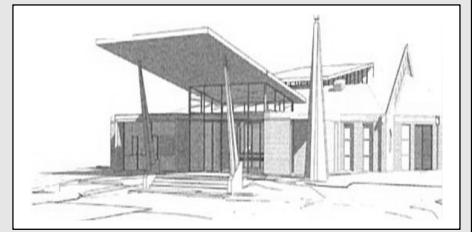


# St Kevin's Parish

Hampton Park

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year A  
24<sup>th</sup> September 2023



## PARISH CENTRE

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Hampton Park, Vic. 3976  
Tel: 9799 2108  
Email: [HamptonPark@cam.org.au](mailto:HamptonPark@cam.org.au)

### Office Hours:

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. **Safeguarding email:** [safeguarding.hamptonpark@cam.org.au](mailto:safeguarding.hamptonpark@cam.org.au)

**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:

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**.

## Mass Intentions:

Please note the **cut-off** day and time for handing in names for **Mass Intentions is Thursday 10 am.**

Please call 03 97992108

### Thank you:

Dear Parishioners, with a grateful heart I want to express my gratitude for your unconditional, loving, and prayerful support in my priestly ministry in this parish for the last 2.8years. This week I have received an appointment from our Archbishop Peter to the Parish of St Peter the Apostle Keilor East from 11th of October 2023. Please keep me in your prayers. God bless you all abundantly.

With a grateful heart

Fr. Anil

### News From Fr. Fabian

I am currently on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Fatima, and I continue to pray for you. Please pray for me and for all the pilgrims that we may have a safe journey and return to Melbourne.

### Safeguarding Update:

The Archdiocese advocates "Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility!" and as a parish we are presented with a challenge that we need to address collectively to come up with ideas on how we ensure the safety and dignity of our young ones as they participate in activities within the parish space.

None of the existing spaces in our church premises at this moment are fit-for-purpose from a safeguarding perspective to function as change-rooms for children, especially when this involves large groups of children. This has also been confirmed by Safeguarding staff from the Archdiocese who have inspected our church facilities. Given that we are also mandated to segregate boys and girls, and younger children from young adults, this then brings in complexities like the timed sharing of these facilities and need for supervisory arrangements to ensure everyone's safety. While we can rely on the assistance of many parent volunteers, at the more well-attended events like weekend masses and parish celebrations, we are required to ensure the integrity of this system all the time.

The immediate need is to work something out for our Altar Servers but we are approaching this from a longer-term perspective, so that whatever we decide on as a parish will not only suit the needs of the Altar Server ministry but also be suitable for any other group or ministry which involves children going forward, for example, for children that need to get dressed for the nativity play on Christmas eve at the Family Mass or for our Carols by Candlelight event.

So, we are appealing to you to come out and give us your ideas. Even if you don't have a child currently in any of our ministries, child safety is our collective responsibility. You use this church space, you attend confessions in the Room of Mercy, give us your suggestions. **Please put your suggestion in the suggestion box in the foyer for the next 1 week and every suggestion dropped in there will be considered. Please make sure to leave your contact information with your suggestion just in case we need to explore your idea further with you.**

Keep in mind that we have a finite built-up space and repurposing any of our existing rooms is not only going to involve costs that come out of the parish budget but also means a disruption to the activity that the room was previously used for...and we want to ensure that you, our parish community have had a chance to have your voice heard.

All suggestions presented will be reviewed and evaluated by me along with the Safeguarding Committee to assess the risk, practicality and costs involved for every idea that is proposed.

**ROSTERS for 30<sup>th</sup> and 01<sup>st</sup> OCT 2023.**  
Readers & Extra-ordinary Ministers of  
Holy Communion please see Notice  
Board or Parish Website for Rosters.

**CHURCH CLEANERS**

Team 1: Russel, Antonio, Eileen and  
Prasad

**COUNTERS**

Team 4: Anslie, Gerard, Kaye, Julz,  
Margerat

**Last Weekend's Collection**

Envelopes: \$ 1888.00

Unpledged: \$ 1538.50

Presbytery: \$ 1928.45

*Thank you!*

**THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY**

**In Thanksgiving:**

Camlin Thompson  
Richard Rodrigues  
William and Helen  
Dwayne Sayers  
Dylan Collins and Teagan Yates  
Leanne Franklin

**For those who are sick:**

Mary Fernandez  
Rita Giaquinta  
Yves Lebrasse  
Mignoune Yates

**For those who have died recently:**

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

Lindsay and Josiane Rughoo  
Creswell Joseph Abraham  
Anthony and Aureen Patterson  
Dolly Hendricks  
Diana Machaya  
Patrick D'Silva  
Blanche Phyllis de Livera  
Neville D'Souza  
Christopher, Mazie and Anselm Creado

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.

**Feast Days for the Week:**

**Wednesday**, 27<sup>th</sup> September: St. Vincent De Paul, Priest.

**Friday**, 29<sup>th</sup> September: Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael - Feast

**Saturday**, 30<sup>th</sup> September: Saint Jerome, Priest,

**Changed Cut off time for Mass Intentions**

Please note that this week the cut off day and time for Mass intentions has been changed due to Friday being a public holiday. Please give your mass intentions to the Parish Office by 10am on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September.

