

St Kevin's Parish

Hampton Park

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year A

27th August 2023



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Support us' page

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School Principals

St. Kevin's:

Jason Micallef – 9709 8600

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WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday Friday

Saturday – 9:15am

Every Wednesday – 7:00pm Mass

followed by Novena to Our Lady of
Perpetual Help

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Vigil Masses:

Saturday: 05:00pm & 07:00pm

Sunday: 09:00am, 11:00am & 06:00pm

Priest Available for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation 30 minutes before all Masses** and 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**.

News From Fr. Fabian

50th Anniversary of Ordination – Fr Brendan Lane

Fr Brendan Lane was ordained a priest at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne on 25th August 1973. Congratulations Fr. Brendan on your ordination anniversary! Your commitment to spreading the Gospel and administering the sacraments has been a true blessing to our parish. May your faith continue to be a source of strength, and may your ministry bring abundant grace and blessings to all who encounter your loving presence.

Faith Formation Sessions for youth aged 11-17

The AHFI (Alliance of the Holy Family International) missionary brothers will be commencing the first of 12 Faith Formation sessions for children aged 11-17 beginning **Saturday 26th August from 6:00 - 7:30pm at St Kevin's Hall**. Parents need to complete enrolment forms for their children to participate in these sessions.

Safeguarding Core Group Report

The Safeguarding Core Group have completed a risk assessment for the Faith Formation program commencing in the parish this weekend. All the organisers and volunteers are committed to ensuring the safety, wellbeing and dignity of the young people attending the program.

Stay tuned for more updates on what we're doing to strengthen our efforts as a Parish in relation to child safety.

Have you considered becoming Catholic?

Are you searching for a Church to call your own? Do you struggle with questions about life, death, suffering, hope, forgiveness, love, God? Sessions exploring these and other issues in relation to our Catholic faith are being held from the month of October. So please accept this as a personal invitation.

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a process through which non-baptized men and women enter the Catholic Church. They undergo a process of conversion as they study the Gospel, profess faith in Jesus and the Catholic Church, and receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist.

For more information, please contact me on 9799 2108 or via the parish email: HamptonPark@cam.org.au

Mass for the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

There will be an additional Mass at **07:00PM on Friday, 08th September 2023** to celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

NEXT WEEKEND ROSTERS

02nd Sep and 03rd Sep.

READERS

Saturday 05:00pm

Diahann, Indira, Carlton

Saturday 07:00pm

Sunita, Warren, Benita

Sunday 09:00am

Fatima, Anita, Sita

Sunday 11:00am

Anton, Elizabeth, Philomena

Sunday 06:00pm Sunday

Abey, Jude, Wendy

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday 05:00pm

Candice, Marlene, Primrose, Shayana.

Saturday 07:00pm

Anacletus, Christobelle, Ryan.

Sunday 09:00am

Maria, Michael, Monique, Nadine.

Sunday 11:00am

Judy, Mary, Pam D, Sherrine.

Sunday 06:00pm

Anne, Rohan, Syd.

CHURCH CLEANERS

Team 2:

Vasanthi, Joelle, Jerome, Samangi

COUNTERS

Team 6:

Kevin, Sunita, Ashley, Linda, Gerald, Marilyn



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 for-giving. Amen

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$ 2046.50

Unpledged: \$ 1694.70

Presbytery: \$ 2006.75



Feast Days for the Week:

Monday, 28th August: St. Augustine

Tuesday, 29th August: Beheading of St. John the Baptist

Ongoing Printing Costs

The Parish Office is reviewing the ongoing printing cost that is incurred every Quarter.

At present the cost of printing four pages of the Bulletin (23,000 pages averaged for the quarter) in colour costs \$1,570.00. The cost of printing the same number of papers in Black and White would cost \$156.00.

This is a significant saving of funds. This would mean that the weekly Bulletin would be in Black and White from **September**. As and when needed, we will print in colour. I am eager to get your feedback on this matter. Please use the suggestion box in the foyer.

CatholicCare Victoria

CatholicCare Victoria is deeply grateful for the support of our parish during the previous week's CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. CatholicCare Victoria would like to thank the parishioners of St. Kevin's for their contribution of \$417.65 over the last weekend in addition to \$676 collected on 12th and 13th August 2023.

Social Justice Sunday

Social Justice Sunday is 27 August and the new Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Social Justice Statement, *Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples* was launched on Thursday 17 August. Read the statement on <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/resources/social-justice-statements/>

Pilgrimage

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "*In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop*" commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry.

For details about the pilgrimage, please contact national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or on call on 02 89124818.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Next Saturday, the children from our Parish will receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop Tony Ireland will be present to anoint the confirmands. Please pray for the children to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Prayer for the Confirmation candidates

Lord, we ask you to bless the confirmation candidates and their families. May the Holy Spirit guide them on their journey, and may they be strengthened by your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

We pray for all confirmed candidates, that they will be able to grow in their faith, and that they will be shaped by the Holy Spirit.

Mass Intentions:

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

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

In Thanksgiving:

Ashley and Linda Franklin
Zena Hector
Aria and Zach Martin
Grace Pena
Donford and Leanne Henricus
Amos and Averil Barlow
Donford Barlow and family

For those who are sick:

Rita Vincent
Rosalind De Rozario

For those who have died recently:

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Eric De Silva
Samuel Lazaro
Elvera Bramblebee
Michael Gomes
Ceferino Rico
Austin Peters
Avinash Fernandez
Philomena Michael
Eric Francis
Sebastian Perera
Hugh Joseph
Catherine Ishikawa
Leslie Labata
Bertha Adie
Daphne MaGee
Malcolm Ireland
Marie Ireland

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.

Maintenance of cleanliness in Church

Over the last few weeks, the cleaning team have had to clean chewing gum from seats and the carpet. The Church is God's house, let us endeavour to maintain its cleanliness. Please keep the church and its surroundings clean.

Hopper Night – Thanks!!

On behalf of the Social Group, we would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to all who contributed to making the Hopper's Night a grand success. The food was delicious and plenty, all thanks to the Parish community who donated generously. It was community sharing at its best and provided an opportunity to socialise and have fun as members of St. Kevin's Parish. Thanks to DJ Nate who kept us entertained and Vincent for the audio equipment. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped on the night, your effort made the event a success. Thanks to Fr. Fabian and Fr. Anil for their guidance and unwavering support. The total funds raised were \$2161.34. All funds raised from this charity event will go towards funding other social events held through the year.

Thanks once again and God Bless!!

Linda and Anne



Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

Prayer before reading the Word of God

Father, anoint me with your Holy Spirit, so that as I read your eternal word, your word may penetrate my whole being and transform me. Grant me the blessing to be a faithful disciple in believing the Word of God and that I may be a light shining upon all who are in darkness. Amen

1st Reading – Isaiah 56:1,6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant

Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah.

I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open.

I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 137:1-3, 6, 8

Res: Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands!

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.

Before the angels I will bless you,

I will adore before your holy temple.

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands!

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.

On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul.

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands!

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.

Your love, O Lord, is eternal,

discard not the work of your hands.

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands!

2nd Reading – Romans 11:33-36

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

How rich are the depths of God - how deep his wisdom and knowledge - and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

Gospel – Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.