

# St. Kevin's Parish

Hampton Park

## The Transfiguration of The Lord—Year A

5th & 6th August 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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**Parish Secretary:**  
Mrs. Macrina Martin  
**School Principals**  
**St. Kevin's**  
Jason Micallef – 9709 8600  
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Christine White – 8773 6700

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday Friday  
Saturday – **9:15am**

**Every Wednesday – 7:00pm** Mass  
followed by Novena to Our Lady of  
Perpetual Help

**First Friday—7:00 pm** Mass  
followed by Novena to The Sacred  
Heart of Jesus

### SUNDAY MASS TIMES

#### Vigil Masses:

**Saturday:** 05:00pm & 07:00pm  
**Sunday:** 09:00am, 11:00am &  
06:00pm

**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**.

### Parish Website

<https://stkevins.org.au/>  
[Support us' page](#)

### News from Fr. Fabian

Dear Parishioners

There have been some concerns raised about the recent changes made to the Altar Server arrangements for robing, which I would like to address with you. In my first homily on the 6th & 7th weekend in May I spoke about the importance of each of us living a life of C A R E {Confession, Adoration, Rosary and Eucharist}. I preached about the importance of the four practices and talked about parishioners frequenting the Room of Mercy in order to experience God's Mercy and Love.

In particular, a new practice where the Priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation 30 minutes before each mass, was mentioned. This new practice would result in the Room of Mercy being used by Altar Servers as a change room ceasing, and another change room needing to be found. There were also some safeguarding concerns with visibility into The Room of Mercy from the outside parish grounds.

As Shepherd of this parish community, I have the responsibility to care for all the faithful. Whilst I make myself available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation each day before mass so that all parishioners may be well deposited to receiving Our Lord in Holy Communion; I am very mindful of, and value the safety of our children and youth who are committed to the ministry of Altar Serving. At present, it is our intention to have the Altar Servers use the Sacristy space for vesting. The Sacristy is the best place to ensure our children's safety, as with both doors opened there is a clear line of sight from the foyer and the church. I am in the process of getting the door from the foyer entrance into the sacristy installed with a glass panel. In these cold days when both doors are opened the sacristy becomes a wind tunnel. The glass will keep the cold air out and still provide a clear line of sight into the sacristy.

While in the sacristy our Altar Servers are always in the company of other Altar Servers getting ready for Mass, they are not undressing, but remain clothed at all times and place their robe over their clothing and with our Sacristans moving in and out of this space, they are never left on their own at any given time.

For any Altar Server who prefers a more private space to change, we have identified an alternative space in the church that can be used. If this space is being used by an Altar Server they must be accompanied by either their parent/s or another Altar Server, to stand outside this room while they change. Should any Altar Server and/or their family have a concern about these arrangements and prefer to use this alternative space, I invite you to speak with me directly to discuss these arrangements.

In the 5 minutes prior to Mass commencing, all Sacristans have been requested to ask all Altar Servers to join the Readers and Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in the foyer. In doing so, the sacristy resumes being a quite space for the Priest to collect his thoughts after confession, put on their chasuble and then join them all in the foyer for prayer and procession into the church for the celebration of Mass.

In hindsight, I should have discussed this change with everyone involved in the Ministry of Altar Serving. My apologies for the angst this change has caused. Going forward any changes will be discussed first with the Altar Server Committee and the Altar Servers and Parents.

At present, I am working closely with the Safeguarding Committee to establish clear procedures and risk mitigation strategies for all of the Altar Servers. We invite the participation of the children and their families in this process and will be seeking feedback once these documents are drafted and ready for consultation.

## NEXT WEEKEND ROSTERS

### READERS

**5.00pm Saturday**

Carlton, Adelle, Indira

**7.00pm Saturday**

Christobelle, Michelle, Gerard

**9.00am Sunday**

Anita, Alexah, Fatima

**11.00am Sunday**

Elizabeth, Cassie, Pam G

**6.00pm Sunday**

Anne, Wendy, Lleyton

### EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS

**5.00pm Saturday**

Candice, Nancy, Primrose, Tessy

**7.00pm Saturday**

Benita, Gilda, Nichola

**9.00am Sunday**

Florence, Maria, Michael, Noreen

**11.00am Sunday**

Mary, Philomena, Sherine

**6.00pm Sunday**

Abey, Jude, Syd

### CHURCH CLEANERS

**Team 3:** Jeneview, Khuram, Marina, Maria.

### COUNTERS

**Team 3:** Sumith, Samantha, Ransiri, Michael, Gilbert, Sharon.

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:** \$ 1984.85

**Unpledged:** \$ 1802.10

**Presbytery:** \$ 2055.40



## National Vocations Awareness Week

Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

## Prayer for Priests through the Intercession of Saint John Marie Vianney

Most gracious Heavenly Father, we thank you for our faithful priests and bishops, whose spiritual fatherhood and example of fidelity, self-sacrifice, and devotion is so vital to the faith of your people. May our spiritual fathers be guided by the example of St. John Vianney. Give them valiant faith in the face of confusion and conflict, hope in time of trouble and sorrow, and steadfast love for you, their families, and for all your people throughout the world. May the light of your Truth shine through their lives and their good works. Assist all spiritual fathers, that through your Grace they may steadily grow in holiness and in knowledge and understanding of your Truth. May they generously impart this knowledge to those who rely on them. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Faith Formation

The AHFI (Alliance of the Holy Family International) missionary brothers are making themselves available for youth aged 12-17 for faith formation, and are seeking an expression of interest. If you have children who would be willing to attend please write your details on the clipboard available at the foyer. The brothers are best available on Tuesday Evening from 6-8pm. God bless!

