



St Kevin's Catholic Parish



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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 B

Feast of Body and Blood of Christ

1st/2nd June, 2024

National Aboriginal Reconciliation Weekend

Our Presider today is: Fr Isaac Zaki

A word from our Lay Ecclesial Leader...

Reconciliation Week

As Catholics we understand reconciliation better than most people in society. We know it is vital to reconcile with God regularly: to acknowledge our mistakes, to ask for forgiveness and to forgive those who hurt us. We know this is a work in progress: it takes effort, patience and God's help to be the best possible Christian version of oneself.

Given our own struggles, we can recognise the truth in Bishop Gauci's words: reconciliation with our Indigenous brothers and sisters is an ongoing journey. There has been much that needs to be healed: injustice, discrimination and dispossession.

Bishop Gauci is the Chair of the Bishops Commission for Relations with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People. He spoke recently to mark Reconciliation Week.

The best Christian version of oneself calls for commitment towards reconciliation, mutual respect and equality with our First Nations People. Bishop Gauci says: 'this journey is not easy... Love demands sacrifices – it's about giving, respecting, and wanting the absolute best for others... We need to prayerfully reflect, be guided by the Holy Spirit, listen to each other with respect, and walk together to find the best way forward.' The bishop's last words should especially resonate with us as he urges fellow Catholics to embrace a synodal approach to reconciliation. At St Kevin's, we already embrace synodality as a way to be church! There is much we can do to model this approach for others along the journey of reconciliation.

(You can read Bishop Gauci's full statement on our website. There are also some copies in the gathering space near the newsletters).

Alpha

Alpha is an opportunity for people to share a meal, ask questions about important matters of life, faith and meaning and, in the search for the answer, come to know Jesus and grow closer to God.

Last night, we kicked off our Alpha program. There was great buzz in the room, plenty of goodwill, interesting conversations and good cheer. The dinner was delicious. Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers, and to our Alpha participants for being open to a new experience. I and the rest of the Alpha team look forward to our 11-week journey together!

Fr Charles

Father Charles is on a well-deserved break for a few weeks. We pray that he will have a restful and safe vacation. Fr Isaac has kindly agreed to continue to celebrate our regular weekday and weekend Masses.

Blessings, Tiziana



National Reconciliation Week – 27 May – 3 June 2024

About the theme

The National Reconciliation Week theme for 2024, **Now More Than Ever**, is a reminder to all of us that no matter what, the fight for justice and the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will —and must —continue.

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

Saturday 5.30pm Mass
 Sunday 8.30am & 10.00am Masses
 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
 10.15am Adoration
 Thursday 8.30am Adoration
 9.15am Mass
 Saturday 5.30pm Mass
 Sunday 8.30am & 10.00am Masses



We pray for Better Health:

Danielle Hardy, Maeve & John Reardon, Eugenia Pozzebon, Margaret Turner, Graham & Jason Gooden, Lynda O'Meara, Milda Sarzetakas, Andrew Amalfi, Ana Saro, Fr Terry Kean, Teresa Paolilli, Frankie Pettinella, Margaret Enriquez, Lucia Butler, Rosanna Campagna, Fr Brendan Dillon, Greg Hodson, Brooke Evans, Anne Materazzo, Melissa Wirata, Peter Sheehan, Sharon Hibbert and Rosemarie Cameron.

Anniversaries:

Rosario Scaffidi, Maureen Whyte, Maria Beiza Rosales, Laura Torre and Giovannina Mazzei.

Recently Deceased:

Marjorie Miller.

Feast Days this week:...

3rd June St Kevin

Kevin is an Irish saint, known as the founder and first abbot of Glendalough in County Wicklow, Ireland.

St Charles Lwanga and Companions Remembered for the heroic calm of their fidelity to Christ.

5th June St Boniface

He is buried at his abbey of Fulda and is honoured as Apostle of Germany.

7th June The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
 It recalls the mystery of God who is love, and honours the heart of Jesus as the source and centre of the incarnate love of God.

8th June The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This commemoration celebrates Mary as the model of ready acceptance of God's will in all life's circumstances.

