



# 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

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> August, 2024

Propagation of the Faith Appeal Weekend

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day

**Our Presider today is:** Fr Isaac Zaki

### From the desk of the PP...

#### Safeguarding Children:

1. Congratulations!! We are quite well progressed in meeting the requirements for effectively living up to the Child Safe Standards and the culture of conscious caring that they are intended to help foster. Well done—doubly so to the Safeguarding Committee and all the work they do.
2. Still work to do!! There will be a bit of a blitz to catch up and ensure that expired Working with Children Checks are renewed and everyone necessary has signed a Code of Conduct. We will need to ask those who volunteer and work directly with children to get a National Police Check. This arises from a tightening of regulations and from commonsense thinking that someone who undertakes criminal behaviour in one area may be more likely to do so in other areas. We will be contacting those who need to do this.
3. A surprise!! Recent changes to legislation shift the burden of proof. If there is an allegation against someone or organisation, it will be presumed that the allegation is true unless the person/organisation can show that on the balance of probabilities the allegation has no merit because all that was reasonable to do to keep children safe was indeed done. Generally, the accused is presumed innocent. For this sort of allegation the burden of proof is reversed. Nothing to be scared of. As I said above, we are doing well. But certainly something to keep in mind: our society sees abuse of children as beyond the pale so is prepared to change the system.

Please keep up the good work. If you'd like to get involved more deeply, contact Fr Charles via the parish office.

#### Stewardship Campaign:

David Hii is progressing well with the necessary thinking and preparation for undertaking a Stewardship Campaign in October. This is an opportunity for you to review your pledge and renew it or to consider starting to make a gift electronically or via envelopes.

You will hear a lot more about this as details become clearer—probably in early September.

#### Archbishop's Campaign:

There is a new opportunity to give generously to many charities at once: it is an approach being rolled out by the Archdiocese: now, this month. We will seek to make the most of this opportunity— it will mostly not replace our planned approach to second collections to help the needy around us.

**God Bless, Fr Charles**



This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Mongolia to help deliver essential services to people who need it most. Lack of access and social stigma mean that some of the most vulnerable people are not getting the support they require.

**The House of Mercy will provide a haven for many people, including those affected by homelessness and domestic violence. Without your partnership, people in need will go without the assistance they require.**

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to "Invite others to the banquet", and we invite you to share the warmth of God's love with our brothers and sisters who need it most in Mongolia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at [catholicmission.org.au/mongolia](http://catholicmission.org.au/mongolia), or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.



Freecall: 1800 257 296  
[catholicmission.org.au/mongolia](http://catholicmission.org.au/mongolia)

SCAN ME





## 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	
Thursday	8.30am	Adoration
	9.15am	St Mary MacKillop Mass with whole school
Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses



## We pray for Better Health:

Margaret Enriquez, Lucia Butler, Rosanna Campagna, Greg Hodson, Brooke Evans, Anne Materazzo, Melissa Wirata, Sharon Hibbert, Rosemarie Cameron, Dorothea (Dot) Sharkey, Alexandra Franke, Aisha Yahiat, Jane O'Brien, Bernard Mohar, Angelina Amalfi, Alexander, Felipe and Anne.

## Anniversaries:

Patricia Lo Giudice, Jim Baruta, Elaine Viney, Ron Herbert, Peter McNamara and Antonietta D'Adams.

## Recently Deceased:

## Feast Days this week:...

### 6<sup>th</sup> August

The Transfiguration of the Lord  
*The feast celebrates the divine radiance shining in Christ's human flesh and God's glory shining forth in the lives of Christians.*

**8<sup>th</sup> August** St Mary of the Cross  
*Remembered for her eagerness to discover God's will in all things, for her charity in the face of calumny and for her abiding trust in God's providence. She was named Australia's second patron in 2013.*

**10<sup>th</sup> August** St Lawrence  
*Honoured for his almsgiving. Became one of the most celebrated martyr of the Church.*

## LITURGY ROSTER

### Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> August 2024

1<sup>st</sup> Read: Exodus 16: 2-4, 12-15 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: Ephesians 4: 17, 20-24 Gos: John 6: 24-35

