



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

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

12/13th October, 2024

Our Presider today is: Fr Gerry McKernan

From the Desk of the Parish Priest...

Prayer:

During last Sunday's Coptic Catholic Mass, Fr Isaac provided me with a partial running translation of Bishop Thomas' homily. The homily was about prayer—and if I understood rightly, he finished up with saying that with prayer we should hopefully find ourselves moving from words into silence. From telling Jesus our needs to openness to the Holy Spirit. I have spoken about this several times—though not in the same way (nor the same language, nor perhaps as effectively) as Bishop Thomas.

The Holy Spirit is at our door.

Christ Jesus is at our door.

They are waiting for us to open the door or open it further, or take the door off its hinges, or even remove the entire wall so that God's desire can be fulfilled: the desire to fill us with love so that we can fill others with the love of Christ Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and the Father.

I find it so easy to drop into the habit of speaking off a whole litany of prayer! To worry if I haven't said my Divine Office effectively today because I missed a bunch of the words and I can't remember what the psalms were about. Words—words—words: no room for conversation. No room for the Holy Spirit or Jesus Christ.

There is a prayer that goes "Soul of Christ sanctify me, body of Christ save me, blood of Christ inebriate me ..." - when we pray at all properly, then we are open to being filled completely and owned completely by Christ.

What a wonderful state of bliss to be in filled with Christ. Perhaps we can let go of a few words and replace them with ... silence?

God bless, Fr Charles



Next Weekend at both 5.30pm Saturday evening and 10.00am Sunday morning, we shall be celebrating First Eucharist Masses. All are invited and welcome to come and celebrate this important Sacrament when we pray for our parish children as they travel along their faith journey.

Thanksgiving Program

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you to everyone who promptly collected their offertory giving envelopes last weekend. However, we kindly remind those who have yet to retrieve theirs to do so this weekend. Additionally, for those who wish to submit their filled-out pledge cards, you have several convenient options: you may place them in either the first or second collections during Mass, drop them off at the parish office, or deposit them into the designated box located in the foyer.

Thank you for your ongoing dedication and generosity.

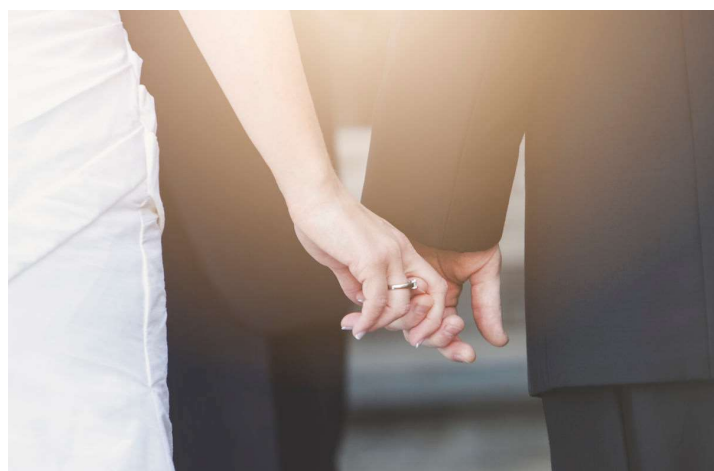
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Mass for Marriage Anniversaries, St Patrick's Cathedral

Sunday 20 October, 2024

11:00am – 12:00pm

Couples and families are invited to join in as we celebrate our annual Anniversary Mass. Couples who register and are celebrating the following anniversaries—5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th or 40 years and above—will receive a commemorative certificate. Register by Sunday 13 October at trybooking.com/CLKRB. For all enquiries, please contact Proclaim on 9926 5721 or email proclaim@cam.org.au.



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

Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses Baptism @ 10am.
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	First Communion Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses (First Communion @ 10am)



We pray for Better Health:

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, Lucy Bisetto, Guadalupe Cameron, Pat Ford, James Jackson and Elysia Pozzebon.

Anniversaries:

Eddie Lim (10th), Salvatore Ozzimo, Doris Delaney, Lorna James, Roma Johnson, Palmara Dinelli, Peter Chin, Pam Graham, Liberato Crescia and John Bumford.

