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 — Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time — 7/8th November, 2026

Baptism and Baptism Presentation Weekend

Our Presider today is: Fr Anton Aseervathampillai

Words from the desk of our PP…

November Masses:

Fr Anton and I have begun offering Masses for all those you have requested. As I type this, I have received requests for 148 Masses, and there are about 100 more implied from other sources. There are 63 Masses available during November for Fr Anton and I to celebrate with you. The rest of your requests will be provided by priests via Aid to the Church in need. Alongside all the Masses being offered specifically, we also have the Memorial Book at each parish – and we pray for all those who are named.

Christmas Gift $10 – A River Dreaming – still available

If you haven't already one so: please buy a copy of this charming and deeply moving allegory of being Aboriginal and Celtic – of being between ethnic groups and culture: it is relevant for all and suitable for children and adults.

Another Reminder: World Youth Day – 2027 August 3-8 Seoul Korea: E-mail vera.arief@cam.org.au. Think, pray, invite/respond. Yes it's next year but that is not far from now when you start planning for something as big as World Youth Day.

Retreat: Queenscliff

As I sit here on Wednesday afternoon, halfway through my retreat week, beginning to properly relax and be able to pray quietly, the weather is … Melbourne weather. Wonderfully variable. Inviting me to open my heart.

I started today with a walk along the back of the sand-dunes – about 6:30 am. It was quiet, fine, a slight cool breeze, the sun shining gently, some fishermen in small boats, and not a ship on the horizon. Now! Rain is pending.

My retreat this year is threaded with the Melbourne Synod because Saturday and Tuesday were formation sessions, helping the delegates to understand the purpose and ethos of the Synod. Two themes that I must allow to grow with each other.

The retreat has a theme about "the Spirituality of a diocesan priest," drawing mostly from the life and writings of St John of Avila – which proves to involve being willing to allow the Holy Spirit to be my primary guide.

The Synod has a dual purpose of beginning to learn to be a church that lives synodally under the guidance of the Holy Spirit whilst also seeking to imagine the future of Youth Discipleship, Formation and Participation, and Missionary Leadership.

So, indeed, the two threads do work together: The Holy Spirit is to be our guide.

And I remember! Jesus: being led by the Spirit into the desert. Learning how his mission could best be actually lived – how to spread the Good News of God's closeness and love.

I shall be spending the rest of this wonderful retreat time with Christ and the Holy Spirit – far more intentionally than I have until today.

God bless, Fr Charles



Remembrance Day is one of the most important days on our Australian Government's commemorative calendar. It's a day when we acknowledge those who died or suffered while serving in wars, conflicts and peace operations. Remembrance Day is held on 11 November each year.

This is the anniversary of the Armistice of 1918 that ended fighting in World War I. Australia and many other countries observe one minute's silence at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month because that's when the Armistice came into effect. It's a time to honour all personnel who died or suffered in the service of Australia.

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

Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	9.15am	Baptism and Baptism Presentation 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	Baptism 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.

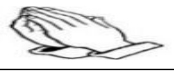
Anniversaries:

Angel Ibrahim, Giuseppina Bolzonello, Teresa Paolilli, Heather Brady, Michael Brady and Angelina Amalfi.

Recently Deceased:

Fr Brendan Lane and Louise Marie Leacy.

Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this Week: We pray for Fr Charles and all delegates to the Melbourne Synod (December 4-6th): that he and they will be fully open to being led by the Holy Spirit.



Feast Days this week:...

9th November
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
It honours the local Church in Rome as a link with earliest Christian tradition and as a sign of our communion in Christ.

10th November St Leo the Great
Remembered for his eloquent sermons, and for the prayers he composed for the Roman liturgy.

11th November St Martin of Tours
Remembered for his generosity to the poor, for arguing against the persecution of heretics and for his active evangelisation and pastoral care of rural areas.

12th November St Josephat
Remembered for his energetic pastoral reform and courageous ecumenism.