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Janet Parsons	Daniel Marini	Lawrence Ceconello Maryanne McNamara
8.30am	Pauline Erickson		Penny Teo Mary Waddick
10.00am	Tony Byrne	Frances Johnson	Kaye Byrne Carmel Purdey

### Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 10/11<sup>th</sup> August 2024

1<sup>st</sup> Read: 1 Kings 19: 4-8 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: Ephesians 4: 30 – 5: 2 Gos: John 6: 41-51

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Rachel Marini	Kathy Pearce	Anne Maguire Lynne O'Brien
8.30am	Paul Polidano		Pat Rowland Frances Betiol
10.00am	Bernard Butler	Miriam Ayoub	Raffaella Dinelli Geraldine Williams



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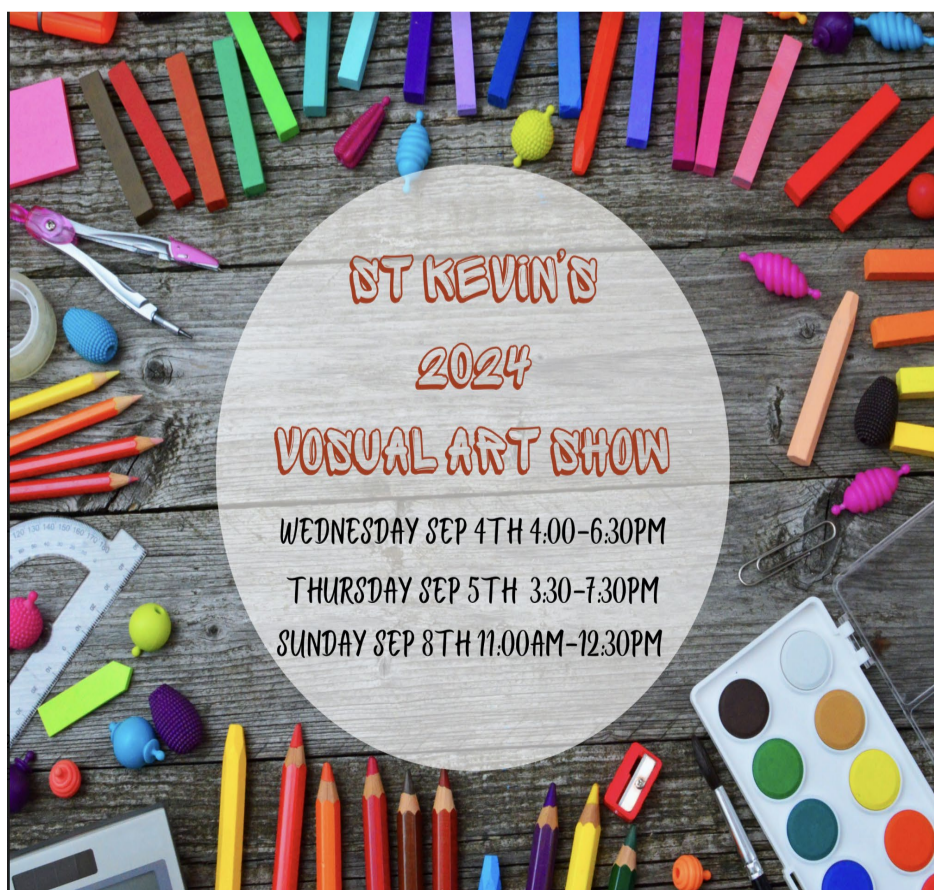
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### OPEN DAY

9.00AM-10.30AM

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August

Book your tour here:



ST KEVIN'S

2024

VISUAL ART SHOW

WEDNESDAY SEP 4TH 4.00-6.30PM

THURSDAY SEP 5TH 3.30-7.30PM

SUNDAY SEP 8TH 11.00AM-12.30PM

St Gregory the Great Parish & St Kevin's Parish  
invite you to celebrate

# Multicultural Day

on Sunday 18 August  
after 10.30am Mass  
at Church of St Gregory the Great

Multicultural food and drinks will be provided (please do not bring food to share). Silent auction and raffle will be held on the day. Please come along to bid for items and buy tickets. Proceeds will be used to fund social events for our parish and community.

Please be mindful of food intolerances or allergies as food may contain allergens. Parents and carers are kindly requested to please supervise their children at all times.

