



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

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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 C

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Baptism Presentation Weekend

8/9th February, 2025

Our Presider today is: Fr Gerry McKernan



Words From the Desk of our PP...

Jubilee Year: "Hope does not disappoint" – Being Pilgrims of Hope:

I have been slow to say anything about the Jubilee Year: Pilgrims of Hope – In part I have been thinking and in part I have been waiting for the Liturgy and Parish Council groups to meet to discuss our plans.

Pilgrims of Hope: that means you and I. We live in Hope: the hope that is Christ Jesus our Lord. We move through the world as pilgrims who bring that Hope to the world – to our world. Pope Francis speaks of our times being times with a lot of apprehension, anxiety, hesitation, doubt, discouragement, pessimism and cynicism. He has called this Jubilee Year as a counter to those negatives with the solution being found in Christ Jesus.

With the Parish Pastoral Council and the Liturgy Group we are seeking to bring this truth of being Pilgrims of Hope as a threat enriching everything we do so that it informs and enlivens all the things we seek to implement as disciples of Christ to the world around us.

Alpha:

We are still getting requests for Alpha: we have closed the list for the current offering but please be patient and participate in the August offering. Thank you for your enthusiasm.

Parish Finance Council:

The Parish Finance Council met this week and discussed elements of the budget for 2025, plans to develop the possibility of building a Columbarium (a wall with niches in which to inter cremated remains of parishioners) and possibilities for re-configuring the sanctuary to provide an improved Mass experience. We also discussed the Thanksgiving campaign from October 2024 and how successful it has been for both support of the church operations and of the parish priest. It is early days to see a full trend, but your generosity is amazing. Thank you. A thank you letter is on its way to all parishioners. WE hope to be able to provide quarterly updates to all givers.

Parish Pastoral Council:

Our first Parish Pastoral Council meeting was held on the past Thursday with a near full complement of members – thank you to all of you for making the time to be there. The Parish Pastoral Council discussed the various reports about pastoral and business aspects of the parish and its life. Possibilities for a Columbarium and for modifying the Sanctuary were discussed and approval given to proceed to get detailed plans for both. Once these are available, we will present the ideas to the parish.

Liturgy:

Melbourne Octet: Please pencil in 21st March 7 pm at St Gregory the Great Church for about an hour. This is a special date: a date on which the Melbourne Octet (eight professional singers) will come and share a Lenten Evening with us. An evening of song, prayer and reflection. An evening to draw us into the Hope that is Jesus Christ. An evening in the middle of Lent that we pray will provide us with a unique moment of grace to guide us towards Holy Week and the Resurrection. There will be other moments of grace as the year progresses so please, when you hear the details book in and come along.

God bless, Fr Charles

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

Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses (Baptism Pres @ 10.00am)
Monday	8.30am	Little Kev's Playgroup
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	(Baptism @ 10.00am)



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, Peter Ryan, Anton Urbas, Rosemarie Cameron, Eugenia Pozzebon, Luisa Yambao, Dr Noel Smyth and Aileen Kent.

Anniversaries:

Reynaldo Tagala, Jim Hannon, Roger Anthony & Meng Kong Cheng, Frances Alexander, Masino Cappadona, John Watts, Joe Luca, Daphne Clark, Joyce Woodroffe, Jill Hodson, Betty Natoli, Tim Mullin and Cheryl Richmann.

Recently Deceased:

Matthew Ryan

Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord:

For the leaders of St Gregory's, St Kevin's and St Charles' schools that they will be inspired in their development of school life.



Feast Days this week:...

10th February St Scholastica
Together with her twin brother, she dedicated herself to God, through the monastic life. Remembered for her part in establishing Benedictine monasticism.

14th February

Ss Cyril & Methodius

The brothers preached the gospel in Moravia using their own translations of the Scriptures and the liturgy in the local language. They are honoured as apostles of the Slavic peoples. Remembered together for their contribution to Slavic culture, for their missionary inculturation of the faith, and for establishing links between East and West.

LITURGY ROSTER

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 8/9th February 2025

1st Read: Isaiah 6: 1-8 2nd Read: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 Gos: Luke 5: 1-11

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Tiziana D'Costa	Christine Marini	Bredenia Raquel Margaret Turner
8.30am	Frank Ozzimo	Miriam Ayoub	Mary Waddick Penny Teo
10.00am	Carmel Purdey	Bernard Butler	Tony Robinson Lyn Robinson

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 15/16th February 2025

1st Read: Jeremiah 17: 5-8 2nd Read: 1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20 Gos: Luke 6: 17, 20-26

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Fiona Watson	Kathy Pearce	Lynne O'Brien Lawrence Ceconello
8.30am	Frank Ozzimo	Pauline Erickson	Frances Bettiol Pat Rowland
10.00am	Vianney Shiel	Carmel Shiel	Carmel Purdey Tony Whelan

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION



Preparing Children for Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM AT ST KEVIN'S PARISH 2025

Do you have a child/ren who does not attend our parish schools whom you would like to have receive a Sacrament this year? If so, the time to act is now!