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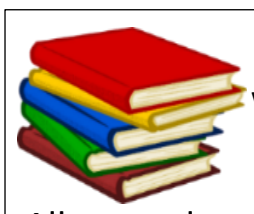
Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 7/8th November 2026
1st Read: Wisdom 6: 12-16 2nd Read: Thessalonians 4: 13-18 Gos: Matthew 25: 1-13

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Tasha Vercauteran		Lynne O'Brien Maryanne McNamara
9.15am	Tony Byrne	Phil Brooks	Mary Waddick Pat Rowland Carmel Purdey

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 14/15th November 2026
1st Read: Prov 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31 2nd Read: 1 Thess 5: 1-6 Gos: Matt: 25: 14-30

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Bredenia Raquel		Lawrence Cecconello Anne Maguire
9.15am	Julie O'Donnell	Frances Johnson	Paul Polidano Liz Polidano Carmel Shiel

Synodality and Courage
Listening honestly may reveal uncomfortable truths. Synodality requires courage to face them with faith.



Our next **Parish Bookish Morning Tea** will be held on **Thursday, 19th November** at 10.00am and continues every fortnight.



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

Ordinations

The Melbourne Archdiocese will next month hold one of its largest ordination Masses in recent memory, with nine men to be ordained to the priesthood and diaconate. Source: *Melbourne Catholic.*

Two men will be ordained to the priesthood (Deacons Rhys Lowther and Dominic Lawes); three to the transitional diaconate (Nicolas Calandra, Andrew Tran and Anthony Wright); and four to the ministry of the permanent diaconate (Ryan Martin, Bradley Proud, Peter Nguyen and Francis Thomas).

The ordinations will take place at St Patrick's Cathedral on November 14.



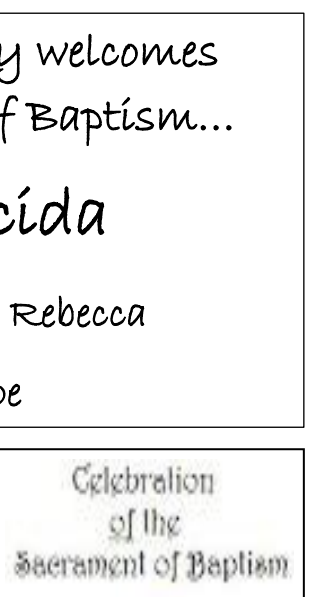
St Kevin's Parish warmly welcomes through the Sacrament of Baptism...

Alessia Armocida

Daughter of Michael and Rebecca

Little sister of Chloe

Baptism Welcome



This weekend we welcome:

Lucas and Ellen

who will be introducing

Tully Mabel Gengaroli

to our Parish Community in preparation for her Baptism next weekend.

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.

MEN'S SOCIAL GROUP
ST KEVIN'S PARISH, TEMPLESTOWE

The next and last **St Kevin's Men's Group** for 2026 takes place on **Friday, 13th November @ 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 us at Templestowe@cam.org.au

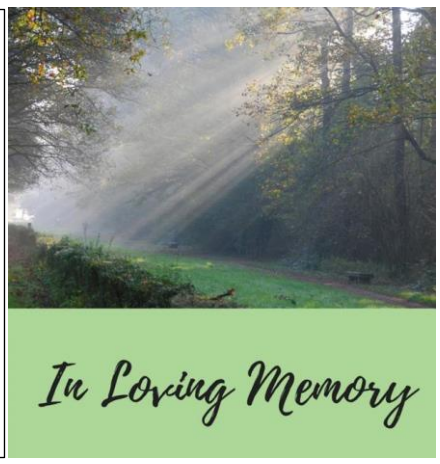
St Kevin's Annual Bereavement Mass
Thursday, 26th November @ 7.30pm

As a compassionate people, we are encouraged to come together on this important night in support of all who are grieving the death of a loved one. At this Mass, we shall also bless the plaques on our memorial wall. All are welcome, in particular those who have lost loved ones in the last 12 months.

For further information, please contact Lyn Robinson via email: lynrob73@outlook.com or mobile: 0438 078 067.

Memorial Book:

If you wish to have a relative or friend inscribed in this precious book, please fill out a form from the table in the Gathering Space and hand it into the parish office.
Thank you.



