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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time — 14/15th November, 2026

Baptism Weekend

Our Presider today is: Fr Charles Balnaves

Words from the desk of our PP…

November Masses:

Between Fr Anton and I we will be offering about 68 Masses for those you requested during November. I have already sent off a request for an additional 200 Masses to be offered by priests via Aid to the Church in need. I will request more if needed.

I understand that Fr Anton led some wonderful Masses and prayers at cemeteries for the Feast of All Souls. Thank you, Fr Anton, and all who participated.

Christmas Gift $10 – A River Dreaming – still available

I will withdraw these books from sale after this weekend to allow for other Christmas things to take their place. If you find you still want a copy – I have plenty, just ask.

WYD – 2027 August 3-8 Seoul Korea: E-mail vera.arief@cam.org.au Start thinking and committing.

Retreat: Queenscliff

My takeaway at the end of my five days of retreat last week was and is the same as at the halfway point when I wrote last week's words: I must trust: I must continue to open my heart to the call of the Holy Spirit and trust that Jesus Christ is always walking with me and that both are leading me with you towards our call to be Christ's welcoming and inviting presence in the parishes of Doncaster, Templestowe and Bulleen (and beyond too).

Discernment

A much-used word – I seem to encounter it all the time at present.

The talk on the coming Friday will be about Discernment. Not on its own but alongside Adoration and praise and worship, song and prayer and … supper afterwards. With a guest speaker.

Discernment is crucial in our lives: discernment about doing good or evil but even more importantly discernment about what is the right path for me – what is God calling me to do or be. It is very easy to do 'my' thing, convincing myself I am doing 'God's thing' because I don't listen to God's call.

Learn a little about how this important gift of 'discernment' can be known, nourished and grown. Come along on this coming Friday and find you might just learn something useful – and have the grace of sitting quietly with Jesus in Adoration.

God bless, Fr Charles

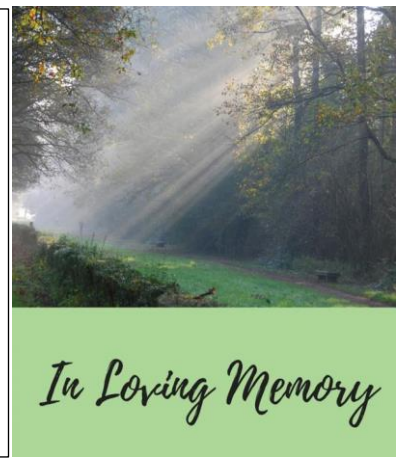
St Kevin's Annual Bereavement Mass
Thursday, 26th November @ 7.30pm

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.



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

Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	9.15am	Baptism 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:

Kim West, Karl Haussegger, Nina Luca, Wally McCormack, Bruna Niero, Assunta Raiola, Gillian Barrington, Joan Cullen, Hana Saada and Michell Antonis.

Recently Deceased:

Angeline Teh and Vinko Mlikota

Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this Week: We give thanks for all the good and loving and Christian people in our lives and for the grace they bring to help us open our hearts to receive..



Feast Days this week:…

17th November

St Elizabeth of Hungary

Protected the poor, founded orphanages and hospitals, living a life of service. Remembered for her good-humoured resilience in adversity and humility in menial service of the needy.

21st November

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

It is a celebration of Mary's presentation to God in the Temple at age three a non-biblical story. It celebrates Mary in her grace-filled life, wholly given over to the Holy Spirit from the time of her conception.

LITURGY ROSTER

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

Feast of Christ the King – 21st/22nd November 2026

1st Read: Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17 2nd Read: 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28 Gos: Matt 25: 31-46

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Ana Saro	Kathy Pearce	Lynne O'Brien Maryanne McNamara
9.15am	Carmel Purdey	Bernard Butler	Lyn Robinson Tony Robinson Mary Waddick



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!!





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

Tully Mabel Gengaroli

Daughter of Lucas and Ellen

Synodality is a long journey

A Synod is not a one-time event. Synodality is a way of life that unfolds over time.

November is traditionally the month when we remember our deceased loved ones. If you would like Father to include them in our prayers, please complete the appropriate envelopes which are on the table in the Gathering Space and hand them directly to him.



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.

Advent
Reconciliation



An Advent Reconciliation Service

will be held at St Clement of Rome Church, Egan Drive, Bulleen on Thursday Evening, 5th December at 7.30pm.

Reconciliation will be offered in the first rite (general absolution) however, we will have extra priests available for the second rite of individual absolution if you prefer.