Enrolments are currently being accepted for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation.

Children will need to be in at least Grade 3 level 2025 for Reconciliation and First Eucharist and Grade 6 for Confirmation.

Please hop onto our website and download the registration/payment forms, complete them and send them back to us at the parish office as soon as you can as time is running out! [Sacraments - St Kevin's Templestowe Parish \(stkevinsparish.org.au\)](http://stkevinsparish.org.au)

On our website you will also see a series of diary dates which are most important that our Candidates and parents must attend.

Please contact the Parish Office or Ana Saro if you have any further questions. Thank you.



To our beautiful **Pam Cohen** who celebrated her 80th birthday last Friday.

Happy Birthday and Best Wishes to you Pam and thank you for all that you do for us and for our Parish.



February 14th 2025

Wishing everyone a very **Happy St Valentine's Day!**

May your day be filled with love, joy, peace and happiness.

And may all the love that you spread find its way back to you.

Baptisms Welcome

This weekend we welcome:

Richard and Helena

who will be introducing

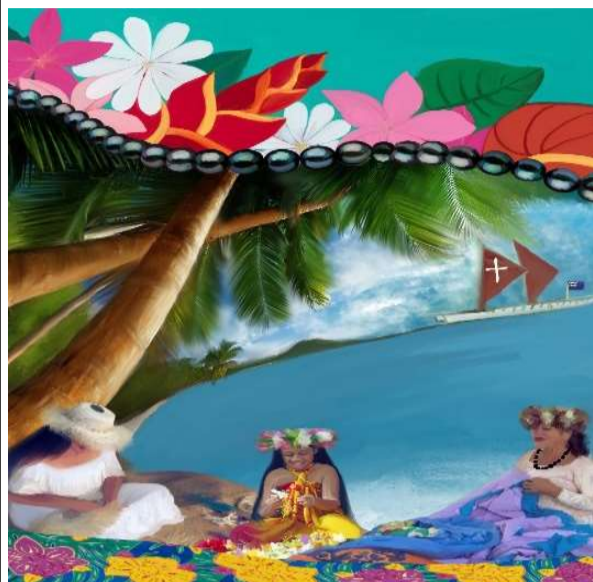
Artemis Marjana Gillian Scully

to our Parish Community in preparation for her Baptism next week.

Celebration
of the
Sacrament of Baptism



We ask for prayers for retired **Dr Noel Smyth** a long time benefactor of Holy Cross community, servant doctor to so many of our community and many who belong to Holy Cross and beyond, and attending doctor to many who have spent time at Donvale rehab. Noel has been diagnosed with an aggressive form of motor neurone disease.



World Day of Prayer Services 2025, Cook Islands, Friday, March 7th

“I made you wonderful”

Holy Trinity Anglican Church – 10.00am

106 Church Road, Doncaster

Speaker: Father Kevin Dillon

Assistant priest at Donvale &

Doncaster East Catholic Parishes

All welcome. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of each service.

Contacts: 0438 034 739 or 9850 1150

St Kevin's Catholic Church – 7.30pm

30 Herlihs Road, Templestowe Lower

Speaker: Pastor David Jonassen

United Pasifika Council of Victoria

The Synod & the Australian Church - where to now?

Webinar

7.30 pm on Wednesday 19 February 2025

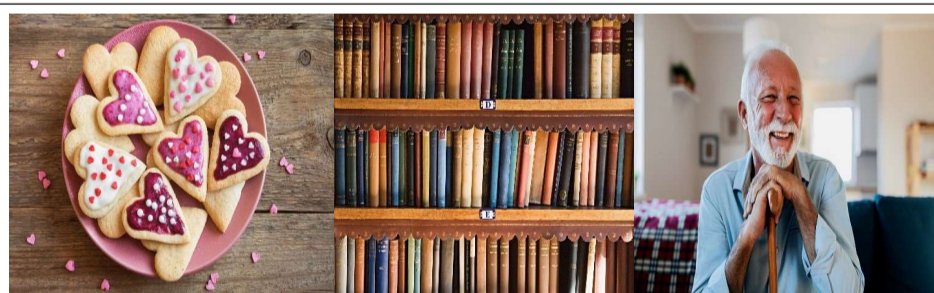
Presentations will focus on the final session & report of the universal Synod in October 2024

The presenters: two Synod participants - Bishop Shane Mackinlay and Dr Sandie Cornish (yet to be confirmed for this date)

The meeting is organised by the *Sense of the Faithful* (<https://www.senseofthefaithful.org.au/>)

Register on trybooking at

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1345744>



What are the 'Bookish' Morning Teas?

