



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

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

22nd/23rd February, 2025

Baptism Weekend

Our Presider today is: Fr Isaac Zaki



Words From the Desk of our PP...

Lent 2025 / Ash Wednesday:

The rules for Lent are the same as always: Fast and Abstinence (no meat) on Ash Wednesday (5/3) and Good Friday (18/4). Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving of your choice on all days, but especially Fridays, as a joyful discipline to help open us to the glory of the Resurrection.

Ash Wednesday Masses will be as follows:

St Kevin's 11:45 am with whole school present and 6:00 pm

St Gregory the Great: 9:00 am, with the whole school present and 7:30 pm

The full Lent/Easter calendar will be published next week.

Stations of the Cross will happen at St Gregory the Great at 7 pm on all the Fridays of Lent. This wonderful prayer will be enhanced by a special event:

Friday 21st March 7:00-8:00 pm: we will have the **Melbourne Octet** lead us in "A Meditation on the Cross – the Way into Hope"

See posters and the notice board for further details on booking for this special treat.

God bless, Fr Charles

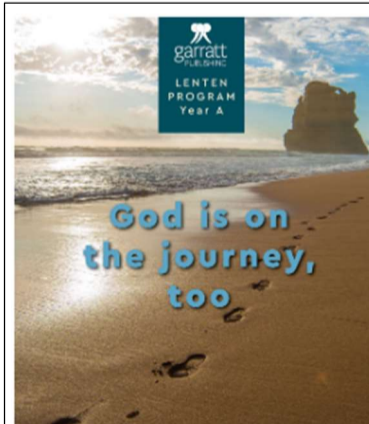
BE UPLIFTED IN YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY
BY THE BEAUTIFUL VOICES OF THE

MELBOURNE OCTET

A MEDITATION ON THE CROSS
THE WAY INTO HOPE

FRIDAY, 21 MARCH • 7-8PM
ST GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC CHURCH
71 WILLIAMSONS RD, DONCASTER

FREE ENTRY - DONATIONS WELCOME



Ash Wednesday this year is Wednesday, 5th March

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

11.45am and 6.00pm at St Kevin's Church
(please note change of evening Mass time)

We will be conducting a weekly Lenten Program in St Kevin's Chapel commencing on Thursday, 6th 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.

Stations of the Cross will be conducted at 7.00pm every Friday at St Gregory the Great Church, 71 Williamsons Road, Doncaster.

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



FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO REGISTER, VISIT
[HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/CZGUX](https://www.trybooking.com/czgux)



OR CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE 9412 8425 | DONCASTER@CAM.ORG.AU
TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE OCTET, VISIT WWW.MELBOURNEOCTET.COM



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

Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses
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, Ruth Shiel and Fr Frank Maloney.

Anniversaries:

Claude Natoli, Len Saunders, Marlene Shirley Crawl and Bede Header.

Recently Deceased:

Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time: We pray for all those affected by the closure of St Charles Borromeo School and for the successful selection of a new Principal at St Gregory the Great.



LITURGY ROSTER

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – 22nd/23rd February 2025

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

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Tiziana D'Costa	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

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 1st/2nd March 2025

1st Read: Ecclesiasticus 27: 4-7 2nd Read: 1 Corinthians 15: 54-58 Gos: Luke 6: 39-45

Time	Commentator	Lector	Special Ministers
5.30pm	Tasha Vercauteren	Kathy Pearce	Lawrence Ceconello Margaret Turner
8.30am	Paul Polidano		Adrian Teo Frances Bettiol
10.00am	Tony Byrne	Liz O'Connell	Kaye Byrne Lyn Murphy



Operates every Monday morning in our Gathering Space. Doors open from 8.30am.

