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 — Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time — 24/25th October, 2026

Our Presider today is: Fr Anton Aseervathampillai

Words from the desk of our PP…

Christmas Gift

"A River Dreaming" I have plenty (hundreds) of copies of this little book – written by Aunty Betty Pike. It presents a challenging allegory about being a person living 'between races' or 'across races' – Aboriginal and Irish in Betty's case.

I recommend it to you to read but also as a gift for young people and older people – an easy read with deep meaning and great illustrations: just $10 each. Available in the gathering space.

World Youth Day – 2027 August 3-8 Seoul Korea

World Youth Day! Please let us know if you are thinking, dreaming, pondering, wondering about going. E-mail vera.arief@cam.org.au. Vera is enthusiastic for a large number of people from our parishes to go! It's only nine months away. Start thinking! Let us help in guiding you.

Masses for November

Don't forget to fill in an envelope requesting prayers during November for those you love who have died.

Columban Calendars

We still have ample supplies. I love these calendars for the paintings used which evoke deep reflections in me. And useful for the calendar of saints etc too.

Reporting Things

During the week I went into one or our meeting rooms and saw a broken chair. Sitting there. A while ago there was a broken toilet seat. And another time a dripping tap. And also I've found trip hazards. And dirty toilets. None of these were reported to me or to a sacristan.

Please! Please! Please!

If something is broken | not working | dirty | missing: REPORT IT to me or the sacristan or the parish office.

Of course: it you see something you feel is wrong in relation to children particularly: report it (Safeguarding).

I want you safe and comfortable so we can properly be the presence of Jesus for the world.

PS: that broken chair? It was for a child to use. When I checked there were six others similar and all of them were ready to break: it seems no harm happened this time but … having a chair collapse under you is a good way to get an injury: young or old.

Music and Singing at our Masses

Christ Jesus our Lord is at the core of everything we live for and doubly so at the core of our Mass.

Thank you to all who are providing us with music and singing: you are treasures of the Lord.

It has been wonderful to me to see the arrival of new people into our Music and Singing ministry at our Masses in St Clement's / St Gregory's / St Kevin's – supplementing or expanding our existing music ministries.

Please! Put yourselves forward: if you have some skills as a musician or some ability to sing: every one of our music groups will welcome you. Approach the musicians at the Mass you go to and offer your gifts. Or e-mail / call your parish office.

God bless, Fr Charles

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, Raffaela Dinelli, Solomon S Cua, Dana and Wilma McPherson.

Anniversaries:

Antoinette Maher, Aldo Tesa, Marco Finadri, Margaret Gaffney, Ivan Cvetko, Gustavo Gutierrez, Mary Therese McGinty, Tim Doherty, Rafael Vujcevic and Laurie Boyhan.

Recently Deceased:

Angelo Bolzonello, Patricia Huntley, Dale Vitritti and Gerald Aulich.

Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this Week: We pray in thanks for the wonders of human ingenuity which, through the power of the Holy Spirit, enables our medical and technical achievements and the great good that arises.



Feast Days this week:…

28th October

Saints Simon and Jude

Simon "the less" is also called "the Canaanite" and "the Zealot".

Jude "son of James" was traditionally thought to be the same person as Jude, brother of James and author of the letter of Jude, but may also be the one called "Thaddeus".

A tradition has Simon and Jude preaching and being martyred in Persia. Honoured among the twelve apostles, the first followers of Christ.

LITURGY ROSTER

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 24/25th October 2026

1st Read: Exodus 22: 20-26 2nd Read: Thessalonians 1: 5-10 Gos: Matthew 22: 34-40

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Pauline Erickson	Maree McTaggert	Lynne O'Brien Maryanne McNamara
9.15am	Paul Polidano	Miriam Ayoub	Liz Polidano Penny Teo Mary Waddick

All Saints Day – 31st October/1st November 2026

1st Read: Apocalypse 7: 2-4, 9-14 2nd Read: 1 John 3: 1-3 Gos: Matthew: 5: 1-12

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Margaret Turner	Kathy Pearce	Lawrence Cecconello Anne Maguire
9.15am	Vianney Shiel	Carmel Shiel	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

Meditation is a time to leave all thoughts behind and calm your mind.
We do this by while focusing on the sacred word called mantra:
the mantra ***MARANATHA,***
in Arameic,
language spoken by Jesus.
This means ***"COME LORD"***.
Trust that it will work for you.



Our next **Parish Bookish Morning Tea** will be held on **Thursday, 5th November** at 10.00am and continues every fortnight.



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

Synodality and Families

A synodal Church listens not only inwardly but outwardly, engaging respectfully with society and culture.

Little Kev's Playgroup



Due to the Cup Day long weekend, there will NOT be a Little Kev's Playgroup Session on Monday, 2nd November.

It will recommence on Monday, 9th November as per usual.

Playgroup is held weekly on Mondays in our Gathering Space.



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



Columbarium

Our columbarium is taking a little longer than initially planned but remains on-scope and budget. It will be good to have it complete.

God bless, Fr Charles

🙏 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.

Nicholas Tonti Filippini Oration and White Mass 2026

Friday 13 November 2026, 11.00am–12.00pm
Catholic Leadership Centre, East Melbourne
Two Course Dinner and Speech, 7pm, $125 per person

Hosted by the Australian Catholic Medical Association, the third annual Nicholas Tonti Filippini Oration will be delivered by Mr Paul Santamaria KC on the topic 'Healthcare, Conscience and the Law'. Archbishop Peter A Comensoli will celebrate a White Mass for health care workers at St John the Evangelist Church (adjacent to the Catholic Leadership Centre) at 6pm, prior to the oration.

For bookings: www.trybooking.com/DPWCZ
More information is on the flyer on the noticeboard.



