



# 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                                      Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time                                      10/11<sup>th</sup> August, 2024  
National Vocations Awareness Week

**Our Presider today is:** Fr Charles Balnaves

### ***A word from the Lay Ecclesial Leader...***

#### Thank you!

Last weekend, we appealed to your generosity to support two families in dire need. We have been overwhelmed by your response and generosity! THANK YOU. It is so wonderful to see our community come together to help those in need and bring the Gospel's teachings to life.

Your help has already made a big impact. One of the families is self-employed. Your donations have helped them service their van (they were managing by having to borrow a car here and there from friends) and now they have again a reliable way to make deliveries to local markets. Your generosity is very gratefully received. On the phone to Ana, one of the families thanked God for working through our parish and helping at a really low point in their life.

We aim to help the families for another few months (till about October-November) to get them through winter and support them at this time of crisis. Please reach out to me, Ana or the staff at the parish office if you would like to make a donation. Thank you again for bringing God's care to those in need.

#### Alpha

On Thursday night we completed our May-August Alpha round. We received excellent feedback from our participants. The program has inspired participants to be more involved in parish life and to explore their faith more deeply. There was a wonderful sense of fellowship on the last night. We have been companions on an 11-week journey of faith exploration and that's bound to yield wonderful results!

#### Parish Council August Meeting

The Parish Council met on Thursday 1 August. You can find the minutes and the reports circulated at the meeting on the website under 'leadership'. If you cannot access the website and would like a hard copy, please do not hesitate to contact the office. **Tiziana D'Costa**



### **NVAW Week**

National Vocations Awareness Week - Please pray for our priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in our community. Please pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries. Pray also that the saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood, especially from our community.



We would like to thank you for your generosity supporting the Church in Mongolia and House of Mercy.

**Thanks to your kindness, people like Chuluunbaatar will have access to the support they need to help them get back on their feet. Your gift will also support a variety of Church programs around the world.**

To learn more about the impact your support is making, please visit [catholicmission.org.au/our-work](http://catholicmission.org.au/our-work). Here, you can also sign up to our regular newsletter to keep up to date with the latest news.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at [catholicmission.org.au/mongolia](http://catholicmission.org.au/mongolia). Your action will make a profound change on people's lives.



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





## 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	Assumption 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, Anne, Izabella Fantin and Carmel Purdey.

## Anniversaries:

Faye Whitehead, Jopie Lun, June Gillespie, Diana Carnell and Jim Monaghan.

## Recently Deceased:

## Feast Days this week:...

### 14<sup>th</sup> August

St Maximilian Mary Kolbe Interned in Auschwitz in 1941, he endured hard labour and offered his life in place of a fellow prisoner who had a family. Condemned to death and killed by lethal injection. Remembered for his energy and poverty, his compassionate ministry, and his self-sacrifice.

15<sup>th</sup> August Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary This feast originated in Jerusalem before as the 'Falling-Asleep of the Mother of God'. It celebrates Mary's passing over, body and soul, from this world into the glory of her risen Son.

## LITURGY ROSTER

### 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

### Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 17/18<sup>th</sup> August 2024

1<sup>st</sup> Read: Proverbs 9: 1-6 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: Ephesians 5: 15-20 Gos: John 6: 51-58

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Margaret Turner	Christine Marini	Maryanne McNamara Daniel Marini
8.30am	Jessica Bartholomeusz		Adrian Teo Pat Rowland
10.00am	Carmel Purdey	Bernard Butler	Lyn Robinson Tony Robinson



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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!!



### Archbishop's Campaign

The 2024 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. These ministries are outlined in the Campaign brochure which you will find on the Church seats and in the Gathering Space. Gifts of \$2 or more are tax-deductable. Tax-deductable donations go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund which supports the Corpus Christi College Building Fund, the Priests Retirement Foundation, John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, University of Divinity Building Fund as well as Catholic community agencies and service organisations through annual grants. Non-tax-deductable donations go to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund and support seminarian formation and evangelisation ministries. Please review the campaign material and prayerfully consider pledging a recurring monthly gift to help us continue to strengthen the Christian faith and address the needs of God's people. Tear-off pledge cards are attached to the campaign envelopes in the Church. You can also make a gift online at [melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign](http://melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign) or via the QR codes on the campaign materials. You are invited to give generously to this important campaign.

On **Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> August**,

we celebrate the Solemnity of the

**Feast of the Assumption**

– a holy day of obligation.

Mass will be celebrated here at St Kevin's Church at 9.15am and at St Gregory the Great Church Doncaster at 7.00pm.



### Position Vacant here at St Kevin's Parish

We are seeking a musician with excellent music ability and relevant qualifications to play music (Yamaha Clavinova keyboard) and lead the congregation in singing during Mass.

We are looking for a musician whose values align with our parish values. They must be excellent musicians and willing to get the congregation involved in singing. At 10 am Sunday Mass and on special occasions, a small group of parishioners stand at the front, around the keyboard player, and sing to help the congregation join in the singing. The musician is expected to work with this group of singers and on their own. Since its inception as a parish, St Kevin's has always had a lot of music in the liturgy and the congregation is used to singing.