Come in your cultural costumes or colours to celebrate our diverse heritage and enjoy an afternoon of food and fun!

RSVP: Email [doncaster@cam.org.au](mailto:doncaster@cam.org.au), or use sign up sheets at church or online <https://forms.gle/LNiQX9mrUaf7h1xWA>

See You There!





Our next **Parish Bookish Morning Tea** will be held on **Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> August** at 10.00am and continues every fortnight.

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



### Parish Census

Today is our last parish census day. If you haven't already done so, all are invited to please make sure to fill out a parish census card **or** fill out an online parish census form via the QR code provided below. The Census is very important:

1. It helps the parish leadership to understand both the practical and the spiritual needs of our community.
2. It helps with parish membership and donations/thanksgiving appeals.



We really appreciate your help!



▶ Parish Census 2024

### MEN'S SOCIAL GROUP



ST KEVIN'S PARISH, TEMPLESTOWE

The next **St Kevin's Men's Social Group** takes place on **Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> August @ 7.30pm in the Church Gathering Apce.** 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. \$7 donation suggested to cover costs. For catering purposes, please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the entry of the church, or you can ring the parish office on 9850



**Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> August**, we celebrate the **Feast Day** of our very own **Australian Saint – St Mary MacKillop.**

- 9.15am Mass at St Kevin's Church, together with St Kevin's School Children.
- 2.30pm Mass at St Charles Borromeo Primary School, together with School Children.

All welcome.

This weekend marks the beginning of **National Vocations Awareness Week** – Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this **National Vocations Awareness Week**, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

### News from St Kevin's School to Parish

Last week, we celebrated **Grandparents and Special Visitor Day**

#### A special prayer for Grandparents

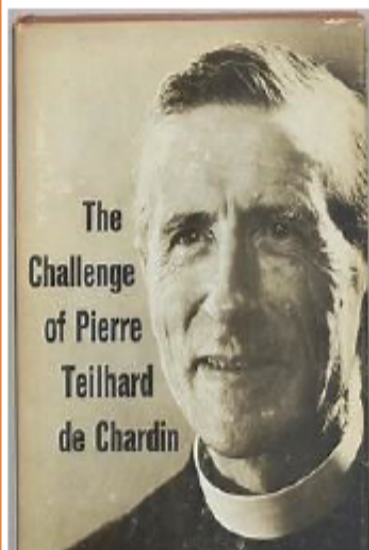
Dear God,  
We thank you for our wonderful grandparents.  
They bring such joy and happiness into our lives.  
Thank you for all the special times that we have with them.  
Please watch over them, protect them and care for them now.  
May they know your goodness and love always.  
Amen

We celebrated a beautiful Mass, with a spectacular turn out and such beautiful interactions! Thank you to all the Parents and Carers who made it happen! These are the days that the students will treasure and it was so amazing to see the students at their best using manners and being proud St Kevin's ambassadors. **Every blessing, Gabee Leone**

## Faith Engaging the World

### Teilhard: Visionary Scientist

#### Here Faith & Science Meet



The Challenge of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Come together to share in a Video, Pizza, Wine & Discussion

The life of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, a French Jesuit - paleontologist - visionary, suppressed by his Jesuit order for advocating evolution is revealed in a drama of personal awakening, a search for meaning, scientific adventure, unresolved conflict with authority, and human love.

In "Teilhard: Visionary Scientist," a documentary from American broadcaster PBS, four key ideas emerge from the life and mind of Fr. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955): evolution, integration, fire and passion.

*"Someday, after we have mastered the winds, the waves, the tides, and gravity, we shall harness for God the energies of love. And then for the second time in the history of the world, we will have discovered fire." de Chardin.*

**Friday 16 August at 6.30pm**

**\$10 entry donation to cover Pizza & Wine**

**The Gathering Space - Mary Mother of the Church Catholic Parish  
4 Waverley Ave, Ivanhoe**

**For catering purposes please book by sending an email to our Parish Office [Ivanhoe@cam.org.au](mailto:Ivanhoe@cam.org.au) or phoning 9926 2310**

#### FUTURE EVENTS:

Friday 18 October **'The Stones Cry Out'** The story of Palestinian Christians with a follow up talk by Bishop George Browning, Bishop Emeritus of Canberra and Goulburn.

