



# 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.

Year C

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

15/16<sup>th</sup> February, 2025

Baptism Weekend

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



### Words From the Desk of our PP...

#### St Charles Borromeo School:

It is with great sadness, and a real measure of grief, that I am letting you know that St Charles Borromeo School has begun the process of closing. My two sons attended the school from 1984, just a year after it opened: different times; different needs.

You will be aware that our school has been experiencing declining enrolments for some years. Due to a complex range of factors, the enrolments at the school have now dropped to five students. At this level the school is unsustainable and must close: a necessity from both practical reasons and government funding perspectives.

A process is underway to support families to seek alternative schools for the remaining students and another process is in place to support staff as they seek to move to new roles, in other schools.

St Charles Borromeo Catholic Primary School has made a significant contribution to our parish community, and I pay tribute to Fr Charlie McCann Parish Priest and Sister Pauline (first principal) for their vision in creating the school. I give thanks also to the successive Principals over the years and to subsequent Parish Priests.

There will be a lot more to be decided and worked through as the closure of St Charles proceeds.

In the meantime, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all those who have been a part of the school community in recent times, and please, as a parish community, keep the remaining St Charles families and their children and the staff in your prayers.

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

I spent 45 minutes with the children at St Charles Borromeo – a Q&A session. And all the discussion was about things to do with the Jubilee Year. It is always intriguing to hear questions asked in complete innocence: questions simply about why we have jubilees, and what hope is and what the difference is between hope and Hope. Charming, instructive.

#### Hot Water Heaters:

We have been taking advantage of a government changeover system to provide new heat-pumps for free: one at St Greg's, two at St Kevin's. So you will see a new piece of equipment outside, like the one in the photo.

**God bless, Fr Charles**



## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION



## 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://Sacraments - St Kevin's Templestowe Parish (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.

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

Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses (Baptism @ 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	
Thursday	8.15am	Adoration
	9.15am	Mass
Friday	9.30am	Adoration at St Gregory the Great Church
Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 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, Aileen Kent and Ruth Shiel.

## Anniversaries:

Domenica Ianno, Yvette Mascarenhas, Anna Toppi, Lewis Calleja, Margaret Jones, Murray Weideman, Flora Manarano, Salvatore Casaceli, members of the Hughes and Fernandez families and James Carpenen.

## Recently Deceased:

Manuel Octavio Rosales

## **Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time:**

For all those whose lives are upset by sudden change and disruption.



## **Feast Days this week:...**

### **22<sup>nd</sup> February**

The Chair of St Peter  
The chair (cathedra) of a bishop is a pre-eminent sign of his teaching authority and pastoral oversight of a local Church. This feast, observed in Rome since the fourth century, celebrates Peter, the first among the apostles, as founder of the See of Rome and the focus of unity in the communion of one faith.



## LITURGY ROSTER

### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 15/16<sup>th</sup> February 2025

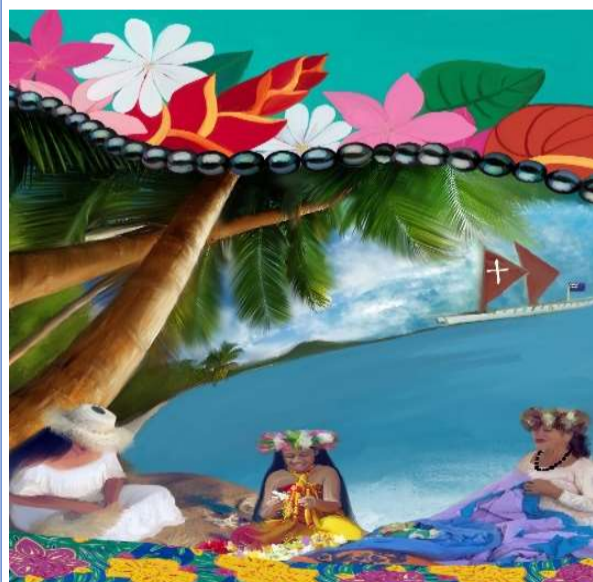
1<sup>st</sup> Read: Jeremiah 17: 5-8 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: 1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20 Gos: Luke 6: 17, 20-26