Please note: this will be the only Reconciliation Service held during Advent. ***Fr Charles***

Scam Emails:

I have been shown an email purporting to be from "Father Charles" or "Charles Balnaves". They are scams; this is obvious when you click **once** on my name and the email address that then shows is nothing to do with me or my names. Please ignore any such messages. If you are concerned further, then please call the parish office and we can chase down any further matters. I too have received several similar scam emails recently so this scam is not only about me. Please never respond to such emails or click any embedded links. Please do let me know when you receive such an email so I can be aware and take further action if appropriate. ***God Bless, Fr Charles***

Red November

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) runs **Red November**, a month-long initiative in Australia and New Zealand encouraging prayer, Masses, and awareness for persecuted Christians for their faith. Persecution is a result of various factors, including government oppression, authoritarian regimes, cultural hostility, or religiously motivated extremist attacks. In places where a majority religion dominates, Christians may be seen as outsiders and targeted for abuse.

Christians face arbitrary arrest, violence, a full range of human rights violations, and even murder.

Religious freedom is a human right, not a privilege.

This **RED NOVEMBER l**et us stand with the persecuted Christians and tell them you are **NOT forgotten!**

PLEASE NOTE:

The **Safeguarding Essentials Training** which was due to take place next Saturday 21st November at St Kevin's Parish has been postponed until early next year. Sincere apologies for any inconvenience

Pope Leo XIV's official prayer intention for November 2026 is *"For the proper use of wealth,"* asking that wealth be used for the common good and solidarity with those who have less.

"Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less."

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.

Ordinations

The Melbourne Archdiocese will this weekend 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.



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

Blessed is everyone who
fears the Lord.

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading	***Second Reading***
Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31 A reading from the book of Proverbs *Give her a share in what she has worked for.* This text presumes a patriarchal view of marriage where the woman is assessed in terms of her value to her husband. Yet she acts independently and beyond the family circle. Secondly, the choice/omission of verses is also unfortunate. The reading mostly selects those that refer to her domestic duties, though it does mention that she is generous to the poor and needy. However, the verses omit her work in purchasing land, building a vineyard, managing household staff, trading and giving wise instruction. Both these issues may alienate readers and hearers today. The point however in relation to the gospel is that that she is admired for her bold projects and successful enterprises. Like the first two servants in the gospel, she takes the initiative and acts responsibly. The proclamation should try to convey her strength.	1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians *The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.* This reading anticipates themes that we will encounter in the first week of Advent: stay awake, be alert! The Thessalonians are coming to terms with the delay of the Second Coming, the return of the risen Lord in glory. Perhaps some were beginning to relax into a quiet and peaceful existence. But Paul urges them to live as people of the light, always ready for the Lord. He warns them that the end will come suddenly, like a thief in the night, or like a pregnant woman who unexpectedly goes into labour. Paul is not alarmist but encourages right living. *Taken from 'Break Open the Word'*



Meta's AI Age-Check Goes Global: Can It Protect Teens? *(edited extracts from Al Jazeera, 11 November 2026)*

"Meta has rolled out artificial intelligence (AI)-powered 'age-estimation technology' worldwide in an effort to better detect teenage users who signed up for its social media platforms with an adult's birth date. The world's largest social media company announced the change on Monday, saying that millions more young people worldwide would be placed in its Teen Accounts following the implementation of the new technology amid concerns that its platforms have failed to protect teenagers.

The company was previously accused of designing Facebook and Instagram to addict children and collect their personal data, not doing enough to verify users' ages and even encouraging minors to bypass its existing verification measures. (A) suit was settled out of court in August, with Meta agreeing to pay up to $18bn to plaintiffs and to make significant changes to its platform to protect minors, including time limits, nighttime curfews and limits on filters that simulate cosmetic procedures.

Teen Accounts (now) have more restrictions and protections designed to provide a safer user experience. They keep the account private by default, limit content types, and prevent strangers from sending direct messages (DMs) to teenage account holders. Parents can also supervise Teen Accounts …… In Australia, the firm says it has started using an Apple feature that verifies a user's age range when their phone is set up and passes that on to apps they download. Experts, however, doubt whether the latest step will protect children from online harm…" While 'age-check' will benefit those willing to be protected, history suggests that banning anything is vastly let effective than education and promotion of values, as people clearly reflecting these such as Pope Leo increasingly demonstrate globally. - ***John Costa SJA***