Recently Deceased:

Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this week:

For plentiful enrolments to our schools for 2025 and beyond.



Feast Days this week:...

15th October St Teresa of Jesus
Remembered as a strong, practical reformer who restored the strict Carmelite observance of poverty, solitude and austerity.

17th October St Ignatius of Antioch
Remembered for seven letters written on his way to execution. They show him to be devoted to Christ and his resurrection; they urge Christians to unity in and through the Eucharist and around their local bishop.

18th October St Luke
In his gospel, the compassion of Christ is inclusive of all: Gentile and Jew, the poor and the rich, women and men, the outcast and the privileged.

LITURGY ROSTER

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 12/13th October 2024

1st Read: Wisdom 7: 7-11 2nd Read: Hebrews 4: 12-13 Gos: Mark 10: 17-30

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Rachel Marini	Kathy Pearce	Anne Maguire Lynne O'Brien
8.30am	Frank Ozzimo	Pauline Erickson	Paul Polidano Penny Teo
10.00am	Vianney Shiel	Carmel Shiel	Raffaella Dinelli Geraldine Williams

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 19/20th October 2024

1st Read: Isaiah 53: 10-11 2nd Read: Hebrews 4: 4-16 Gos: Mark 10: 35-45

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Tasha Vercauteran	Janet Parsons	Lawrence Ceconello Maryanne McNamara
8.30am	Frank Ozzimo	Ana Saro	Adrian Teo Frances Bettiol
10.00am	Carmel Purdey	Bernard Butler	Lyn Murphy Lyn Robinson

Our next



Parish Bookish Morning Tea
will be held on **Thursday, 17th October** at 10.00am and continues every fortnight.

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



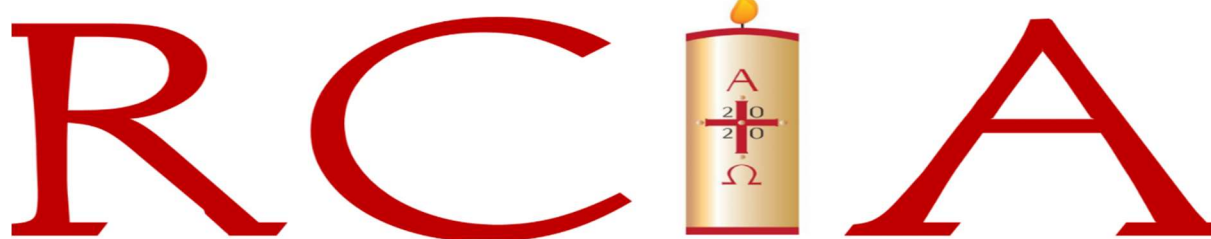
ATTENTION ALL MASS VOLUNTEERS

- please check your email inbox.



By now you should have received an email listing your rostered dates for the next roster. You should also have received from the Parish Office, a copy of the roster together with the relevant contact lists. If you haven't received these emails please ring the Parish Office or Pauline Erickson on 0407 824 638. Thanks everyone.

Any new volunteers out there? Ring Pauline 0407 824 638.



Are you interested in learning about Catholicism? Learning more about Jesus?

Are you, or is someone you know, curious about this?

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) will soon begin its next series of meetings for St Gregory's and St Kevin's parishes at St Gregory's Church. For more information, please phone the Parish Office (9412 8425) or speak with Fr Charles. Warm welcome assured.

Baptisms, RCIA, people joining the Church:

Please, encourage your friends, ask them to just come along and see how friendly Jesus is. We are not seeing many requests for baptism or much interest in RCIA. Please. Make an effort; suggest to your friends that baptising their children is vitally important; invite a friend to join you and come to the first session on becoming catholic. Take a risk! What can go wrong? They say no? So you move on and ask someone else.