## Parish Fundraising Event:

Please bring your friends and family along and support this parish. Tickets are still available



## THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

### In Thanksgiving:

Rohan Prince  
Ashley and Linda Franklin  
Anslie Collins  
Dominic La'Forgue  
Vivienne & Joseph Honeyford  
Treasure Clark and family  
Grenville Scurville  
Blessica Scurville  
Otto Graham

### For those who are sick:

### For those who have died recently:

Craig Mathews  
Daphne Veronica Almond  
Alexis Alexander Santiago

### For those whose anniversaries occur

#### at this time:

Colleen Tellis  
Coral Rao  
Maxwell and Aduzina De'Souza  
Audrey Olagama  
John La'forgue  
Vernon Marvin  
Joe Rodrigues and family  
Hugh Joseph  
Englantine Treasa Fernandez  
Vincent Hector Fernandez  
Frederick Michael  
Florence Genevieve  
Iris Rebeiro

Privacy legislation requires the written permission of an authorized 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.

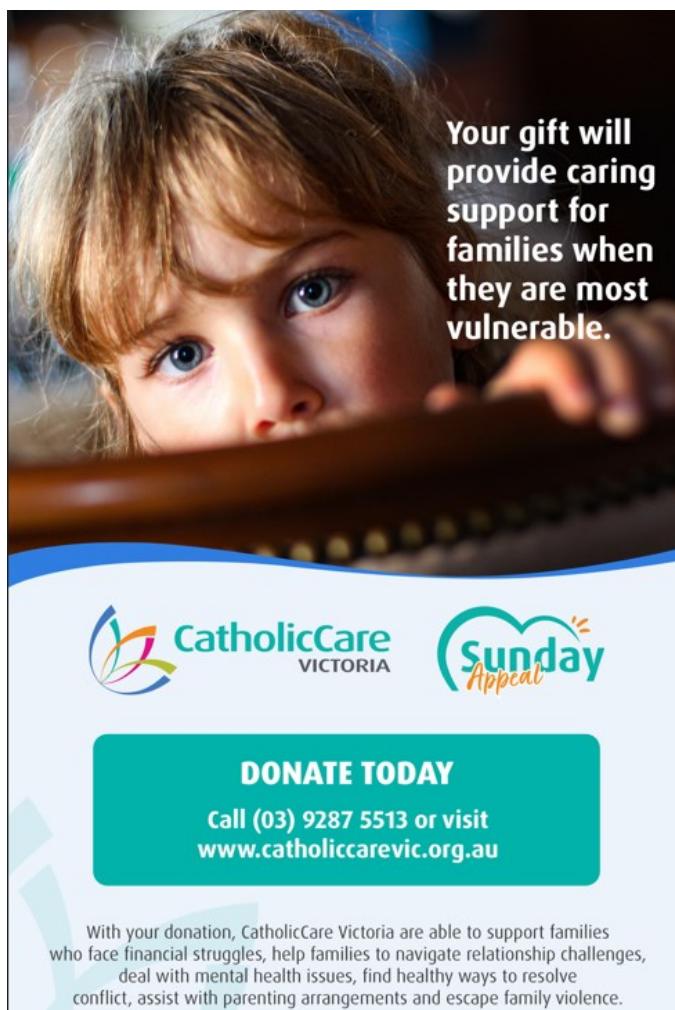
### REMINDER:

Please note the **cut-off** day and time for handing in names for  
**Mass Intentions is Thursday 1:00pm.**  
Please **call 03 97992108**

## World Youth Day 2023

WYD 2023 is being telecast on Shalom World TV [Watch Live](#) | Catholic television network | Shalom World TV and on their YouTube channel [Shalom World - YouTube](#)  
Watch the live broadcast and updates of World Youth Day Lisbon 2023.

**CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal** Next weekend is the Catholic Care Victoria Sunday Appeal. As our parish community's social service agency, Catholic Care Victoria delivers programs and services to support families, children, young people and individuals to help everyone reach their full potential. The services include counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care in hospitals and prisons, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. Donations from our parish community help CatholicCare Victoria support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community and empower everyone to live life to the full. Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families in our community. You can donate using the appeal envelope available in our parish or donate online at [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au) or call (03) 9287 5513



### Feast Days for the Week :

Tuesday, 08th August : St Mary of the Cross MacKillop  
Wednesday, 09th August: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross  
Thursday, 10th August : St Lawrence.  
Friday, 11th August : St. Clare

# Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

## 1st Reading – Daniel 7:9-10,13-14

As I watched: Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat. His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool. His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire. A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence. A thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.

A court was held and the books were opened. I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

## Responsorial Psalm

### Res. The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth

The LORD is king, let earth rejoice,  
Let all the coastlands be glad.  
Cloud and darkness are his raiment;  
His throne, justice and right.

R.

The mountains melt like wax  
Before the Lord of all the earth.  
The skies proclaim His justice;  
All peoples see his Glory.

R.

For you indeed are the Lord  
Most high above the earth  
Exalted far above all the spirits.

R.

## 2nd Reading – 2 Peter 1:16-19

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

## Alleluia – Matthew 4:4B

Alleluia, alleluia.

This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him.  
Alleluia !

## Gospel – Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'



## 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.