Bookish Morning tea is a social gathering once a fortnight after Thursday morning Mass.

It is an open invitation to come and share a cuppa and morning tea in the Parish house and get to know other parishioners.

It is called 'Bookish' as it is held in the Parish house where there is a free community library - so come have a cuppa, have a chat and borrow a book if you would like!

Recommencing on Thursday 13th February!



Little Kev's Playgroup

St Kevin's Parish Playgroup

Every Monday during School Term

8.30 am – 11 am. Begins Monday 10 February

26-44 Herlihs Road, Lower Templestowe. In the church gathering space.

For ages 0-5 years – Registration required – \$5 entry

Connect with other parents and bring your little one for nursery rhymes, sensory play, books and more.



CONTACT
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Jubilee Year: “Hope does not disappoint”

– Being Pilgrims of Hope:

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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

Before the Angels I sing your praise,
O Lord.

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading	Second Reading
<p>Isaiah 6: 1-8</p> <p>A reading from the prophet Isaiah <i>Here am !! Send me.</i></p> <p>In this reading we encounter seraphs. They are an especially splendid group of angels.</p> <p>Isaiah's glimpse of the awe-inspiring glory of God shakes the foundations of the Temple and shakes Isaiah himself to the very core of his being. <i>Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts...</i> When we hear the song of the seraphs in this reading or sing it ourselves at Mass, we too should experience the sacred presence of our God.</p> <p>The experience made Isaiah sharply aware of his own unworthiness. Then his unclean lips are purified with a burning coal, and he is given the courage to respond. The voice of the Lord asks: <i>Whom shall I send?</i> Humbly and confidently, Isaiah replies: <i>Here I am, send me!</i></p> <p>This powerful story certainly calls the assembly to encounter God and come to conversion.</p>	<p>1 Corinthians 15: 1-11</p> <p>A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians <i>I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.</i></p> <p>The reading begins with an exhortation to hold fast to the gospel they have received. The passage concludes with Paul's account of God's extraordinary grace which brought him to Christ.</p> <p>In between, Paul takes the people of Corinth and us into the heart of the paschal mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection. This reality was experienced by Cephas, the apostles and a large group of the first disciples. It is the mystery by which we too die to sin and rise to new life with Christ.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Taken from "Break Open the Word"</i></p>



Fr Anton Aseervathampillai: New Assistant Priest:

On 15th February we will welcome a new Assistant Priest for St Greg's and St Kevin's. Here below follows a brief biography in his own words:

"My name is Fr. Anton Punithakumar Aseervathampillai, but I go by Fr Anton. I was born on 4th September 1973 in Mullaitivu, the northern part of Sri Lanka. After having completed my Philosophy and Theology at St Francis Xavier's Major Seminary, Jaffna, Sri Lanka, I was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Jaffna on 23rd April 2005.

I served for 3 years as an assistant priest before serving as a parish priest for 12 years in three different parishes. I came to Melbourne on 16th March 2020 as a chaplain to the Tamil speaking people from Sri Lanka, India, Malaysia and Singapore who live in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. I served for 5 years as a part-time assistant priest of St Andrew's Parish, Werribee. Serving in Doncaster & Templestowe will be my second appointment as a part-time assistant priest in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. I am so thrilled to be with you serving in ministry. As I begin my ministry with you, could I kindly request your continuous support and prayers to be a good and worthy servant of God."

Church and the wider world

The Far East magazine has been published by the Missionary Society of St Columban since 1920, reporting on the many uplifting missionary activities of their 'secular priests' who work far and wide throughout our geographical neighbourhood, with messages that equally relate to us at St Kevin's. Extracted from the recent edition, their Regional Director of Oceania, Rev Dr Patrick McInerney wrote the following words relevant to us all: "Pope Francis is encouraging Catholics to walk the path of synodality, ordained and lay, young and old, with other Christians, with believers in other religions and world views, and with all creatures. He envisions a universal solidarity, where all live together as sisters and brothers, one human family, caring for each other and our common home. May we respond generously to this invitation to discover new life and opportunities for ourselves, our families, our Churches, our societies, and our world." - **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.