LITURGY ROSTER

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – 1st/2nd June 2024

1st Read: Exodus 24: 3-8 2nd Read: Hebrews 9: 11-15 Gos: Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Daniel Marini	Tasha Vercauteran	Lawrence Ceconello Bredenia Raquel
8.30am	Miriam Ayoub		Frances Bettiol Mary Waddick
10.00am	Bernard Butler	Vianney Shiel	Geraldine Williams Lyn Murphy

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 8/9th June 2024

1st Read: Genesis 3: 9-15 2nd Read: 2 Corinthians 4: 13 – 5: 1 Gos: Mark 3: 20-35

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Janet Parsons	Margaret Turner	Maryanne McNamara Lawrence Ceconello
8.30am	Pauline Erickson		Adrian Teo Paul Polidano
10.00am	Jessica Bartholomeusz	Miriam Ayoub	Lyn Murphy 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.

Christians who meet together to meditate are a group aware of its power: a power that arises from the presence of Jesus in their midst. They meet to deepen their silent awareness of Christ's presence becoming a community of one mind and one heart.

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OPEN DAYS
 9.00AM-10.30AM

Thursday 6th June
 Wednesday 12th June
 Tuesday 18th June
 Tuesday 13th August

Book your tour here:

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART

This important Feast Day falls on Friday 7th June.

Mass will be celebrated at St Gregory the Great Church, 71 Williamsons Road, Doncaster at 9.00am on this day.

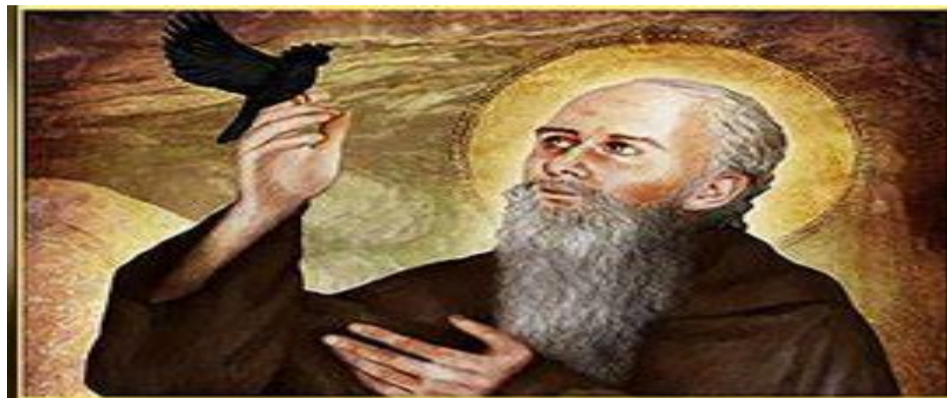
We will also celebrate this special Mass together with all the schoolchildren on Wednesday, 12th June at 9.15am here at St Kevin's Church. All welcome.



On Monday, 3rd June we celebrate
St Kevin's Feast Day

A special commemorative Mass will be celebrated this Wednesday morning, 5th June at 10.00am.

Please join our parish and school communities in tribute to our Patron Saint.



St Kevin, man of prayer

Help us to imitate you by making stillness and silence a priority in our lives

St Kevin, man of service

Help us to imitate you by never holding back on helping others

St Kevin, upholding creation


Help us to imitate you by showing reverence to even the smallest of creatures

St Kevin, man of inspiration

Help us to imitate you by listening to the promptings of the Spirit deep inside us



Our next **Parish Bookish Morning Tea**

will be held on **Thursday, 13th June** at 10.00am and continues every fortnight. 

Please feel free to come to the Parish house and have a browse of the library and stay for a chat and a cuppa!!

Thank You –

To Joshua Napoli and Cassandra Bade and their families who donated the beautiful flowers for our Church.

They celebrated a wedding recently and wanted to giveback to our parish community.

Also, a huge shout out of thanks and gratitude to Romy. Romy has donated over 150 squish mellows (stuffed toys) These will provide joy and comfort to children everywhere through Catholiccare, St Vincent De Paul and Missionaries of Charity.



