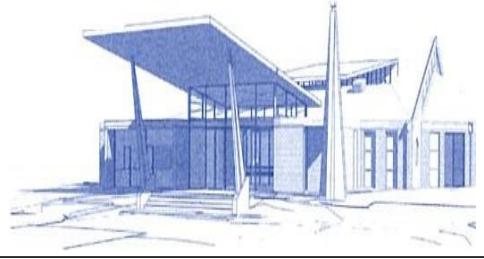


St Kevin's Parish

Hampton Park

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year A

03rd September 2023



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Tue to Fri 9.15am – 1:15pm

Parish Website

<https://stkevins.org.au/> Support us' page

St Kevin's Parish is committed to the care, safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people, and vulnerable people.

Parish Priest: Fr. Fabian Smith

Asst. Priest: Fr. Anil Mascarenhas

Deacon: Rev. Dr Graeme Pender

Parish Secretary: Mrs. Macrina Martin

School Principals

St. Kevin's Primary School:

Jason Micallef – 9709 8600

St. Francis De Sales:

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

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

Mass for the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Fr. Anil's Ordination Anniversary

Fr. Anil celebrates the 6th anniversary of his ordination on Saturday 9th September. Let us pray for God's blessings on Fr. Anil:

Dear Lord, as we celebrate Fr. Anil's priestly Anniversary, we pray that You will continue growing his faith in You. Let him continue believing in Your mighty deeds and serving Your church. Renew within him your Holy Spirit to guide and show him the right path.

Father's Day Prayer

We extend our prayerful wishes to all the fathers in our parish. Happy Father's Day! Heavenly Father, you brought gladness and light to the world through the birth of your Son. Throughout His life on earth, you showed him your fatherly care. In a special way, you chose St. Joseph to play a special role in your Son's life as his adopted father. As we celebrate Father's Day today, we give thanks to you for St. Joseph and for our own father(s). Please fill our parent, especially our father(s) with holy joy, happiness and keep us all safe from harm. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Faith Formation Sessions for youth aged 11 - 17

The AHFI (Alliance of the Holy Family International) missionary brothers will be conducting Faith Formation Sessions every Saturday from 6:00 - 7:30pm at St Kevin's Hall. Parents need to complete enrolment forms for their children to take part in these sessions.

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 October.

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

Safeguarding Update

The Safeguarding Committee and the Safeguarding Core Group Members met with representatives of the Archdiocese Safeguarding Unit this week. Members were informed of their responsibilities and the importance of confidentiality while dealing with child-safety. The Parish website has been updated to include a Safeguarding section. This section will be regularly updated. To find out more about Safeguarding at St. Kevin's Parish:

[Safeguarding @ St Kevin's – St Kevin's Catholic Parish, Hampton Park \(stkevins.org.au\)](mailto:Safeguarding@stkevins.org.au)

This Bulletin can be accessed via the Parish website and Facebook page

NEXT WEEKEND ROSTERS

09th Sep and 10th Sep.

READERS

Saturday 05:00pm

Nancy, Aurelle, Primrose

Saturday 07:00pm

Gerard, Christobelle, Michelle

Sunday 09:00am

Jess, Michael, Alexah

Sunday 11:00am

Pam D, Pam G, Anton

Sunday 06:00pm Sunday

Kharece, Lleyton, Anne

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday 05:00pm

Carlton, Henrico, Indira, Tessy

Saturday 07:00pm

Benita, Gilda, Warren.

Sunday 09:00am

Aloysius, Fatima, Noreen, Warren.

Sunday 11:00am

Judy, Mary, Sherine.

Sunday 06:00pm

George, Mirtza, Ryan

CHURCH CLEANERS

Team 3:

Marina, Jeneview, Khuram, Maria,
Michael D.

COUNTERS

Team 1:

Anne, Michael P., Lyn, Anna, Nadine,
Tyronie, Josephine

Prayer for Gifts Received

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: \$ 2285.60

Unpledged: \$ 1609.00

Presbytery: \$ 2280.00

Thank you!

Feast Days for the Week:

Friday, 8th September: The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday, 9th September: St. Peter Claver

Priest Retirement Foundation Collection

This weekend is Father's Day, and we will be having the annual collection for the Priest Retirement Foundation which cares for our retired priests. Please donate using the envelopes or by logging on to www.melbournecatholic.org.au/foundation

THE BENEDICT CONFERENCE

This inaugural event will bring together local and international speakers to reflect on the life and legacy of Pope Benedict XVI.

The Conference will build its conversations around the themes of Truth, Goodness, Beauty. Gathering the people of God from all over Melbourne and beyond, it seeks to engage with the critical issues affecting the Church and the world at this moment in time. Saturday, October 28, 2023 (all day) For more information, visit: benedictconference.com

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.

Eucharist and visit of relic statue of St John Bosco, St Margaret Mary's Church

As part of the centenary celebrations of the arrival of the Salesians on Australian soil, a relic statue of St John Bosco is touring Salesian communities and works in Australia. The relic casket arrived in Melbourne in late June and the schedule for the tour can be found [here](#).