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Daniel Marini	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

### Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025

1<sup>st</sup> Read: 1 Samuel 26: 2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23 2<sup>nd</sup> Read: 1 Corinth 15: 45-49 Gos: Luke 6: 27-38

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Janet Parsons	Bredenia Raquel	Anne Maguire Maryanne McNamara
8.30am	Erika Castro	Pauline Erickson	Mary Waddick Paul Polidano
10.00am	Jessica Bartholomeusz	Frances Johnson	Raffaella Dinelli Geraldine Williams



## World Day of Prayer Services 2025, Cook Islands, Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>

"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 Herlihys Road, Templestowe Lower  
Speaker: Pastor David Jonassen

United Pasifika Council of Victoria

As it is our turn to host a World Day of Prayer Session, we are seeking some assistance please with providing supper for our guests. If you feel you are able to help, please add your name to the clipboard sheets on the table in the Gathering Space. Thank you very much.



## **Welcome to our parish Fr Anton Aseervathampillai: our new Assistant Priest:**

This weekend, we welcome Fr Anton as our new Assistant Priest for St Greg's and St Kevin's.

"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." **Fr Anton**



St Kevin's Parish warmly welcomes  
through the Sacrament of Baptism...

Artemis Marjana Gillian Scully

Daughter of Richard and Helena

Little sister of Patrick, Arthur and Leo

### 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!

The next session is on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February!



## Young Adult Group



Join us for Fellowship and Prayers!  
We extend a warm invitation to all individuals  
between the ages of 18 and 30 to come  
together for an inspiring and uplifting  
gathering.

- Connect with others
- Deepen your faith
- Share in meaningful prayer
- Build lasting friendships

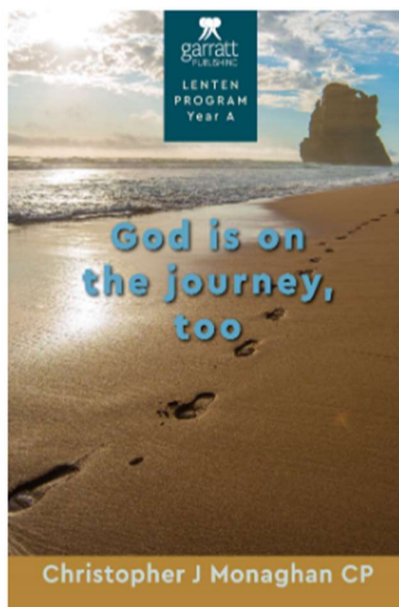


Friday, 28th February 2025  
St Gregory the Great Parish Room  
Doncaster  
7.15PM - 10.00PM  
Dinner is provided  
Info: [doncaster@cam.org.au](mailto:doncaster@cam.org.au)

### Adoration change of time:

Please note a change of time for our Adoration – it will now  
commence at 8.15am on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Adoration on Fridays will be at St Gregory the Great Church directly  
after the 9.00am morning Mass.



### Ash Wednesday this year is Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March

Masses will be held at St Kevin's Parish  
Church on that day as follows:

11.45am and 7.30pm at St Kevin's Church

We will be conducting a weekly Lenten  
Program in St Kevin's Chapel commencing  
on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> March, directly after the  
9.15am morning Mass, and will continue  
every week during Lent.

This program will be guided by our Lay Ecclesial Leader, Tiziana  
D'Costa, who will be using the Lenten Program booklet written by  
Fr Christopher Monaghan, a Passionist Priest. The booklet will be  
provided for you all to use during the Lenten Program or for you to  
study at home if you are not able to attend every session.

All are invited and very welcome to attend any/all of the above.