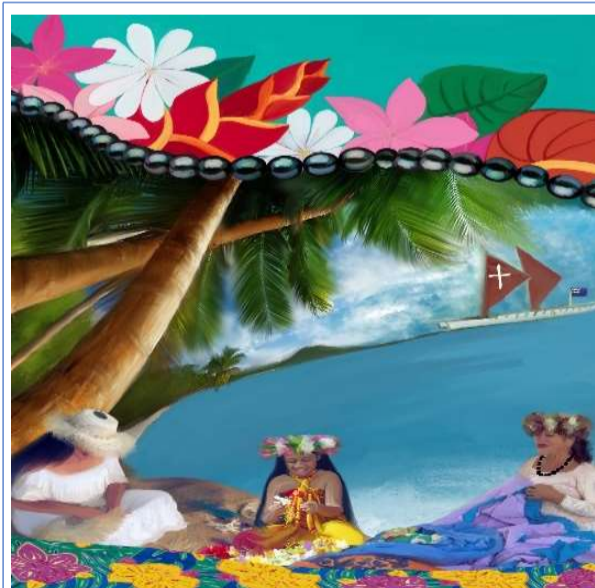
For ages 0-5 years

Registration required

\$5.00 entry

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

Contact Ana in the parish office for more information



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 Herlihys Road, Templestowe Lower

Speaker: Pastor David Jonassen

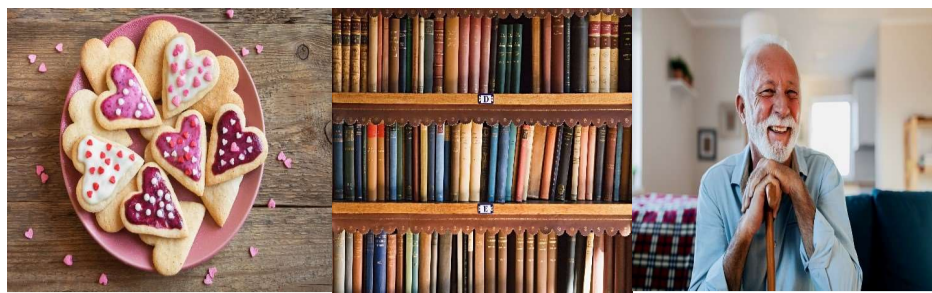
United Pasifika Council of Victoria

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.

Adoration change of time/day:

Commencing immediately, the times for our Adoration will commence at 8.15am on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There will be no Adoration on Wednesdays. Adoration on Fridays will be at St Gregory the Great Church directly after the 9.00am morning Mass.





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 27th February!



Come Away Day

The first Come Away Day for 2025 will be held at Holy Cross on **WEDNESDAY MARCH 5TH – ASH WEDNESDAY**. The theme of the day is **'LET GO ... LET GOD'**. This is an opportunity to focus on the deeper meaning of our Lenten journey. The day's program provides opportunities for prayer, silent reflection and group interaction in the beautiful grounds and facilities of Holy Cross. All are welcome. Just come as you are. BYO lunch. **Registration is from 9.30am**. The program concludes with a celebration of the Eucharist with a departure time of around **3pm**. The suggested cost is \$30.00 or a donation according to your means.



Pope appoints religious sister to run

Vatican City State

The Vatican has confirmed that Franciscan Sister of the Eucharist Raffaella Petrini, secretary-general of the office governing Vatican City State and already the highest ranking woman at the Vatican, will become the next president of the office. She will assume the role on 1 March when current president Cardinal Fernando Vérgez Alzaga steps down on his 80th birthday.

Pope Francis said that the process of women being given leadership roles in the Roman Curia 'is something that has gone slowly', but would continue with Sr Petrini talking over the governor's office.

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



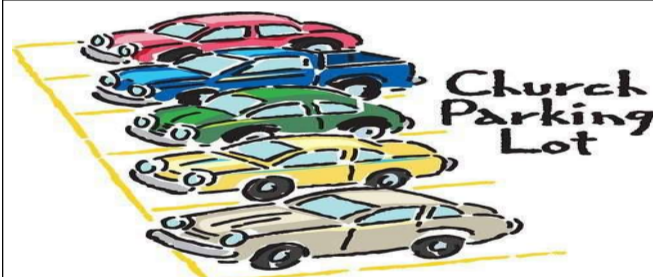
Friday, 28th February 2025
St Gregory the Great Parish Room
Doncaster
7.15PM - 10.00PM
Dinner is provided
Info: doncaster@cam.org.au



The next **St Kevin's Men's Social Group** takes place on **Friday, 14th March @ 7.30pm in the Church Gathering Space.**

Open to men of any age (older teenagers are welcome (with their guardian) - parishioners and non parishioners alike. All are welcome.