Social Justice Action
St Kevin's Parish, Templestowe

WINTER COAT DRIVE



MAY 25 - JUNE 30

WE ARE COLLECTING WARM CLEAN COATS, JACKETS AND JUMPERS FOR REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS IN NEED



THIS IS THE FUNDAMENTAL GOSPEL ISSUE OF OUR TIME



Drop off:
 St Kevin's Church or Parish Office
 26-44 Herlihy's Road, Lwr Templestowe
 St Gregory the Great Church
 71 Williamsons Rd, Doncaster.
 Queries: Carmel Purdey
 carmelmpurdey@gmail.com



Asylum Seeker Support

MEN'S SOCIAL GROUP



ST KEVIN'S PARISH, TEMPLESTOWE

The next **St Kevin's Men's Social Group** takes place on **Friday, 10th June @ 7.30pm in the Church Gathering Apace**. 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. \$8 donation suggested to cover costs. For catering purposes, please ring the parish office on 9850 5983, or email Tiziana at tiziana.dcosta@cam.org.au

SPECIAL GUESTS
 EMMANUEL WORSHIP



encounter



Friday 14 June 2024 6-9pm

CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP CENTRE
 576 VICTORIA PARADE, EAST MELBOURNE

Join us for an unforgettable evening for high school students, offering a unique opportunity to encounter Jesus with adoration, worship, reconciliation, fellowship, food (dinner provided), and, of course, a whole lot of fun!



REGISTER by 7 June 2024
trybooking.com/CROHT

Parents/guardians will be required to 'sign in' and 'sign out' their children on the day.

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For information on our Parish Schools please contact:

St Kevin's Primary School
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St Charles Borromeo Primary School
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Responsorial Psalm

I will take the cup of salvation,
and call on the name of the Lord.

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS FOR THE FEAST THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

First Reading

[Exodus 24:3-8](#)

A reading from the book of Exodus

This is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you.

The covenant ritual described in today's reading from the book of Exodus marks a significant moment in God's relationship with the people of ancient Israel. It is also an indispensable key to help Christians interpret Jesus' actions at his farewell meal.

The scene is vividly described. The people are gathered at the foot of Mt Sinai. Moses spells out God's terms for them to be divinely chosen, protected and blessed. The unanimous consent they declare is confirmed in a powerful ritual. An altar is built to represent the twelve tribes of Israel. Bulls are sacrificed in God's honour, and their blood is cast on both the altar and the people to signify the sacred bond between them and their Lord. What gives this action its force is Israel's profound reverence for blood as the essence of life.

This unique Old Testament episode is alluded to in the gospel accounts of the Last Supper and elaborated on by the author of the letter to the Hebrews, as we are about to see.

Second Reading

[Hebrews 9:11-15](#)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The blood of Christ will purify our inner selves.

The letter to the Hebrews is a rich but challenging text for contemporary Christians. It presents a sustained theological argument in high rhetorical style while assuming familiarity with Old Testament ritual traditions. All this makes an isolated extract like today's very difficult to digest without careful study.

The author clearly has the blood ritual described in the first reading in mind, even if the lectionary passage doesn't extend as far as the explicit reference a few verses later. The key point the writer makes is that by the shedding of his blood in self-sacrifice Christ has definitively restored us to covenant relationship with the living God once and for all. This contrasts sharply with the ineffectiveness of Old Testament atonement and purification rituals. Even a thorough knowledge of these rituals doesn't clarify all the questions raised by this dense text, such as how Christ's self-offering actually accomplishes our redemption.

"Now more than ever"

This is the 2024 theme for Reconciliation week, from 27 May to 3 June. As Reconciliation Australia reminds us "no matter what", the fight for justice and the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander people will - and must continue. CatholicCare Tasmania has just created a new principal Aboriginal consultant role and appointed Ms Alarna Page to help preserve culture and improve outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members. She provides strategic advice and guidance, working with teams to help ensure cultural sensitivity and respect. She also delivers training, engages with Aboriginal services and communities, and identifies cultural and specific needs of young Aboriginal people, considering intergenerational trauma and social complexities. Historical understanding she says is critical to all this. Separately, In a new book published only last week "Mistakes and lessons from the voice referendum" Fr Frank Brennan says that The Voice to Parliament referendum result was a disaster for the country and a tragedy for First Australians. It's time to confront what went wrong before we all start forgetting what really went on he said in a CathNews report. His book offers an approach ahead for reversing reconciliation failure

- John Costa, SJA



Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

The Archdiocese is committed to the safety, wellbeing and human dignity of children, young people and adults.