report on St Kevin's 2026 Special collections, principles and policies.

4) David Hii: Business Manager. Full report on website.

David reported on the current status of obtaining quotes for the construction of the Columbarium.

Modifications to the sanctuary are now complete. Gratitude is expressed to the parishioner who generously donated the full cost of the carpet and installation.

The Archdiocese has now received a valuation report for the St Charles Borromeo site. After clarification of certain points, the Archdiocese will prepare a detailed summary and report and share it with the Parish. David expressed his frustration with the Archdiocese in both its delay and lack of response to emails and phone calls. Father Charles was very much a part of this discussion and was responsible for "moving" the Archdiocese into some action.

We are still waiting for a response from the Archdiocese re the firm to be engaged for the preparation of a 10year master plan for the assets of the Parish.

5) Fr Charles.

Father Charles spoke of the recent gathering of PPC members from all three parishes. In moving forward together, we must find ways of communicating together, such as a common calendar.

Fr Charles initiated a St Kevin's Christmas Eve Mass discussion and he was grateful for PPC opinions.

With Fr Anton away on holidays, Fr Charles commented on his appreciation of Father Anton and his great help in areas of parish duties.

6) Other matters for discussion

John raised the subject of the Parish website. It is difficult to navigate and since the resignation of Tiziana, it has not been updated regularly. He feels that it is quite a simple task. Father Charles is to take the matter in hand.

7) Next PPC 8th October 2026

Meeting closed at 3.55pm.

Pastoral Worker PPC Report August 2026.

Sacramental Program.

First Eucharist Sacrament mass on Sunday 16th August for the 10 catechist children went really well. The live music and choir made a huge joyous impact. I have been told that the St Kevin's students sacrament mass on the Saturday night also went well.

·Baptisms.

There was one private Baptism this month. We have no scheduled Baptisms.

·Safeguarding.

Working on rolling out hard copies of Volunteer Position forms. Will personally approach people with forms and have a chat about why we need the form and get them to sign if they are comfortable. This is a newish requirement of the Safeguarding Unit of CAM.

- Safeguarding meetings continue monthly.
- A new series of dates for Safeguarding Essentials training- look to have in November. Will liaise with Brech from the Archdiocese..

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 15-20 teenagers.

Playgroup.

We currently have 12 families enrolled in play group. Very noisy but joyous fun!

St Vincent De Paul

·We have a dedicated team of 4- Jenny Coates, Lolita Booth, Adrian and myself. We will be attending an extra training session on Tuesday 1st September at Blackburn.

Upcoming Events

School Fathers Day Breakfast will be on Friday 4th September 0700-0830. We are providing breakfast food and a small gift as we celebrate all dads!

International Morning Tea after mass will be happening in late October.

Safeguarding Essentials Training led by Brech will be held late November.



PPC 7 Principal's Report

Visual Arts Show Invitation



Faith Development Day

Staff from St Gregory's and St Kevin's gathered Friday 28 August for a meaningful day of faith formation and professional learning. The day provided an opportunity for staff to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith and reflect on how we can continue to nurture the faith journeys of our students.

Our focus was on the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, exploring their meaning and significance within the Mass. We also spent time reflecting on the importance of symbols in the Eucharist and how these symbols help us to understand and celebrate our faith more deeply.

We are very grateful to Fr Frank O'Loughlin for sharing his wisdom, theological knowledge and insights with us throughout the day. His guidance encouraged us



to reflect more deeply on the richness of the Eucharist and its central place in our Catholic faith.

Days such as these are a wonderful reminder of the importance of continuing to grow in faith as a staff community, so that we can share our knowledge, understanding and love of the Catholic faith with our students and families.

Athletic Day

DONCASTER DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 8th of September 9.30am - 2.45pm

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Our Year 3 to 6 students have been busy training with Mr Montalto and are looking forward to participating in the Doncaster District Athletics Carnival next week.

We wish all our students the very best as they proudly represent St Kevin's. We know they will demonstrate great sportsmanship, determination and school spirit!



Social Justice Action St Kevin's Parish Templestowe

Report to Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, 3 September 2026

1. Nepal Landside Flood Disaster

SJA has marginally rearranged the Parish 2nd Collection Schedule to support Caritas Australia in collaboration with Caritas Nepal by raising funds on the weekends on 5/6 & 12/13 September supporting those who have suffered seriously following recent widespread and dramatic landslide flooding. We have accordingly created a 1' 30" second promotional video on behalf of Caritas. A revised 2nd Collection schedule has been distributed to stakeholders.

2. NATSICC Video 40th Anniversary celebration of Pope John Paul II Uluru Visit and Message

On 25TH August at the request of NATSICC (National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council) I recorded **video interviews** of some (now elderly) Aboriginal and other people who 40 years ago met with Pope John Paul II during his intentional Uluru visit to heighten the plight of Aboriginal People. Among other things his visit immortalised the words *"Your 'Dreaming' which influences your lives so strongly that, no matter what happens, you remain forever people of your culture, is your own way of touching the mystery of God's Spirit in you and in creation."* The interviews will be integrated into a NATSICC video celebrating the 40th anniversary of Pope JP II's November 1986 visit, intended for distribution to and discussion within Parishes, both for commemoration, and to highlight the plight of First Nations people.

3. SJA Review of our current and potential future activities

This work is continuing with some concrete plans being further progressed. We are also following up on the 'Kadasig' issue. I still need to follow up with our PS on one possibility.

4. Preliminary Discussion on *some selected* shared-parish 2nd Collections

Very preliminary discussion between myself on behalf of SJA and St Greg's Margaret O'Donnell on Tuesday 3 September have strongly agreed in principle with the concept subject to further related-discussions, at this stage just with St Greg's, but also intended for St Clements.

5. Shared time with selected Special Needs individuals

Feedback from the four individuals involved have indicated that our regular contacts have resulted in greater self-confidence by them and increased positivity and enthusiasm.

6. The incredibly complex issue of a very simple website content update

Further to last PPC Meeting's endorsement of a simple website update request it has been greatly dismaying to experience initial reluctance followed by zero response despite clarification of the simple task. The pursuit of 'new ways of being Church' appear very questionable if even the 'old ways of being Church', not to mention basic courtesy, seem out of Reach. I've requested an Agenda item to hopefully progress this.



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BUSINESS MANAGER REPORT – September, 2026

Columbarium (Wall Niche)

We are still awaiting quotes for the construction of our columbarium.

Modifications to the Sanctuary

Finally, all works to the sanctuary have now been completed.

An Alpha attendee, who is also a St Gregory's PPC member and parishioner, has generously donated the full cost of the custom-made carpet and its installation.

St Charles Borromeo

The Archdiocese has received a valuation report from the valuer, which has been reviewed in detail. The Archdiocese has requested clarification on certain items and further commentary on other points. Once the revised report is available, the Archdiocese will prepare a detailed summary and share it with the parish.

We are still awaiting a response from the Archdiocese regarding the firm to be engaged for the preparation of a 10-year master maintenance plan for the parish's assets.