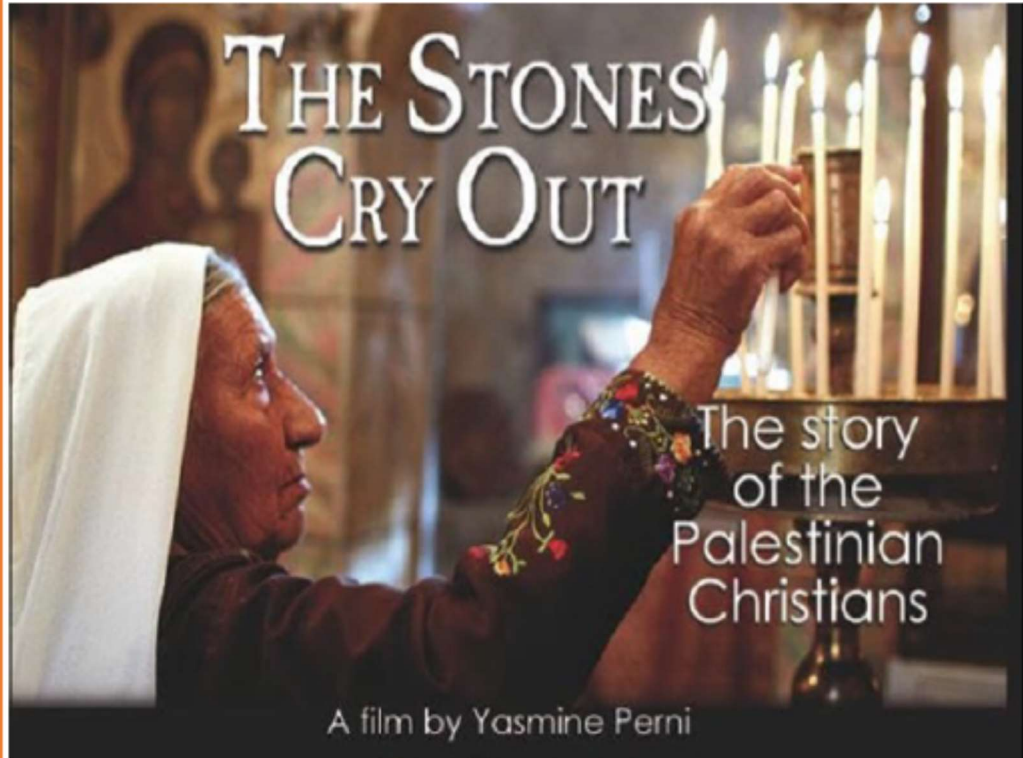


Diaconate Ordination

Do you remember Tuong (Jude) Nguyen? He is a Seminarian who lived and worked with us in 2022 whilst he learnt about parish life. He is now being ordained as a Deacon and we are all invited to join him in this special ceremony to pray for him and to join in a celebration afterwards.

When: Sunday, 27th October at 5.00pm **Where:** St Gregory the Great Church, 71 Williamsons Road, Doncaster
RSVP: 13th October. Please indicate your intention to attend via the sign-up sheets in the Gathering Space.

Faith Engaging the World



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

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

Friday 18 October 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 or phoning 9926 2310**

FUTURE EVENTS: FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER AT 6.30PM

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

St Kevin's Meditation, each Wednesday 9:30am ONLINE via Zoom.
Open to parishioners and members of the wider community. Why not try it? Contact the Parish House for the online link. All welcome.

When we sit to meditate,
we accept the wonder of the moment of now.
We are confident in the power of Jesus to do
God's work in us.
We experience Jesus alive in our hearts.



Spiritual Retreats at Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, East Melbourne

The Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre will begin a series of reflection nights and retreats commencing with a Reflection Day focussing on the central theme of the Year of Jubilee 2025 : **Hearing the Audacious Call to be Pilgrims of Hope** facilitated by Mark Walsh.

The day will include times of contemplation using scripture and times of prayer. www.mmhc.org.au/spiritual-retreat/

Day: Monday, 28th October, 2024

Time: 9.30am to 3.15pm.

