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 — All Saints Day — 31st October/1st November, 2026

Baptism Presentation Weekend

Our Presider today is: Fr Anton Aseervathampillai

Words from the desk of our PP…

November Masses:

I am collecting all the requests for November Masses and have created a schedule of Masses. They will all be offered. To the extent possible I will have Masses for those from each parish offered at that parishes' Masses. Excess Masses will go to Aid to the Church in Need priests to assist me/us and also provide them with essential income. I am not able to promise specific dates for specific people during November given the large number of requests.

Christmas Gift $10 – A River Dreaming

I still have plenty of copies of this charming and deeply moving allegory of being Aboriginal and Celtic – of being between ethnic groups and culture: it is relevant for all to read. World Youth Day – 2027 August 3-8 Seoul Korea: E-mail vera.arief@cam.org.au.

Masses for November

Fill in a November Masses envelope if you wish Mass(es) to be offered during November.

Put the names of those recently deceased that you wish to add to the Memorial Book (St Greg's, St Clement's), or fill in the form (St Kevin's) .

Mass Times

Fr Anton and I, with the staff of the parishes and discussion with the Parish Pastoral Councils discussed the 'new' Mass times and whether they are working Ok. The answer was yes.

I have received a few comments wishing things could go back to the past, but only a few, and they all accepted that the change has been necessary.

I have had quite a number of people say "it's different at the other church" – and I agree, our three churches / parishes are different – in wonderful ways. What that tells me is that you (and I) need to treble our efforts to make newcomers welcome – to say hello and more than hello.

So: after the review: the new Mass times are here to stay.

Columbarium

Our columbarium is essentially complete – washing of the bricks / tidying up the area, new plants inside – and then ready for use as the need presents. We will be in touch with those who have expressed interest in buying a niche once all processes are properly in place about how we use the columbarium.

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:

Assunta Raiola, Margaret Gaffney, Marian Carol Mezzina, Pat Ford, Edith & Sydney Young, May and Lik Poon, Teresa Paolilli and Ron Michelangeli

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Recently Deceased: Dale Vitritti

Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this Week: We pray that the gifts of the Holy Spirit will grow in us and empower us to  e Christ's presence in the world.

Feast Days this week:…

2nd November

All Souls Day

Expresses Christian faith in the communion of saints and our need to pray for one another in the Church, especially those souls in purgatory who have been buried in their human imperfection.

4th November

St Charles Borromeo

Known for implementing the Council's reforms in liturgy, education, presbyteral formation, and diocesan organisation. Remembered as an exemplary and pastoral bishop and an ardent proponent of reform and renewal.

LITURGY ROSTER

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

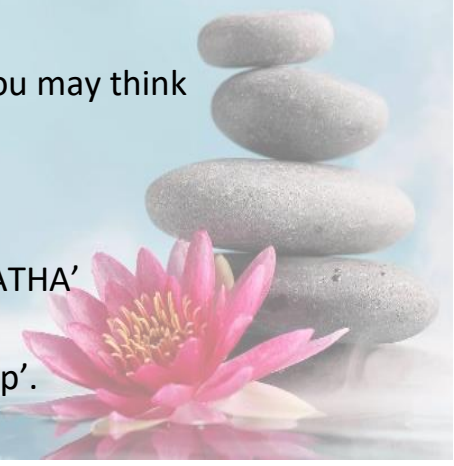
Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 7/8th November 2026

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

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

Persevere in meditation.
Leave behind ideas about how good you may think you are,
or hurt,
or angry.
Say the sacred mantra Word 'MARANATHA'
through the time of your meditation.
'Your perseverance will yield a rich crop'.





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

When leaders and communities walk together, no one carries the burden alone. Synodality builds shared responsibility.

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.