Friday 15 November **'The Letter - a message for our earth'** The Pope, the Environmental Crisis, the Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor.

**National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day** provides an opportunity to celebrate the strength, resilience and unique identity of Indigenous children, and to highlight the importance of cultural connection, family and community in supporting their wellbeing.

For information on our Parish Schools please contact:

**St Kevin's Primary School**  
Phone: 9273 9999

**St Charles Borromeo Primary School**  
Phone: 9842 7634

## Responsorial Psalm

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

## Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer.

### REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS FOR THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### First Reading

##### Exodus 16: 2-4. 12-15

A reading from the book of Exodus  
*I will rain bread from heaven upon you.*

The challenges of the present are prone to make us nostalgic for a past remembered as more congenial. Whether or not this is always true of human beings, it certainly was the case with the Hebrews newly liberated from Egypt. The hardships of their desert journey provoked them to complain bitterly against their leaders, Moses and Aaron, and thus against the God who had appointed them.

As we have the story today, God provides promptly and generously in response to the people's complaints. The gift of bread is mysterious, and no amount of speculation can determine exactly what it is. In fact, the question the people ask, "What is that?", has given the heavenly gift its name "manna." There is a condition attached. God puts everyone to the test by insisting that each person gather no more than what they need each day. In verses we don't hear, those who tried to store some up for the next day found it spoiled.

This desert drama is well captured in the reading. It weaves together action and the voices of the people, the Lord and Moses into a dynamic whole.

#### Second Reading

##### Ephesians 4: 17, 20-24

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians  
*Put on the new person that has been created in God's image.*

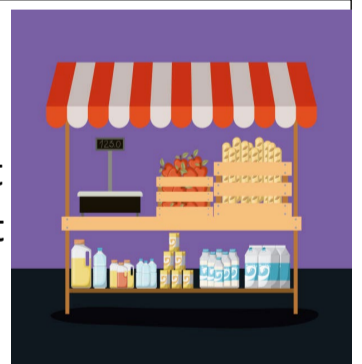
In contrast to last week's reading which was wholly affirmative, today's begins in negative mode. Somewhat oddly in a letter addressed to Gentiles who had embraced Christ, the author insists on the aimlessness of pagan life. He seems to write as if they hadn't yet changed their ways. Perhaps he was fearful they would lapse into old habits. His call to them to put aside their old self and put on the new seems based on the baptismal ritual of shedding one's customary clothes and donning the white robe of the newly baptised. This was no mere outward gesture but one that was symbolic of the "spiritual revolution" that made one a new creation "in God's way." In the same vein, Paul made this appeal in his letter to the Philippians: "In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus" (2:5). And in his letter to the Romans, he urges them to "let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind" (12:2). While this reading may begin somewhat in shadow, it emerges finally into the full light of day. The author rounds out his appeal with an attractive reference to "the goodness and holiness of the truth." This is what should lodge in the minds and hearts of the assembly.

#### Not forgotten. Truth-telling set to fill Voice gap ahead?

(Extract from Paul Sakkal and James Massola, The Age, 26 July)  
"A minimalist, community-led plan to 'tell the truth' about Indigenous dispossession is envisioned by the Albanese government to fill the void on reconciliation after its crushing Voice referendum loss. Truth-telling is one of the three key elements of reform proposed by the Uluru Statement from the Heart – the influential Indigenous-authored document that spawned the Voice proposal. According to government sources speaking anonymously to detail private thinking, Labor views a program to educate Australians about Indigenous history as less politically contentious than a treaty, the statement's third component". In this week's Gospel Readings God provides promptly and generously in response to the people's complaints. Do we do likewise in listening to the stories of indigenous peoples? - **John Costa SJA**

#### Gift Stall

On Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> August, after the 9.15am Mass, Sr Maria from St Elisabeth Convent in Minsk, Belarus will be conducting a gift stall in our Gathering Space. St Elisabeth Convent is a Christian community that supports a large psychiatric hospital; takes care of an orphanage for children with mental and physical disabilities and runs a rehabilitation centre and a shelter for the homeless. The stall will include handcrafted religious articles and souvenirs. This would help enable the sisters to support and develop their charitable projects. So come along and make a start on your Christmas shopping!



# Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

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