



St Kevin's Catholic Parish

26-44 Herlihys Road, Templestowe Lower



Mass Times

St Kevin's: 5.30pm Saturdays

8.30am and 10.00am Sundays

St Gregory the Great: 6.00pm Saturdays

9.00am, 10.30am and 5.00pm Sundays

Reconciliation at St Gregory the Great every

Saturday morning at 9.30am

Parish Priest:

Fr Charles Balnaves

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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.

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

18/19th January, 2025

Baptism Presentation Weekend

Our Presider today is: Fr Charles Balnaves

Words From the Desk of our PP...

Alpha:

Alpha Beta Gamma Delta ... Omega:

The Alpha experience starts up again on the 19th of February: I encourage you to invite people to attend or to attend yourself.

Alpha to Omega (Jesus says "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. (Rev 21:6). The Alpha experience, is a beginning: from there we can learn our faith by being involved. Across our two parishes of St Greg's and St Kevin's we have: Mass, preparing multimedia Mass presentations, multimedia display, Play Group, Youth Group, Young Adults Group, Men's Group, Adoration, Meditation, Knitting, Driving, Welcomers, After School Religious Education / Sacramental preparation, Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers, Aged Care and Home Visitation (with Holy Communion), Masses in Aged Care, Choir/Music, Finance Group, Maintenance/Gardening, Church Environment, Church Flowers, Church Cleaning (minor cleaning), Liturgy Group, Parish Pastoral Council, Safeguarding children, St Vincent de Paul, Bookish Morning Tea, Lectors, Alpha, GodStart, Baptism, Social Group, Bereavement, Children's Liturgy, Sunday School, Adult faith formation, Rite for Christian Initiation of Adults, Piety Stall, Wednesday faith study and prayer group, assisting in schools, School Advisory Council. 40 and counting: and I suspect I've missed a few.

A wealth of ways in which to be involved and grow faith. Try Alpha if you haven't. Get involved in other things (or continue to be involved). And invite someone to come to Alpha.

My Holiday:

A great gift – thank you for allowing me the space to be away – four days away last week: I spent the time in a most wonderful relaxing environment of family and friends and catching up and deep discussions. My apologies if we didn't advertise the absence of weekday Masses clearly enough. And this week I signed up for my longer holiday from 5th to 30th May. Mostly in Spain. Should be fun!

Fr Anton Aseervathampillai: New Assistant Priest:

From 15th February we will have a new Assistant Priest for St Greg's and St Kevin's. Fr Anton Aseervathampillai is a Tamil priest, from Sri Lanka. He has been based in Werribee for the past five years as part time Assistant Priest and serving as chaplain to the Tamil communities across Melbourne. Now he is moving to the east to have easier access to the eastern suburbs and to gain experience of the people on this part of the diocese. I met Fr Anton on the 26th of December and found him a most engaging and faith filled priest. He will bring a new perspective and a much valued presence to assist me and you in seeking to live our lives as disciples of Christ Jesus. Please welcome him when he arrives. I have asked Fr Anton for a biography and will provide more details as time goes on.

God bless, Fr Charles



YEAR OF JUBILEE – ARCHDIOCESAN PLACES OF PILGRIMAGE

Some parishes and shrines within our Melbourne Archdiocese are places of local pilgrimage during the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope. A list of these Pilgrim Places is on the noticeboard in the Gathering Space.

It is hoped that the Pilgrim Places will be able to assist all individual pilgrims and communities in their journey of faith. The local Pilgrim Places of hospitality and respite of pilgrims, will also be places for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation at different times throughout the year, as well as being a place of prayer and reflection.

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

Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses (Baptism Present @ 10am)
Tuesday	8.15am	Adoration
	9.15am	Mass
	1.00pm	Needlecraft Group
Wednesday	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:

Elysia Pozzebon, Shiela O'Donoghue, Wang Wei Qiao, Nady Botrous, Michelle, Melissa Wirata, Michael Angelo Yambao, Rosanna Campagna, Gabriella Cunico, Alexandra Bateman, Alan Benn, Federico Aspromonte and Peter Ryan.

Anniversaries: Jacob George, Giovanni Pennisi, Giuseppe Giannini, Michael De Luca, Vito Adamo, Mario Bolzonello, Bryan O'Toole, Marie Reichert, Graham Arthur, Colin McDonald, Jure Mlikota, Peter Norton, Gregory Shiel, Maria Egan, Giuseppe (Joe) Luca, Jadwiga Krolkowski and Margaret Materazzo.

Recently Deceased:

Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: For our children: that they can be free to play and learn without digital distraction and distortion.



Feast Days this week:...

