



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 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

3rd/4th October, 2026

Feast of St Francis of Assisi

Our Presider today is: Fr Charles Balnaves

Words from the desk of our PP...

Bottles for Preserves 🍯

I have about 50 clean jars that could be used for preserves. Anyone interested? Let me know. Fr Charles:

(Charles.balnaves@cam.org.au) or call one of the offices.

Columban Calendars

It isn't 2027 yet but we have Columban Calendars available – buy some to use as Christmas gifts – only \$10 each. Or buy one or two as your calendar: not only the seasons of the liturgy and Mass Readings and feast days but wonderful pictures that evoke our faith.

Dreams for our Parishes:

Do you have dreams about the future of our parishes? Or ideas about how we worship and how that could be improved to be even more alive and active? Or ideas about things our parishes could work on alone or together? Are there customs from your homeland that might enrich our celebrations? Are there questions about faith or morals or church or bible or marriage or sacraments that you would like answered?

Please tell me. I don't promise I can or will do everything everyone suggests but I will do my best to seek to help us flourish in worship, in outreach to the margins and in seeking to bring people to Jesus.

Let me know your thoughts: Charles.balnaves@cam.org.au

Praying With ...

One of the moments of Alpha during the Retreat Day is to pray with people – two leaders spend some moments with a person who chooses to participate, specifically inviting the Holy Spirit to come and ... fill the person.

I've recently had the privilege of participating in this experience with some of our young people and I was amazed again by two things.

Our young people know God's presence in their lives. And they know when the Holy Spirit is present, speaking into their lives and their needs. It's Powerful!

And the Holy Spirit gives us the words to speak – it is not just me speaking the thoughts I have about the prayer subject requested. Rather ... it is the words that are truly needed. It's Powerful!

Before Alpha, I'd experienced the Sacrament of Anointing, and having people come and ask me for a prayer – and they are powerful in themselves. But it is different. There is an intentional choice to come together and ask the Holy Spirit to fill us – the person prayed for and the people praying. St Paul spoke of this so it's nothing new. Just fresh to me.

I share this because it is important for our future as parishes in partnership. Without inviting the Holy Spirit into our parish lives to guide us and lead us into the wilderness we won't find the ways God wants for us.

Come Holy Spirit.

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

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

Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	9.15am	Mass
Monday	8.30am	Little 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, 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, Raffaella Dinelli and Solomon S Cua.

Anniversaries:

Bartolo Natoli, Guido Maffei, Marino Correzzola and Peter Rice.

Recently Deceased:



Fr Charles’ Prayer Intention for this Week: For those who help organise our Masses and the music and singing within the Mass: that the Holy Spirit will guide them in their part of drawing us into full, active and conscious participation.

Feast Days this week:...

7th October Our Lady of the Rosary
This commemoration was established in 1573 in thanksgiving for a Christian victory over the Ottoman forces at Lepanto. It entered the general calendar in the eighteenth century. It is a memorial of the Virgin Mary as honoured in the rosary, a form of prayer combining the salutation of the angel with meditation on the saving mysteries of Christ.



LITURGY ROSTER

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – 3/4th October 2026
1st Read: Isaiah 5: 1-7 2nd 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	Miriam Ayoub	Frances Johnson	Mary Waddick Penny Teo Carmel Purdey

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 10/11th October 2026
1st Read: Isaiah 25: 6-10 2nd Read: Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20 Gos: Matthew 22: 1-14

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Pauline Erickson	Tasha Vercauteran	Lynne O’Brien Lawrence Cecconello
9.15am	Tony Byrne	Phil Brooks	Kaye Byrne Pat Rowland Liz Polidano

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. What we find is peace and love.



Our next Parish Bookish Morning Tea will be held on Thursday, 8th October at 10.00am and continues every fortnight.

All are welcome to join in the fun!
Looking forward to seeing you all then!!



Daylight Savings commences this weekend!
Please remember to turn your clocks and watches forward one hour so that we can enjoy the longer days of sunshine for the next few months.

Synodality and hope

A synodal Church believes that renewal is possible, even in difficult times. Hope is not naïve optimism – it is trust in God’s faithfulness.



‘What is ours to do?’: St Francis and the radical call of our time



Eight hundred years after the death of St Francis of Assisi, his example remains strikingly relevant, writes lay Franciscan Rodrigo Castellanos.

In a world facing new forms of uncertainty, division and rapid technological change, the Franciscan call to radical service, radical kinship and radical giving offers a powerful way forward. As we celebrate this anniversary, one question remains for each of us: What is ours to do?

As we celebrate 800 years since St Francis of Assisi, may we be reminded that the legacy of the saints is not merely something to admire from a distance. It is something we are called to live ourselves, as St Francis did.

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



2027 COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR

The new Columban Calendars for 2027 are available from the table in the Gathering Space. \$10 each.
Please place cash in the box provided. Thank you.

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. Full training will be provided for all ministries. Please pass your contact details to any Mass volunteer, ring the parish office or ring Pauline Erickson on 0407 824 638. We look forward to hearing from you.

