

St. Kevin's Parish

Hampton Park

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary time - Year A

"Again, the kingdom of
heaven is like..."



-Matthew 13:45

29th & 30th July 2023

PARISH CENTRE

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Office Hours

Tue to Fri 9.15am - 1:15pm

Parish Priest: Fr. Fabian Smith

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Deacon: Rev. Dr. Graeme Pender

Parish Secretary:

Mrs. Macrina Martin

School Principals

St. Kevin's

Jason Micallef - 9709 8600

St. Francis De Sales

Christine White - 8773 6700

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday Friday

Saturday - 9:15am

Wednesday - 7pm Mass

followed by Novena to Our Lady of
Perpetual Help

First Friday - 7pm Mass

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Vigil Masses:

Saturday: 5pm & 7pm

Sunday: 9am, 11am & 6pm

**Priest Available for the Sacrament
of Reconciliation 30mins before all
Masses**

Also on Saturday mornings after
Mass till 10:30am

The Sacrament of Baptism is
celebrated on the first and last
Sunday of the month. Prior to the
Baptism, parents are asked to
attend a meeting which is held
every first **Thursday of the month**
at 7:15pm in the Church and must
bring a copy of their **own baptism
certificate**.

Our Parish Retreat - **Rest a While** served as a wonderful opportunity for us to withdraw from our daily routines allowing parishioners to disconnect from external distractions and rest in the presence of the Lord. It was a beautiful weekend, where everyone including the young Altar servers, the youth, and the senior citizens of our Parish got a chance to engage in prayer, meditation and introspection. Br. Vijay and ten other brothers from the Missionaries of God's Love facilitated this wonderful retreat. The spiritual and musical talent of the MGL brothers filled our hearts with grace. There was a resounding spirit of community and fellowship. It was a safe space for individuals to form meaningful connections, enriching the overall experience. We as a parish are profoundly thankful to our Parish Priest Fr Fabian for organizing this holy and fruitful experience for our parish community.

Our heartfelt thanks to School Principal Jason for allowing the use of the school hall, RnB Events for setting up the audio-visual system in the Hall, and the many parishioners who came forward to donate their time, money, and delicious food to make this retreat a successful one. Thank you all for being part of this retreat.
Warren Peters



Parish Website

<https://stkevins.org.au/>

'Support us' page

**NEXT WEEKEND
ROSTERS**

READERS

5.00pm Saturday
Candice, Amelia, Bernadette
7.00pm Saturday
Warren, Benita, Sunita
9.00am Sunday
Michael, Cta, Florence
11.00am Sunday
Anton, Philomena, Elizabeth
6.00pm Sunday
Clarissa, Ryan, Abey

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm Saturday
Carlton, Henrico, Marlene, Nancy
7.00pm Saturday
Anacletus, Christobelle, Gerard
9.00am Sunday
Aloysius, Anita, Chloe, Warren
11.00am Sunday
Mary, Pam G, Sherine
6.00pm Sunday
George, Mirtza, Sumith

CHURCH CLEANERS

Team 2: Russel, Samangi, Jerome, Joelle

COUNTERS

Team 2: Roland, Rosalia, Gordon, Savio, John, Jackie V

Heavenly Father, I thank you for everything You have given me. My gifts of time and talents are precious gifts, enable me to use them to do Your will. Please help me realize that I need to share these gifts and all my gifts with the Church and others, help me to be generous, patient and forgiving. Amen

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$2163.55
Unpledged: \$1899.35
Presbytery: \$2303.15



St Vincent De Paul Society Winter Appeal

St Vincent De Paul Society will be holding the annual winter appeal during the weekend of 29/30 July 2023. As a result of the high cost of living there is a significant increase in the demand for SVP services. Therefore, your generous support will be appreciated. There will be a third collection. The members of the society will be available after all the masses if you have any inquiries about the society.

Thank You
Sumith Olagama

Parish Working Bee

Volunteers required to assist in a spring clean-up of the church in preparation for Our Lady's Feast. Can you spare a couple of hours of your time on **Saturday 5th August 2023 after 9.15AM mass**, to help with internal and external cleaning of the church. *Many hands make light work*, so let's get involved.

Please fill in your name on the Volunteer sign-up sheets in the foyer or contact Roland D'Netto on 0407516526 and leave your name and contact details.