### Jubilee Year: "Hope does not disappoint"

– Being Pilgrims of Hope:

With the Parish Pastoral Council and Liturgy Group, we seek to bring  
this truth of being Pilgrims of Hope into everything we do. This truth  
informs and enlivens all that we seek to implement as disciples of  
Christ to the world around us.



## Save the Date

Join us on the journey through Lent!

Be uplifted by

the beautiful harmonies of the renowned

### MELBOURNE OCTET

A Meditation on the Cross

The Way into Hope

Hymns, Readings, Prayers

Friday 21st March 7pm

St Gregory The Great Church, 71 Williamsons Rd. Doncaster

For More Information: phone/email parish office 9412 8425  
[Doncastercam.org.au](mailto:Doncastercam.org.au)

<https://www.melbourneoctet.com/>

EMBARK ON A TRANSFORMATIONAL & SPIRITUAL JOURNEY IN THIS YEAR OF JUBILEE

[melbournecatholic.org/jubilee](http://melbournecatholic.org/jubilee)

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

Blessed the one who trusts in the Lord.

## Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer.

### REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### First Reading

#### Jeremiah 17: 5-8

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

*A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.*

The 'curse' and 'blessing' from this text of Jeremiah correspond to the beatitudes and woes of Luke's gospel. The contrast is between the person who puts trust in human beings as against the one who places trust in the Lord. It is strongly drawn. Each is presented with striking nature imagery which will help to depict the message for the listeners.

This passage and Psalm 1 which is used for today's response share the same material – the content and the imagery is the same. It is unclear which one is borrowing from the other. Inclusive language is difficult here. The NRSV puts it into the plural; although this may not be the best solution, it is, at least, a translation which is available.

#### Second Reading

#### 1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.*

In these weeks before Lent, the second reading is taken from the fifteenth chapter of 1 Corinthians. It is devoted to the resurrection. Those who proclaim these texts should read the whole of 1 Cor 15 to put the selections into context.

It seems that some of the community in Corinth were questioning the possibility of our resurrection after death because they tended to discount the body and focus only on the spirit. Paul's argument goes back and forth: Christ is raised, so all are raised. If all are not raised, Christ is not raised... but in fact, Christ has been raised and this is our hope.

The Paschal Mystery is about transformation from death to life – for Christ and for all of us who are joined to Christ. If we only see what happens in this life, we see only the dying and not the emergence of new life. If death is the end, we perish. But Paul is teaching hope. Christ lives and will lead those who follow him to life.

*Taken from "Break Open the Word"*

### Some recent past 2nd Collections, and the next

St Kevin's Parish 2nd Collection contributions from late last year include: The 'Archbishop's Campaign', which over 3 weekends of August 2024 raised \$2,539 (\$811,178 from across the whole Archdiocese) to support: Corpus Christi College; Priests Retirement Foundation; University of Divinity; John Pierce Centre (impaired hearing) and the Archbishop's Evangelisation project. Over 3 weekends in September 2024 we contributed \$1,304 to NAPCAN (National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect. To Mackillop Family service over 2 weekends last November we collected \$1,422.70. To Caritas Australia Lebanon Crisis Appeal (November 2024) \$845.35. To the Brigidine Asylum Centre \$722.75; The Annual Christmas period 2nd Collections for Loyo (St Kevin's P.S.) & Mantayupan (St Charles P.S.) Elementary Schools in the Philippines raised \$2,243.90. Each of these donations from our Parish has been individually acknowledged and warmly appreciated. For the next 3 weekends 2nd Collections will support Opening the Doors Foundation (Keeping Koori kids in an education of their choice). - **John Costa, SJA**

### A Blessing for You

May you be blessed by God when you doubt yourself, when you are unsure about the decisions you've made or the direction in which you are going. May you be blessed with the grace to trust the God who partners with you and is working in you. This is the God who loves you and knows you as God's own work of art. This is the God who transforms even bad choices into gifts for those who are faithful. May the God of Self-Trust bless you.

-Maxine Shonk, OP



**Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.**

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