The musician will work in collaboration with our Director of Music. Knowledge of Catholic liturgy is highly desirable but not absolutely essential.

Commitment:

- 2 hours per month at weekends (Saturday evening/Sunday morning) - \$80-90 per hour – with the possibility of more hours subject to demand.
- One hour meeting per month at \$30 per hour. Travel expenses can be negotiated.

One-year fixed term - renewable (3 months' probation).

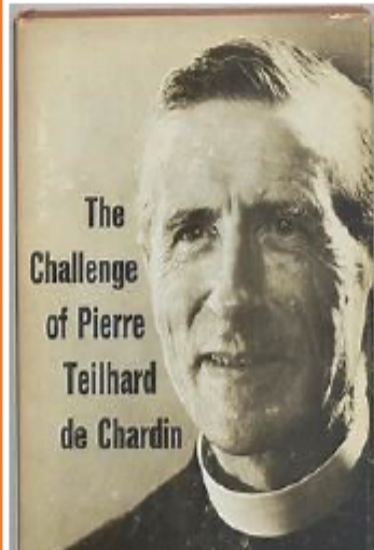
For further information, please contact Tiziana D'Costa at [Templestowe@cam.org.au](mailto:Templestowe@cam.org.au); or by ringing: 03 9850 5983.

To apply, please send a cover letter and a copy of your resume to [templestowe@cam.org.au](mailto:templestowe@cam.org.au) by 6 September 2024.

# 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.



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"That all may live life to the full"

For information on our Parish Schools please contact:

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## Responsorial Psalm

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

## Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer.

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

#### First Reading

##### [1 Kings 19: 4-8](#)

A reading from the first book of Kings

*Strengthened by the food, he walked to the mountain of the Lord*

It's sad but true that many remarkable biblical women are never named. Worse still, the name of the jealous and vengeful queen Jezebel has become a common and pejorative term in English. Her name does not appear in today's reading from 1 Kings, but it's because of her murderous intent that Elijah flees into the wilderness. The lectionary text makes no reference to this back story.

We are introduced to Elijah when he is at his lowest ebb, wishing he were dead. There in the wilderness his hunger and thirst are eased by the angel's gifts. They give him the strength to walk for forty days and nights to Mt Sinai, here named Horeb. In effect he travels in reverse the exodus journey led by Moses.

There are several other ways in which the story suggests parallels between Elijah and Moses. Like Elijah, Moses reaches the end of his tether and feels he can continue no longer (Num 11:14). Both encounter God on the holy mountain. And just as Elijah walked without nourishment for forty days and nights, so Moses spends forty days on the mountain without food or drink (Ex 34:28).

This story has been chosen to tie in with the gospel in which Jesus presents himself as the bread of life. It's a colourful tale that will appeal to readers and listeners alike.

#### Second Reading

##### [Ephesians 4: 30 -5: 2](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians  
*Walk in love, just as Christ.*

Having exhorted the Ephesians in last week's reading to "put on the new self," the author goes on to spell out what this means in practice. Some of his advice is much the same as could be found in non-Christian writings of the day, but he puts it in a Trinitarian matrix. They are not to grieve the Holy Spirit, they are to imitate God, and they are to follow Christ.

The Holy Spirit is spoken of, rather unusually, in personal terms. It is the Spirit who has claimed believers and set his seal upon them as a pledge of freedom for "when the day comes." The Spirit of God is not to be grieved by any kind of unloving behaviour. God is presented as a fount of forgiveness and loving parent. As God's children, believers do not simply love God back; they are to love and forgive one another. The love they share is modelled on the self-sacrificing love of Christ who gave himself up in our place "as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God."

These are high ideals, but not in a pure abstract sense. What makes it possible for the baptised to live lovingly is the seal of the Holy Spirit, the forgiveness of God and the self-sacrifice of Christ. This text demands much but gives more.

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

**The Voice and one week in politics** (including edited extracts from Shane Wright and Caroline Schelle, The Age, 4 August 2024)

Last week we reported on media speculation about an indigenous Truth telling (Makarrata) Commission to fill the void on reconciliation after the Government's Voice referendum loss. This week instead, Prime Minister Albanese said that instead of a formal Makarrata body, the government must focus on engaging with Indigenous communities to find new ways to deal with chronic problems facing First Nations people. He said talking to Indigenous organisations and people, including land councils, was the way to engage with First Nations Australians rather than setting up a Makarrata commission that would supervise agreement-making and truth-telling about the past. The recent Productivity Commission's annual snapshot on the Closing the Gap report shows five of its targets are on track to be met by 2031, including healthy birth weight, pre-school enrolment and employment. Another five are improving but are unlikely to meet the 2031 target; one has not changed at all; and four are going backwards. The latter include the rate at which children are removed from their families, adult imprisonment, and suicide. Data shows that 'The Stolen Generation' is now at record levels. There's much to be resolved. - **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.