Next Set of Envelopes

Dear Parishioners please note that we are in the process of ordering new envelopes for Thanksgiving. Please collect your next set of envelopes from the foyer. This set will contain envelopes for the next 8 weeks. In August you will receive the rest of the envelopes for the year. We apologise for the delay in including receipts with the current set of envelopes. The receipts will be included with the next set. If you require a receipt immediately, kindly fill in the form in the foyer with your contact details. *Please note that there has been a discrepancy with the old numbers being included on some envelopes. We apologise and request that you include your new number on the envelope before collection.*

On the 23rd July Fr. Fabian celebrated the 18th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination. Dear Fr Fabian, your steadfast devotion and unwavering faith are an inspiration and your commitment to spreading the Gospel and administering the sacraments is a blessing to our parish! May the Holy Spirit continue to guide and bless you in your ministry. Congratulations and happy anniversary!



THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY***In Thanksgiving:***

Jazelle and Brendon Chen

Tarquin D'Souza

Anacletus Jones & Family

King & Saouma Family

Shean Frantz

Anthony Herbert

For the sick:

Shirani Perera

For those who have died recently:

Anita Colocar

Romeo Yabut Sr

Mrs Bassy

For those whose anniversaries***occur at this time:***

Andrew & Cecilia Jones

Mary Herbert

Lilian Green

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:**

God of all goodness, Look with mercy on all who suffer any kind of infirmity, sickness or injury, that they may be comforted. Let your hand of healing and protection be upon them. When they are fearful, ease their fear and anxieties. When they are afraid, give them strength and courage.

Privacy legislation requires the ***written permission of an authorised person*** before any name can be printed. Any list of the sick in the parish bulletin will

undergo renewal according to a four-week cycle. After four weeks a person's name on the sick list will be removed. However, once again on the basis of written permission of an authorized person the name can be re-added to the list.

REMINDER:

Please note the cut-off day and time for handing in names for Mass Intentions is **Thursday 1 pm**. Please call **03 97992108**

NOTICE FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE

It has been brought to our attention that there is concern regarding the parish expenditure during the past 2-3 months. As a result, we are presenting the following table of expenditure.

Description of expenditure	Value
New Sound system, including installation	\$ 3,642.00
Air Conditioner for the church foyer	\$ 2,825.00
Electrical maintenance for the church	\$ 2,221.00
Tables and chairs for board room and Priest Office	\$ 9,553.00
TV and stand for board room and church foyer	\$ 4,009.00
Vacuum cleaners for church and Presbytery	\$ 1,683.00
Refurbishment of toilet - Presbytery	\$ 2,398.00
Relocation costs for priest & household items	\$ 2,740.00
Sacred vessels for the church	\$ 1,950.00
Window furnishings to replace broken blinds	\$ 967.00
Total	\$ 31,988.00

We would further like to mention that some items of the above expenditure are items that have been discussed prior to the above period but only actioned in the last few months. All significant items above have been discussed at Finance Committee meetings. *The board room items were purchased to enable faith formation and various groups to meet.*

Furthermore, the following table is provided regarding the financial position of the parish.

Income	2023	Expenditure	2023
Thanksgiving income	\$ 197,337	Administration costs	\$ 86,212
Other collections	\$ 97	(Employee, printing & stationery, telephone, general office, etc)	
Bequests		Property costs	\$ 36,781
Sales of assets/resources	\$ -	(Utilities, Rates & taxes, repairs, insurance, etc)	
Interest income	\$ 300	Pastoral & Liturgical costs	\$ 5,786
Donations	\$ 1,836	(Church requisites, liturgical expenses, etc)	
Other income	\$ 2,301	Donations, Fees & Archdiocesan levies	\$ 17,646
		Net operating surplus	\$ 55,446
TOTAL	\$ 201,871	TOTAL	\$201,871

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

First Reading – 1 Kings 3:5,7-12

A reading from the book of Kings

Solomon chooses the gift of wisdom

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its number cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, I love your commands.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word. The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold. **(R.)**

Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant. Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight. **(R.)**

That is why I love your commands more than finest gold. That is why I rule my life by your precepts: I hate false ways. **(R.)**

Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it. The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple. **(R.)**

Second Reading – Romans 8:28-30

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

Gospel Acclamation - **Matthew 11:25**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel – **Matthew 13:44-52**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'