Also, an email has now been sent to all Mass volunteers requesting unavailability dates for the next roster. Could you please reply to that email as soon as possible with any requests and known dates. Thank you, Pauline Erickson.



RECITING THE ROSARY

For the month of October especially, we shall be reciting the Rosary at the following times and at the following Churches:

- St Clement of Rome Bulleen: Tuesdays @ 8.40am in the Chapel (in Italian)
Wednesdays @ 8.40am
- St Gregory the Great Doncaster: Fridays @ 9.30am
- St Kevin’s Templestowe: Thursdays @ 8.45am

 **Pope Leo’s prayer intention for October:**
‘For mental health ministry’ asking the Church to welcome, accompany, and support people facing mental health challenges.
We pray for the establishment and strengthening of mental health ministry throughout the Church, emphasising compassion, accompaniment, and the removal of stigma surrounding mental illness.

THE NARROW BRIDGE - Film screening and discussion *A story of loss, courage and human connection*

When: Saturday 10 October, 2 – 4:15 pm (Afternoon tea included)
Where: Manningham Uniting Church, 109 Wood St, Templestowe
Cost: \$10 or free if you unable to pay at this time (money is equally split between Parents Circle – Families Forum & the film producer)
To register, go to: <https://events.humanitix.com/the-narrow-bridge-screening>

It is an hour long and interviews people from two Palestinian – Jewish peace-building organisations, Parents Circle – Families Forum (that is made up from Palestinians and Jews who have had loved ones killed in the conflict) and Combatants for Peace (made up of former Jewish soldiers and Palestinian fighters who now reject violence as the way forward to a socially just outcome).

The Narrow Bridge follows four individuals whose lives have been shattered by conflict in the Middle East — yet who respond not with revenge, but with courage and compassion.

Rami, Bassam, Bushra and Meytal have each lost a child or parent. In the face of unimaginable grief, they choose to transform their pain into a bridge towards understanding and peace.

- * How do we live after devastating loss?
- * How do we resist being defined by hatred?
- * How do we hold on to our humanity in the face of violence?

Join us for a facilitated conversation exploring themes of reconciliation, shared humanity and connection across faiths.

For information on our Parish School please contact:

St Kevin's Primary School
Phone: 9273 9999

Responsorial Psalm

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

In your peace, Lord, hear us.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
First Reading	Second Reading
Isaiah 5:1-7 A reading from the prophet Isaiah <i>The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.</i> Isaiah uses a vineyard and winemaker to speak of our response to God's gifts, or rather, our lack of response. The reading begins with a lyrical story of the winemaker. He has undertaken a labour of love. What more could he have done for the vineyard, he asks, yet it has yielded nothing but sour grapes. So sadly, he abandons the site and lets it go to wrack and ruin. The reading ends by spelling out the metaphor. God is the winemaker. The people are the vineyard. Instead of a rich yield of good grapes, there are only sour grapes; instead of justice, only bloodshed; instead of integrity, only distress. The tone is more bitter disappointment than angry judgement. The reading extols God's love and commitment to the people of the covenant, but this requires a response. We have been charged with a challenge: recognise God's care and respond with goodness of heart.	Philippians 4:6-9 A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians <i>Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.</i> Paul likes the Philippians and here offers them (and us) some truly inspiring advice. It is centred on Christ and promises God's peace which is beyond anything we can imagine. As Paul urges us to fill our minds with what is noble, good and true, we can easily envisage the nasty opposites which are being banished, but Paul's exhortation remains entirely positive. This passage is a delight for us to hear. It should be listened to quietly and meditatively. Focus on what follows after the word 'everything'. We will receive a sense of God's peace reigning in our hearts. <i>Taken from 'Break Open the Word'</i>



Appreciation for received 2nd Collection donations from St Kevin's Parish.

Our parishioners thoughtfully and kindly support diverse 2nd Collections during the year, and while we know they don't do this to receive thanks, it's appropriate and important that we share something of the appreciation expressed by recipients in each case. This also reaffirms the purpose for which each donation is used.

CARELINK, towards the Healing of Abuse, appreciated our donation of \$400.25 as well as its goodwill. CARITAS Australia working directly with CARITAS Nepal were very grateful for our \$1,375 donation collected over two weekends and immediately put this to urgent use in dire circumstances, amidst continuing uncertain future.

A hand-written note from Nungalinga College on behalf of their principal, staff and students appreciated parishioners moral as well as financial support of \$428.75 which helps to enable staff to equip their indigenous brothers and sisters to lead in their local communities. As now displayed on the Parish House noticeboard they appreciatively also attached a small print of a famous aboriginal art piece titled 'Markarrata' by Frances Rrkili Garrawurra (Djambarrpuymgu language, Ramingining Community). It basically depicts the mythological trial very long ago of an aboriginal man who did something wrong, relating that to the trial and betrayal by Judas of Jesus, who did nothing wrong but took the punishment for us all.

There are very many and ever growing calls for charity, and a limit to what can be usefully done, however we should never underestimate both the personal encouragement as well as financial benefit to what are indeed very needy causes, from our modest, though broadly shared and heart-felt donations. - **John Costa (SJA)**