Venue: Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, 362 Albert Street, East Melbourne

Price: \$120 (Morning tea provided, BYO Lunch)

As conflict escalates in Middle East, Pope asks Mary to intercede

As fighting in the Middle East intensifies and spreads, Pope Francis turned to Mary, begging her to 'intercede for our world in danger'. With members of the Synod of Bishops, pilgrims, ambassadors accredited to the Vatican and Catholics from the Diocese of Rome, the Pope led the recitation of the Rosary for Peace on 6 October at Rome's Basilica of St Mary Major. The prayer service took place on the eve of the one-year anniversary of the deadly Hamas attack on Israel and Israel's retaliation in Gaza.

Let us all continue to pray for peace around the world.



During October, the second session of the 'Synod on Synodality' will take place in Rome. It is a follow up to last October's first session. Representatives from all over the world will gather again.

The first session of the Synod took place after a worldwide consultation process that asked people how they thought the church should respond to the challenges that faced it and the world. Our parish made a submission to the consultation.

The aim of the Synod on Synodality is to foster a renewed understanding and practice of synodality. A synodal Church is one that listens intently, encourages co-responsibility of all the baptised, accepts diversity, can live with questions and incompleteness and is a place of dialogue. Listening to God and to our brothers and sisters is the discipline of holiness.

Each week in October we will pray the Prayer for the Synod.

The fourteen Australian representatives to the Synod are Aboriginal leader John Lochowiak, Ms Kelly Paget, Fr Sijeesh Pullenkunnel, Professor Renee Kohler-Ryan, Dr Trudy Dantis, Archbishop of Perth, Timothy Costelloe SDB, Archbishop of Sydney, Anthony Fisher OP, Bishop of Sandhurst Shane Mackinlay, Bishop of Broken Bay, Anthony Randazzo and the Archbishop of Adelaide Patrick O'Regan.

Australian facilitators and experts at the Synod include Dr Sandie Cornish (ACU), Br Ian Cribb SJ (formerly from Melbourne), Adjunct Professor Susan Pascoe (Melbourne) and Fr Ormond Rush.

Live transmissions of some events will be available at vaticannews.va; the Vatican Synod website can be found at synod.va.



Our fourteen Australian representatives.

For information on our Parish Schools please contact:

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St Charles Borromeo Primary School
Phone: 9842 7634

Responsorial Psalm

Fill us with your love, O Lord,
and we will sing for joy!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

Wisdom 7: 7-11

A reading from the book of Wisdom

In comparison to wisdom, I held riches as nothing.

It may or may not become clear to the assembly as they attend to this reading that the "I" who is speaking is King Solomon. The author of the book of Wisdom places a prayer on Solomon's lips that parallels the one in 1 Kings 3:3-14. Unlike the god-like rulers of other nations, the king is presented as no different from other human beings. He too has to ask for the gift of wisdom.

In the process Solomon appears entirely noble and altruistic, untainted by any base motive. He claims to esteem wisdom more than power, wealth, health and beauty, even the light. His declaration that riches came to him as a result seems to find confirmation in Jesus' saying - "Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on his righteousness, and all these other things will be given you as well" (Mt 6:33) - and in what he has to say about riches in today's gospel.

The ideal portrait of Solomon that is painted here is at odds with the later idolater and maladministrator, but discerning historical fact from the Solomon legend is an impossible task. As the reading appears in the lectionary, it is a sincere and devout prayer, if rather tinged with self-praise. Its purpose is to extol the gift of wisdom and to commend it to all and sundry.

Second Reading

Hebrews 4: 12-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The word of God discerns the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Today's short text from Hebrews serves as the conclusion to a mini-homily that runs from 3:1-4:13. The author starts by comparing Jesus favourably with Moses. Jesus is son, Moses is servant. This leads to a lengthy exploration of God's promise of a "place of rest" and the urgency for believers to respond to the word of God "today."

This word of God, the author contends, is a weapon of judgement wielded by a warrior. It penetrates into the deepest recesses of the human heart. Nothing is hidden from its piercing probe. It lays bare all secret thoughts and intentions. This may sound rather ominous but it prepares us for our ultimate reckoning.

None of this is new teaching; it is authentically Jewish. Various Old Testament writers characterise God's word as creative, dynamic and decisive. Some early Church fathers saw a likeness between this text and the first chapter of John's gospel. This is a text that bears much reflection, even as it is proclaimed.

Taken from "Break Open the Word"



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Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

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