2027 COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR

The new Columban Calendars for 2027 are available from the table in the Gathering Space. $10 each.

Attention! Parishioners

Reminder

This is a reminder that all Agendas and Reports for each Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) meeting (mostly monthly) may be accessed from our Parish website, so that you always know or can find at any time out what's going on at all PPC Meetings. A LINK to all these reports is located on our Parish website 'About Us' page, just below the heading & paragraph "Parish Pastoral Council". They are added shortly following each PPC Meeting.

Simply go to our website: stkevinsparish.org.au and click on 'About Us' tab then click on 'Leadership' tab.

All Souls Day – Masses and Cemetery Visits

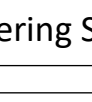
In special recognition for those who have died we will have the following procession on All Souls Day – Monday 2nd November
Start and end with Mass and visit three cemeteries to go round and visit the graves of those we know.
9:15 am: Begin with Mass at St Clement of Rome
10:00 am: Gather at Templestowe Cemetery and go around blessing grave sites. Then travel to Eltham ca. 10 mins
11:00 am: Gather at Eltham Cemetery (in the car park at the side entrance on Metery Road, Eltham), go round blessing grave sites.
Travel to Warrandyte ca. 20 mins
12:30 pm: Gather at Andersons Creek Cemetery (11 Blair St Warrandyte), go round visiting blessing sites.
Finish the day with Mass at St Gregory the Great at 5:00 pm. Fr Anton will lead the procession.



International Morning Tea

Celebrating our Multicultural Parish

Sunday 15th November
after the 9.15am Mass



St Kevin's is a vibrant parish that gathers people from around the world – UK, Italy, China, Vietnam, Poland, Slovenia, Malaysia, Sri Lanka – to name just a few!

Let's celebrate our diversity with an **International Morning Tea!**

Please bring a plate of food to share that reflects your origins and let's enjoy and celebrate our diversity!



There will be a combined

Safeguarding Essentials Training

for all volunteers who have not yet completed this compulsory requirement. The training will be at St Kevin's Parish at 4pm on Saturday 21st November. Please let us know (via the parish office) of your attendance so we can prepare enough resources.

Co-responsibility in the Church

Cardinal Grech is speaking in Melbourne, live, on

Co-responsibility in the Church

on 4th November.

It looks to be a well worthwhile talk from an excellent speaker.

I encourage you to go along but you must register – use the QR code on the poster on the noticeboard in the Gathering Space. Or go to notredame.edu.au and search for "Grech" and follow instructions.

There is a charge.

For information on our Parish School please contact:

St Kevin's Primary School
Phone: 9273 9999

Responsorial Psalm

I love you, O Lord, my strength.

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
First Reading	***Second Reading***
Exodus 22:20-26 A reading from the book of Exodus *If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.* The message given to Moses by the Lord is wonderfully concrete and very direct! It urges a deep and engaging empathy. It is a call to love one another. Do not molest or oppress a stranger – you have been strangers yourselves. Do not be harsh with widows and orphans – my anger will flare… and your own wives will be widows and your children orphans! Such a colourful reading can be proclaimed as an upbeat challenge. The punishments should not be laid upon the assembly as dark threats. Rather enjoy the clever turn of phrase and notice that the reading is a series of hypotheticals (*if you…).* The reading invites us to do what is right and encourages us, like the Lord, to be '*full of pity*'.	1 Thessalonians 1:5-10 A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians *You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.* For Paul, the Christian community at Thessalonika is a most impressive group of believers. They had watched Paul to see what made him tick. With his example, they took to the gospel with the joy of the Spirit and became renowned throughout the Mediterranean for their faith in the face of opposition. This is truly inspiring. As he travels, Paul does not need to tell people about it – they tell him! Paul is delighted with the witness they are giving. The reading can be delivered with a sense of positive joy and gratitude. Some of the sentences are long, but they are not difficult because they are mostly a sequence of ideas linked by 'and'. Well-presented, the reading should stimulate the hearers themselves to give good example by the lives they lead. *Taken from 'Break Open the Word'*

Free to a good home….

The following items are being donated by parishioners to anyone who would like/need the following items:

- A brand new kitchen double sink complete with drainers on either side (yes, you read that correctly)
- A small hanging crucifix 300mm x 150mm
- A two-year old Brother black-and-white laser printer with a colour scanner in a desktop unit.

Photos of the above can be seen on the noticeboard in the Gathering Space. If you are interested in any items, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you.



Society? Church? Goodness and justice all round?
(Includes Edited extract from Dominican Friar Peter Murnane, Finding the Treasure, 11 Oct. 2026)

"If we are to grow into mature, whole human beings, we need to bring the various areas of our life into unity, wholeness, so that all elements of our body and mind work together. If some part is at war against others - for instance if our appetite for (just one single self-centred matter) rules us - we become sick or suffer a breakdown, disintegration.

Nor are we integrated if we cannot see and respect the dignity of every other person, whatever their race, sexuality or beliefs. We need to check that our "God circle" is not restricted to formal religious practices, but includes a growing awareness of the enormous suffering of God's people, and our striving to lessen the gross injustices that 'Caesar' constantly commits through greed, militarism and racism."

The Catholic Social Services Victoria pre-election statement "Flourishing Families and Communities" is now available for download from our Parish website "About Us" page, under 'Parish Pastoral Council". Summary statements have also been sent to our Parish Office which might be able to provide copies. Beyond that our daily newspapers are increasingly full of disturbing reports of suffering and global injustice. We can't individually fix everything, but there are many things we can manageably do collectively, particularly as our three Parishes increasingly share. Please feel free to *enquire* or *share your thoughts* with our Parish Social Justice Action group. - ***John Costa SJA***