Come Away Day

The ***Come Away Day program*** at Holy Cross is a retreat focussed on reflection and gratitude, scheduled for **WEDNESDAY November 18th.** The theme is ***'RE- MEMBER with GRATITUDE'*** encouraging participants to reflect on significant people and events in their lives and recognise God's presence. We are invited to share in Mary's prayer *'My soul magnifies the Lord …'* as we allow ourselves to cast a grateful gaze on parts of our story and recognize God at work. 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 with gratitude. 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**. 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 please. For any further details contact Sr Brigid cp on bridget.m64@gmail.com . Put this Date in your Diary and invite a friend along to share the Come Away Day experience. Everyone is welcome.



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.

Our Three Partnered Parishes Are Hosting a…

CHRISTMAS PARTY!



When: Sunday, 6th December
Time: 5.45pm (after the 5pm Mass)
Where: St Gregory's School Hall

Programs for the night include Christmas Raffles, Children Performances, Sing Along Carols and Fun Activities.

For catering purposes, please add your names to the sign-up sheets provided on the table in the Gathering Space or use the QR Code 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.

For information on our Parish School please contact:

St Kevin's Primary School
Phone: 9273 9999

Responsorial Psalm

My soul thirsts for you,
O Lord my God.

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
First Reading	***Second Reading***
Wisdom 6:12-16 A reading from the book of Wisdom *Wisdom is found by those who look for it.* In preparation for the gospel story of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, the first reading speaks of Personified Wisdom, a fine woman worth seeking out. Her visibility and availability suggest that we can easily become like the wise bridesmaids if we want. With Wisdom, we will experience no trouble, we will have a developed understanding and will not be anxious. In short, she helps us 'be prepared' for whatever comes. Lady Wisdom shows us a dimension of God's own care. This is an attractive reading about an attractive graceful figure.	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians *Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.* This letter is very early, just a couple of decades after Jesus' death and resurrection. There was still a firm expectation that the risen Christ would soon return to earth to bring the faithful to glory. The Parousia ('arrival') would bring an end to the present world order. The early Church had to come to terms with a significant delay in this cosmic event. The specific question Paul is helping the Thessalonians to understand is the fate of believers who had already died. Would they miss out on being brought by Christ to glory? Paul assures them that the dead would suffer no disadvantage. The language used here is poetic rather than descriptive. It is a simple affirmation that we share in Christ's death and resurrection. This is the source of our hope. *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 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.



Faith in Action *(edited extracts from Bishops of Victoria Election Guide, Melbourne Catholic)*

As we approach the 2026 Victorian election, we are each invited to pray, listen and form our consciences in the light of the Gospel and the teachings of the Church, so that we may discern responsibly how to exercise our vote.

There is no Catholic political party, nor one required way for Catholics to vote. In making a decision, we may consider the record, policies and guiding values of candidates and political parties. Our faith calls us to support those who seek to govern in ways that advance the common good, protect the vulnerable and build a just society in which all people can truly flourish.

Catholic Social Teaching: As members of one human family, we are bound to one another in mutual responsibility and love. We are called to seek not only our own good but the good of others and of society as a whole. Catholic Social Teaching offers four key principles to guide our discernment of the choices before us: Human dignity, the common good, subsidiarity and solidarity. As we discern between the policies of political parties and candidates to assist us in informing our vote, we might ask: **How** do they uphold the human dignity of every person? **How** do they promote and advance the common good? **How** do they support subsidiarity, enabling communities, and local institutions to participate in decisions that affect them? **How** do they foster solidarity, especially with those who are vulnerable, disadvantaged or excluded?

Justice and social services: Many issues of justice require our attention, including rehabilitation of prisoners, care for First Nations people who face disproportionate disadvantage, addressing homelessness and housing stress, prevention of domestic and family violence, and care for children unable to live safely with their own families (Ed: even in some commercial child-care centres).
How we treat the vulnerable is a key measure of (ourselves)*, our community and of those seeking election.* - ***John Costa SJA***