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

Baptism Presentation Weekend

Our Presider today is: Fr Anton Aseervathampillai

Words from the desk of our PP…

November Masses:

WYD – Great News – about 20 people are going from our parishes. Sign up – prices of flights are rising.
2027 August 3-8 Seoul Korea: E-mail vera.arief@cam.org.au. Finish thinking and make the commitment!

Safety

My boundless thanks to Fab and Bernadine (St Clement's) for being alert and taking notice when they heard a loud noise in the St Clement of Rome Church about a week ago. Their responsiveness meant that a significant issue didn't become a catastrophe. A gas line in the St Clement's Church ruptured with a loud bang and a lot of dust. If the gas had not been turned off quickly, there could have been a significant explosion. I had the Church closed for two days this past week when the possibility of asbestos in the dust was raised – professional testing has proven there is **no** asbestos present – just a lot of dust.

My apologies for the disruption – but it was important to be safe and sure.

I have spoken recently about how important it is for you to report problems / issues when you see / find them. Then we can act to resolve problems before they become truly hazardous. Incidents such as this gas leak reinforce that need: your awareness is important.

Three other safety notes:

1. Use handrails, walking stick, walker, someone's arm to help you remain stable as you walk. I've heard of two nasty falls of parishioners (at home or the shops) In just the past week.
   Look at the path ahead of you as you walk and keep an eye open for trip hazards so you can prepare.
2. Drop off / Pick up outside church entry: please – keep this process as quick as reasonable so you don't block others – and please be aware of the presence of children as you drive – they are small and fast.
3. Parking: drive doubly carefully in our carparks, and park properly in marked spaces. We have times when we have two events immediately after each other (eg Mass then a function) so we can have cars arriving and leaving at the same time. Please. Be Patient, Be Careful, Be Alert, **Be Slow**.

2027 Events

What would you like to have organised during 2027 – especially things across St Clement's / St Gregory's / St Kevin's – things to help us get to know each other; things to help us deepen our faith; things to help us enliven our liturgy; things to help us learn to be welcoming, invitational. Things you want to see held – and how you are willing to help make these things happen?

I would like to have a calendar of events ready for us so that we do things in concert not in competition.

Please, let me know: Charles.balnaves@cam.org.au.

God bless, Fr Charles

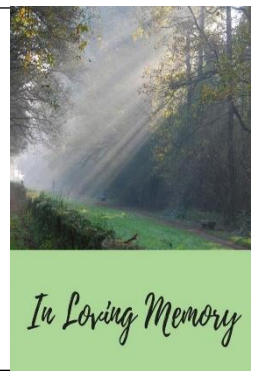
St Kevin's Annual Bereavement Mass, Thurs, 26th November @ 7.30pm

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.

Please contact Lyn Robinson via email: lynrob73@outlook.com

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.



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

Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	9.15am	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 and Tayla Conte.

Anniversaries:

Benita Mabo, Matthew Wilkins, Augusta Menis, John Fitzgerald and Louie and Angelina Amalfi.

Recently Deceased:

Graeme Layton

Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this Week: For the surprising blessings that come to us when we least expect but usually also when we most need: we give bounteous and grateful thanks.



Feast Days this week:...

24th November Ss Andrew Dùng-Lac & Companions

Andrew (1795-1839), baptised at the age of 15, worked first as a lay missionary and then as a diocesan presbyter before being beheaded at Hanoi (Vietnam).

Remembered as representatives of the thousands of Christians tortured and martyred in Vietnam between the seventeenth and nineteenth centuries: bishops, presbyters, religious and lay people, both children and adults.

LITURGY ROSTER

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

First Sunday of Advent – 28/29th November 2026

1st Read: Isaiah 63: 16-17; 64: 1, 3-8 2nd Read: 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9 Gos: Mark: 13: 33-37

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Fiona Watson		Lawrence Cecconello Anne Maguire
9.15am	Tony Byrne	Paul Polidano	Kaye Byrne Pat Rowland Liz Polidano



Our next **Parish Bookish Morning Tea** will be held on **Thursday, 3rd December** at 10.00am and continues every fortnight.

All are welcome to join in the fun!

Looking forward to seeing you all then!!



Baptism Welcome



This weekend we welcome:

Gianfranco and Cinzia

who will be introducing

Azalea Barbieri

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

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.





More Words from the desk of our PP…

Parish Survey

You will remember that you filled in a survey recently (a few weeks ago), asking what you know about your Parish Pastoral Council.