The relic will be present at the Eucharist with Archbishop Peter A Comensoli presiding at St Margaret Mary's parish, Brunswick North. Saturday, September 30, 2023. 11:00am

Six30 Holy Hour

Join with young Catholics from across the city for a time of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, music, and an opportunity for confession.

Thursdays 6:30pm – 7:30pm Venue: St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne

For any queries, email udisciple@cam.org.au or call (03) 9926 5677.

CHILD PROTECTION WEEK (4-9 SEPTEMBER) AND SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY (10 SEPTEMBER)

Child Protection Week is a national campaign held each year to raise awareness of child-abuse prevention in our communities. In 2023, the overarching message that 'Every child in every community needs a fair go' will be complemented with the theme 'Where we start matters.'

Child Protection Week is a good time for us to think about how we, as adults, can address some of these issues that affect children and to consider how we can change things to make a difference. In the Catholic Church, Child Protection Week is highlighted through Safeguarding Sunday, which falls this year on 10 September. Safeguarding Sunday seeks to acknowledge the immense damage caused by the sexual abuse of children and adults at risk, including by priests, religious and lay people within Catholic contexts. It makes a commitment to practices and protocols that create and maintain safe environments for all people. It invites people to pray for those harmed by abuse directly and indirectly.

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:

Aria and Zach Martin

Pastorpile Family

Andrew Patrick Vincent

Daphne Isaacson

Ashley and Linda Franklin

Yvonne and Brian Martin

For those who are sick:

For those who have died recently:

Christian Ally

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Kenneth Paris

Joseph Crasto

Camilo Cardozo

Duke Janes

Vincent Jeffrey Kater

Maria Nive Ulugia

Carinie and Shirley Kelaart

Ivan D'Silva

Frederick Machaya

Shane Isaacson

Dean Moses

Flora Loyola

Teresita Alzona

Maria-Telesia Lemalu Vaea

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 based on written permission of an authorized person the name can be re-added to the list.

Prayer for the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

Impart to your servants, we pray, O Lord, the gift of heavenly grace, that the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin may bring deeper peace to those for whom the birth of her Son was the dawning of salvation. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Holy Water – A Means of Spiritual Wealth

In virtually every culture, water is seen as a symbol of happiness and divine blessing. Hindus, Muslims, Egyptians, Babylonians, Greeks, Romans, and Hebrews all engaged in ritual washings before they entered their places of worship. As churches were built, they included a porch or courtyard where people could wash before entering. The ritual was a reminder to Christians that they were entering a holy place, away from the noise outside the church.

Today as we enter the Church we bless ourselves with Holy water. Holy water is a sacramental – it is a sacred sign instituted by the Church to prepare us to receive the fruit of the sacrament and sanctify us (Catechism of the Catholic Church@1677).

There are few sacramentals that respond so universally and dramatically to the needs and culture of the Christian people as holy water. Its roots are very humble, but its applications are broader than any other sacramental. At the Easter Vigil, the plunging of the Pascal Candle into the blessed water was said to recall the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan whereby he sanctified the water and gave it the power of regeneration.

Throughout the year water is blessed for use in the church and in homes. The prayer of blessing that is used is: *“Lord God Almighty, creator of all life, of body and soul, we ask you to bless this water: as we use it in faith forgive our sins and save us from all illness and the power of evil. Lord in your mercy give us living water, always springing up as a fountain of salvation: free us, body and soul, from every danger, and admit us to your presence in purity of heart.”* (Sacramentary)

These prayers ascend to heaven each time you take holy water and sprinkle a drop either for yourself or for a loved one, whether the loved one be present or absent. Because of the blessing attached to it, Holy Mother Church strongly urges its use upon her children, especially when dangers threaten, such as fire, storms, sickness and other calamities.

Every catholic home always should have in it a supply of holy water. Holy water is one of the Church's sacramentals that remits venial sin. Did we realize now, as we shall realize after death, the many benefits which may be derived from holy water, we would use it far more frequently, and with greater faith and reverence.

Something that I still do before I bless myself when I approach the holy water font, which I was taught by my grand-aunt at a very young age, is to sprinkle a drop of water at the font for the souls in purgatory praying that they may rest in peace. Only in purgatory can one understand how ardently a poor soul longs for holy water. If we desire to make a host of intercessors for ourselves, let us try to realize now some of their yearnings, and never forget them at the holy water font.

The devil hates holy water because of its power over him. He cannot long abide in a place or near a person that is often sprinkled with this blessed water. Holy water, sprinkled with faith, can move the Sacred Heart to bless your loved ones and protect them from all harm of soul and body. When worry and fear take possession of your heart, hasten to your holy water font, and give your dear ones the benefit of the church's prayers.



Let us take advantage of the benefits derived from the use of Holy Water.



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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 – Jeremiah 20:7-9

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name anymore.' Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 62(63):2-6,8-9

Res: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God!

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water.

R: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise.

R: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.

My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

R: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.

R: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

2nd Reading – Romans 12:1-2

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel – Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord;' he said 'this must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life? 'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.