Baptism Welcome

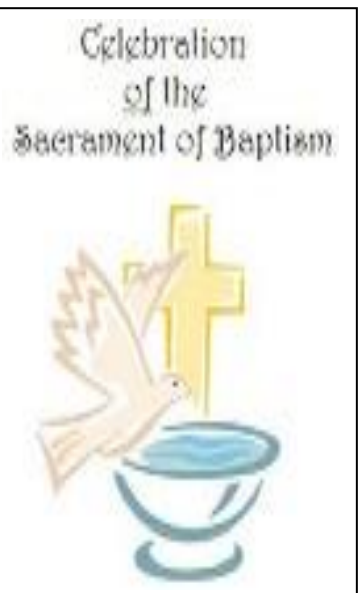
This weekend we welcome:

Michael and Rebecca

who will be introducing

Alessia Armocida

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

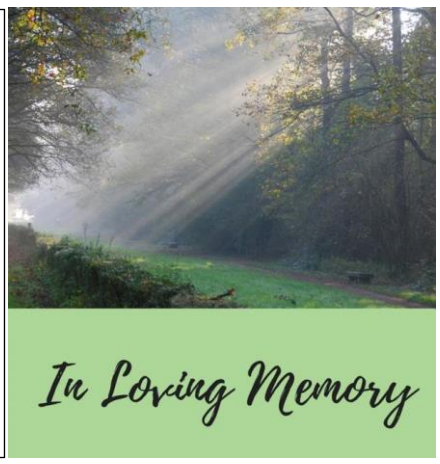
St Kevin's Annual Bereavement Mass
Thursday, 26th November @ 7.30pm

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.



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.



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

Lord, this is the company of those who seek your face.

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF ALL SAINTS DAY	
First Reading	***Second Reading***
Revelation 7:2-4. 9-14 A reading from the book of the Apocalypse *I saw an immense crowd, beyond hope of counting, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.* The Apocalypse is a book of imaginative visions (it is also called the Book of Revelation). The reading is appropriate for this feast which originally commemorated martyrs. The visions were meant to encourage people in time of trial. We see this at the end of the reading: the baptised in white garments are those 'who have been through the great persecution and have washed their robes white in the blood of the Lamb'. They carry palms of victory for they share in the death and resurrection of Christ. The vastness of the vision is wonderfully inclusive: a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language. They are gathered before the risen Christ, the Lamb of God enthroned. All are caught up in worship, singing heavenly praise and thanksgiving.	1 John 3:1-3 A reading from the first letter of St John *We shall see God as he really is.* Right from the first line, we encounter the lavish love of God! Dwell on these words to open up the Father's generous gift, allowing us already to be part of God's family. Baptised into the Body of Christ, we are brothers and sisters with Christ. But wait, says John, there's more! The future has not yet been revealed: all we know is that we shall be like God. Waiting in hope, we try to be like Christ, now risen to glory. *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.



Parish Pastoral Council quick Parishioner Survey
In November 2027 our PPC Charter calls for a comprehensive REVIEW of the Parish Pastoral Council by all Parishioners. This weekend, in advance, the PPC is conducting a very BRIEF SURVEY on Parishioner awareness of the role and activities of the PPC.
A simple 8 Question survey is included in each Parish Newsletter, for completion during a marginally extended 2nd collection period, or if necessary after Mass, or before the following weekend Mass. To help ensure a PPC that best serves you and our Parish we ask ALL to complete this quick survey please. Thank you ☺

Palms Timor-Leste Encounter 10-23 May 2027!

Timor-Leste is Australia's closest neighbour. It is also the nation with which Australia has had a complex chequered history. Yet very few Australians have ever been there.

An Encounter Tour to is not only an unforgettable holiday – it is an opportunity to get 'behind the scenes' insights into history, culture & the importance of relationships in sustainable development.

In a small (max 8 person) group, you will meet Palms international partners and long-term volunteers. Encounters are the ethical option to learn about development and support Australia's oldest lay Catholic international development organisation.

Book your place on the 14-day Encounter Tour here: palms.org.au/encounters.

Volunteers Needed! Catholic Community Connectors needed to assist with the Palms' Simplicity September campaign. More info please contact Parish Office.+