Thank you to the 49 people who responded. I am very pleased with the responses and the honesty of the comments you provided.

The Council will consider the results with a view to improving. Effective communication with you, the broader parish, is one of the clear implications of having only 20% of you knowing the purpose of and works of the Parish Pastoral Council. For those 20% though, the understanding of the Parish Pastoral Council is accurate.

Engaging the whole parish in assisting with discerning and enacting the future will be one arm of how we seek to engage and communicate more effectively.

St Charles Borromeo

We have a real estate agent engaged for finding a new purpose for the St Charles Borromeo site. Now a marketing strategy will be developed with them and the property will be put forwards to the broad community. ***God Bless, Fr Charles***



An Advent Reconciliation Service

will be held at St Clement of Rome Church, Egan Drive, Bulleen on Thursday Evening, 3rd 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***



2027 COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR

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

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.

Advent Series 24 November – 15 December 2026



Advent Talks - Zoom 24 November 2026 7:00 pm - 15 December 2026 8:00 pm (AEDT)

Once again Garratt Publishing is delighted to present a series of four virtual Advent talks by Australian biblical scholars from Yarra Theological Union, a College of the University of Divinity. Each week, this group of accomplished guides will work together to explore the readings for the week.



Speaking to us from their own area of expertise will be:

- Prof Mary Coloe PBVM
- Dr Mary Reaburn NDS
- Dr Chris Monaghan CP

This is the perfect opportunity to deepen your faith and share your Advent journey.

It is FREE of charge.

EVENT DETAILS

WHEN: Tuesdays – 24 November and 1, 8, 15 December 2026 **TIME:** 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm (AEDT) **WHERE**: Via Zoom

REGISTRATION: - https://www.garrattpublishing.com.au/ Or just search garrattpublishing - Go to Events

Online registration is essential. Zoom meeting details will be forwarded upon registration.

For information on our Parish School please contact:

St Kevin's Primary School
Phone: 9273 9999

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

First Reading	***Second Reading***
Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17 A reading from the prophet Ezekiel *You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.* In preparation for the Gospel scene of judgement where the king separates sheep from goats, both this text from Ezekiel and Psalm 22/23 which follows use the image of God as the true shepherd. The shepherd is in charge of the flock, but this is a kind and benevolent rule. God the Shepherd protects the sheep, rescues them from danger, heals the hurt, gives them all rest and refreshment. Here leadership and authority are about pastoral care and service. The metaphor is consistent and heart-warming. It provides us with confident trust and joy.	1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28 A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians *He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.* Christ the King is actually the risen Lord. He is triumphant in his resurrection. The risen Lord overrules all human sovereignty and power plays. He has defeated even death itself and promises eternal life to all who belong to him (by baptism). Paul explains this by comparing the man Adam and the man Christ. The disobedience of Adam brought sin and death; the obedience of Christ on the cross brings new life and glory. Ultimately the kingdom is God's. The risen Christ is one with the Father in glory. God is all in all and even we human beings are drawn into this glorious kingdom if we are attached to Christ. The part about Christ being subject to the Father is difficult to understand and is hotly debated by scholars. *Taken from 'Break Open the Word'*



Anticipating *next weekend,* the message of Saint Pope John II's Address to our First Nations Peoples 40 years ago
(Edited extracts both from NATSICC and CSSV)

Next weekend will mark the 40th Anniversary of St Pope John Paul II's address to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in Alice Springs. The address was a pivotal moment because it also spoke to the whole of the Church in Australia. "You are part of Australia and Australia is part of you. And the Church herself in Australia will not be fully the Church that Jesus wants her to be until you have made your contribution to her life and until that contribution has been joyfully received by others." Masses next weekend will remember and hopefully be inspired by this. The National Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Catholic Commission provides extensive ***resources*** for this special occasion at www.natsicc.org.au

CSSV Pledge of Support for Treaty

There are over 135,000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics in Australia and it's the youngest and fastest growing demographic. Catholic Social Services Victoria (CSSV) is the peak body for over 40 social and community service member organisations that work throughout Victoria, which our parishes support. The experiences of their members as they serve over 300,000 Victorians every year, and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, lead to their firm commitment to being an active part of a society that seeks true Reconciliation. To continue their pledge of support for the shared journey, CSSV affirm commitment to the self-determination of First Peoples in Victoria as they tell their truths and chart a path towards, and to healing through ***Treaty-making***. ***- John Costa SJA***