21st January St Agnes

She gave her life to preserve her virginity consecrated to Christ.

24th January

St Francis De Sales

Remembered as a most influential preacher, writer and spiritual director, who combined firmness with patience and gentleness.

25th January

The Conversion of St Paul

Celebrates the work of God's grace as a major turning point in the life of Paul himself and in the history of the infant Church.

LITURGY ROSTER

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - 18/19th January 2025

1st Read: Isaiah 62: 1-5 2nd Read: 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11 Gos: John 2: 1-11

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Christine Marini	Margaret Turner	Lawrence Ceconello Maryanne McNamara
8.30am	Jessica Bartholomeusz		Penny Teo Paul Polidano
10.00am	Carmel Purdey	Liz O'Connell	Tony Robinson Lyn Robinson

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - 25/26th January 2025

1st Read: Nehemiah 8: 2-6. 8-10 2nd Read: 1 Corinth 12: 12-30 Gospel: Luke 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Tasha Vercauteren	Bredenia Raquel	Lynne O'Brien Fiona Watson
8.30am	Erika Castro	Pamela Rivera	Frances Bettiol Pat Rowland
10.00am	Pauline Erickson	Frances Johnson	Geraldine Williams Tony Whelan

Meditation Sessions will recommence for 2025 online via zoom on Wednesday 5th February @ 9.30am. Why not try it?

Contact the Parish House for the online link.

This invitation is also extended to all members of the wider parish community. All are welcome.

Thank you all for joining each week throughout last year.

We look forward to seeing you all again in a few weeks' time.



Baptisms Welcome

Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism

This weekend we welcome:

Michael and Sarah

who will be introducing

Darcy Thomas Amalfi

to our Parish Community in preparation for his Baptism in a couple of weeks' time.



THERE'S A SEAT FOR YOU AT THE TABLE



Alpha

Wednesday evening at 6.30 pm
19 February to 16 April,
Plus a day retreat on Sat 29 March.

**Meals included
Free - donation welcome**

St Kevin's Parish
30 Herlihys Road
Lower Templestowe

**To register email:
templestowe@cam.org.au; or
phone 03 9850 5983**

Find out more at
alpha.org.au

BETHANY WAY RETREAT

'At the feet of Jesus: on retreat with Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

8 February 2025 12pm–4pm

Catholic Leadership Centre, 576 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne

All are welcome to join for Mass at 11:30am. Lunch included.

This free retreat will introduce you to The Bethany Way—a journey of being formed in the faith and equipped to form others, whatever your field of influence. Grow to: pray more authentically, believe more deeply, articulate more clearly, love more faithfully.

RSVP BY 3 FEBRUARY www.trybooking.com/CXHY or proclaim@cam.org.au or 9926 5761



JUBILEE OF YOUTH PILGRIMAGE 2025

DATES Monday 21 July 2025 – Tuesday 5 August 2025

Itinerary 16 days / 13 nights

Turin (2 nights) | Lucca | Pisa (1 night) Florence | Siena | Assisi (3 nights) Rome—Jubilee of Youth (7 nights)

Bookings are now open for the Archdiocese of Melbourne's Jubilee of Youth Pilgrimage 2025. This pilgrimage is open to Catholics aged between 18 and 30 years.

Harvest Journeys is the pilgrimage provider, and Fr Jude Johnson will accompany the pilgrims as their chaplain.

This graced and hope-filled journey will take in the towns and cities of Italy, the homes of great saints like St Francis and St Clare—and soon-to-be canonised saints Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati—before culminating in a visit to the Eternal City of Rome, where we will walk through the Holy Doors of St Peter's Basilica and participate in the Jubilee celebrations.

Embark on an incredible pilgrimage to encounter God and deepen your faith with fellow pilgrims.

Registrations for this pilgrimage will close on Friday 11 April 2025. Book now and be a pilgrim of hope!



'Marriage' with Matt and Cameron Fradd

Thursday 6 February 2025, 6.00pm–9.30pm (inc BBQ dinner)

ACU Cathedral Hall, 22 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy

Join internationally renowned speakers Matt and Cameron Fradd for an evening filled with inspiration, joy and practical wisdom on marriage. Whether you're single, engaged, newly married or have been together for decades, this event will provide insights, encouragement and laughs for everyone.

Cost: \$30 adults - \$20 concession/student

Free for children under 10

Free for priests and religious brothers and sisters



JUBILEE OF FAMILIES PILGRIMAGE 2025

DATES Tuesday 20 May – Wednesday 4 June 2025

Itinerary 16 days / 13 nights

Padua (3 nights) | Venice Ravenna | Bologna | Florence (2) Siena | Assisi (3) | Subiaco Rome—Jubilee of Families (5)

Registrations for the Archdiocese of Melbourne's 2025 Jubilee of Families pilgrimage will close on 7 February. The pilgrimage, which coincides with the Jubilee of Families, Grandparents and the Elderly, is open to all parishioners.