Invite a friend, relative or neighbour along. Supper is provided. BYO alcoholic drinks. \$8 donation suggested to cover costs. For catering purposes, please ring the parish office on 9850 5983, or email Tiziana at tiziana.dcosta@cam.org.au



Church Parking

We encourage you very strongly to please park in the school grounds carpark NOT in the street. Please think of our neighbours! With cars parked sometimes on both sides of the street in front of the Church it makes it difficult if not dangerous for our neighbours to use their driveways and similarly for others just driving down the street. We are sure we have all noticed the increased difficulty at the top of the hill since the apartments have been built. Let's not add to the difficulty.

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.



For information on our Parish School please contact:

St Kevin's Primary School

Phone: 9273 9999

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is merciful and gracious.

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord, hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

[1 Samuel 26: 2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23](#)

A reading from the first book of Samuel

The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.

The first two kings of Israel were Saul and David. The king was God's anointed and ruled over God's people. However, both Saul and David are presented as flawed human beings, though this reading shows David in a favourable light.

Saul grows increasingly erratic with the passing years and becomes jealous of the younger and more successful David. In this passage, as he is being pursued by Saul, David has the opportunity to assassinate his rival and seize power, but he chooses not to repay injustice with vengeance. The final sentence which explains this choice portrays David as a forerunner of Christ.

The broken verses of chapter 26 indicate that this is a shortened version of the story. It is worth reading the whole to get a fuller sense of what is happening. Still, the story as we have it is clear and dramatic. David and Abishai sneak into the camp in the dark: *no one saw, no one knew, no one woke up...*

Second Reading

[1 Corinthians 15: 45-49](#)

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

Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.

For once, we really need this reading to be longer. Verses 40-44 make sense of this text: There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies... it is the same with the resurrection of the dead: what is sown is corruptible, but what is raised is incorruptible; it is sown in contempt but raised in glory; it is sown in weakness but raised in power; it is sown a physical body and it is raised a spiritual body... Then follows the parallel between the first Adam and Christ (the second Adam), between the one fashioned from earth and the one come down from heaven.

In brief, Paul is saying that we who are fashioned in the image of the earthly Adam will be refashioned in the image of the heavenly one; by our resurrection, we shall be like the risen Christ in glory.

The reading is short but difficult to follow.

Taken from "Break Open the Word"

Faith Values, Reasoning & Social Justice?

Many US Catholics among others reportedly achieved their voting objective with the outcome of recent US Elections. Relating to that, an 18 February 2025 commentary "Rationalizing Trump" in **Commonweal Magazine** by Gillis J. Harp (author, most recently, of *Protestants and American Conservatism: A Short History*, Oxford University Press, 2019), includes the following thought provoking paragraphs:....."Evangelical support for Donald Trump in the face of his many well-documented personal failings can no longer come as a surprise. Despite—or, in at least some cases, one suspects, because of—his numerous criminal indictments and thirty-four felony convictions in New York, exit polls found that around 82 percent of white Evangelicals voted for the Trump/Vance ticket. This was in line with the roughly 80 percent who backed Trump in 2016 and 2020. "....."Decades ago, Archbishop Fulton Sheen assailed the consequentialist reasoning he saw at the core of the decision to use the atomic bomb. To him, it signalled the beginning of the end of moral constraints on human behaviour. "The dropping of the bomb on Hiroshima blotted out boundaries," Sheen concluded. "There was no longer a boundary between the military and the civilian, between the helper and the helped, between the wounded and the nurse and the doctor... [W]e broke down boundaries and limits and from that time on the world has said we want no one limiting me." Trump's Evangelical supporters have similarly refused to let traditional ethics limit their political ambitions. The path they've chosen is truly a perilous one." - **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.