This graced and hope-filled journey will take in the towns and cities of Italy, the homes of great saints like St Francis and St Clare—and soon-to-be canonised saints Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati—before culminating in a visit to the Eternal City of Rome, where we will walk through the Holy Doors of St Peter's Basilica and participate in the Jubilee celebrations.

Harvest Journeys is the pilgrimage provider, and Fr Andrew McCarter will accompany the pilgrims as their chaplain.

Embark on an incredible pilgrimage to encounter God and deepen your faith with loved ones and fellow pilgrims.

For more information, contact Harvest Journeys at info@harvestjourneys.com, or call 1800 819 156.

Book now and be a pilgrim of hope! Registrations must close on Friday 7 February 2025.



The Red Mass

Tuesday 28 January 2025, 9.00am–10.00am

St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne

The Red Mass is a traditional gathering of the legal profession to invoke God's guidance and blessing for the year ahead. The Mass will commence with a procession led by the Hon Justice Simon Steward of the High Court of Australia. Following Mass, the judiciary, members of the legal profession ... profession to invoke God's guidance and blessing for the year ahead. The Mass will commence with a procession led by the Hon Justice Simon Steward of the High Court of Australia along with Archbishop Peter A Comensoli and Cardinal Mykola Bychok. Following Mass, the judiciary, members of the legal profession, staff and their families are invited to join Archbishop Peter A Comensoli for morning tea in the presbytery grounds adjacent to the Cathedral.

Please note: those taking part in the procession should assemble between the Presbytery and the Cathedral by 8.45am. Judges and counsel robe, and medals are worn.

For catering purposes, please RSVP to Kathryn Toll at admin@mcfarlanelegal.com.au

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

Declare the marvellous works of the Lord among all the peoples.

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading	Second Reading
<p>Isaiah 62: 1-5</p> <p>A reading from the prophet Isaiah <i>As the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.</i></p> <p>In view of the Cana gospel, a nuptial oracle from the prophet Isaiah has been chosen as the first reading. (It was also listed for the Mass of the Vigil of Christmas.)</p> <p>The people of God are returning from exile to rebuild the city of Jerusalem. Isaiah imagines God speaking words of love to them, addressing them as a groom to his bride: <i>as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you!</i> These words are the glorious conclusion to the reading.</p> <p>In the biblical tradition a new name meant a new identity. So, part of the consolation offered by Isaiah is to rename the city. No longer to be known as 'Forsaken' or 'Abandoned', instead it will be called 'My Delight' and 'The Wedded'. Isaiah looks forward to a new loving relationship with God.</p>	<p>1 Corinthians 12: 4-11</p> <p>A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Corinthians <i>One and the same spirit distributes different gifts as he chooses.</i></p> <p>From now until the beginning of Lent, the second reading is taken from chapters 12—15 of Paul's first letter to the Church at Corinth.</p> <p>The Corinthian community was vibrant, diverse and divided. Paul writes to them about leadership in the community, corrects them on matters of sexual morality, and urges dignity in their worship.</p> <p>The community was blessed with many gifted people, but regrettably there was competition and rivalry between them. Over the coming weeks, Paul will write beautifully about how all the gifts are complementary, urging harmony and unity in the Church.</p> <p>Today, Paul explains how all the gifts come from the same Holy Spirit and all are directed to the common good. The list of gifts is not meant to be exhaustive. The text is an invitation to the listeners to discern the movement of the Spirit within themselves and to ask themselves how they are called to contribute to the work of the Body of Christ.</p> <p><i>Taken from "Break Open the Word"</i></p>



22nd Annual Celebration of the Feast of the Miraculous Infant Jesus of Prague Sunday 19 January 2025, 1.40pm–5.00pm

Join the **Good Shepherd Parish Novena Group** and the **Disciples of the Infant Jesus of Prague** as they host their 22nd annual celebration of the **feast of the Holy Infant Jesus of Prague**. Details:

1.40pm—Rosary, novena prayers and chaplet

2.40pm—Holy Mass, followed by a procession, and exposition and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Bishop Martin Ashe will be the principal celebrant, assisted by Fr Samuel Pearson and Deacon Pou'kesi Vaka'uta.

Light refreshments will be available after the service.

For any enquiries, please contact Gary and Darlene on 9335 4742 or 0404009326.

All are welcome!

Venue: Good Shepherd Church, 88 South Circular Road, Gladstone Park

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

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