**Catechism classes for children aged 5-10 years.**

The sisters from the Alliance of the Holy Family International will be conducting Catechism classes in St. Kevin's School Hall on all the Sundays in October. The classes will be held from 12noon – 1pm (after the 11am mass). Please fill in the expression of interest sheets on the clipboard in the foyer. Parents will need to fill in enrolment forms for their children to take part in these sessions.

**Migrant and Refugee Sunday**

Sunday 24 September 2023 marks World Day of Migrants and Refugees, the theme of which is, 'Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay'. It's an opportunity to honour those who have come to Australia seeking a new life and to tell their stories.

On Sunday 24 September, the 2023 Migrant and Refugee Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 3pm at St Patricks Cathedral by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli and the migrant chaplains, preceded by a Rosary at 2pm in various languages.

**Concert at st. Patrick's Cathedral**

On Wednesday 27 September, the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra will be honouring Our Lady at St Patrick's Cathedral with their *Stabat Mater* concert. The program will feature the world premiere of Mary Finsterer's musical composition for the 'Stabat Mater', a 13th-century Marian hymn. To purchase tickets: [Stabat Mater | Melbourne Symphony Orchestra \(mso.com.au\)](https://mso.com.au)

**2024 Study Tour: Journey with Paul**

Catholic Theological College would like to bring to your attention Dr Rosemary Canavan's 2024 Study Tour: Journey with Paul: Türkiye – Greece that might be of interest to you, your lay ministers, or interested parishioners.

There will be online information sessions in September and October 2023. For anyone interested in attending one of the information sessions, please contact Dr Rosemary Canavan to register. Join Dr Rosemary Canavan online via ZOOM on any of the following dates: 9, 16, 23 September at 2pm \*Receive a full briefing \* have your questions answered \* Meet some of your fellow travellers. Register here to get all the Zoom details: [rosemary.canavan@ctc.edu.au](mailto:rosemary.canavan@ctc.edu.au)

**Register for the Marriage Anniversary Mass- 22 October at 11am**

Couples and their families are invited to join the celebration of the annual Marriage Anniversary Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Couples who register and are celebrating the following anniversaries – 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th or 40 years and above – will receive a commemorative certificate.

**Thanksgiving Envelopes**

The next set of Thanksgiving envelopes have been placed in the foyer. These envelopes cover the period October 2023 to February 2024. Please take your envelopes home. If you have any enquiries regarding your thanksgiving envelopes, please call the Parish Office.

Thank you to the Finance Committee and volunteers for your dedication and concerted effort in ensuring that the thanksgiving envelopes were available on time.

## The Precepts of the Church — Part I

Over the centuries, the Church has numbered the Precepts of the Church slightly differently, although their content has remained essentially the same.

The ***Catechism of the Catholic Church*** (§§2041-43) presents them as five plus the duty to support our pastors; so, six in fact. The relevant sections read as follows:

**2041** The precepts of the Church are set in the context of a moral life bound to and nourished by liturgical life. The obligatory character of these positive laws decreed by the pastoral authorities is meant to guarantee to the faithful the indispensable minimum in the spirit of prayer and moral effort, in the growth in love of God and neighbour:

**2042** The first precept ("You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation.") requires the faithful to participate in the Eucharistic celebration when the Christian community gathers together on the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord.

The second precept ("You shall confess your sins at least once a year.") ensures preparation for the Eucharist by the reception of the sacrament of reconciliation, which continues Baptism's work of conversion and forgiveness.

The third precept ("You shall humbly receive your Creator in Holy Communion at least during the Easter season.") guarantees as a minimum the reception of the Lord's Body and Blood in connection with the Paschal feasts, the origin and centre of the Christian liturgy.

**2043** The fourth precept ("You shall keep holy the holy days of obligation.") completes the Sunday observance by participation in the principal liturgical feasts which honour the mysteries of the Lord, the Virgin Mary, and the saints.

The fifth precept ("You shall observe the prescribed days of fasting and abstinence.") ensures the times of asceticism [self-denial] and penance which prepare us for the liturgical feasts; they help us acquire mastery over our instincts and freedom of heart.

[Sixth,] the faithful also have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to his abilities.

This week, we shall take a look at the first precept in a little more detail.

### **1. You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation**

It is a mortal sin not to hear Mass on a Sunday or a holy day of obligation unless we are excused for a serious reason. They also commit a mortal sin, who, having others under their charge, hinder them from hearing Mass, without good reason.

**"Serious reason"** — that is, a very good reason, such as sickness, necessity of taking care of the sick, great danger of death, etc. Some persons when they go on holiday believe themselves excused from hearing Mass because the church is a little further from them or the Mass at more inconvenient times than at home. When they are away, they are bound by the same obligations as the Catholics who live in that parish the whole year round, and they must go to Mass as these do, even if it is more inconvenient than at home.

Some excuse themselves from going to Mass because they are too tired to rise in the morning. They should be ashamed to give such an excuse. Was our Blessed Lord not tired when he carried his Cross? He was tired, for he fell under it several times. And where was he going? To Calvary, to offer up the bloody sacrifice of the Cross for you. Will you plead fatigue as an excuse when you come to be judged by him?

Others again have a great habit of coming late for Mass. No matter at what hour the Mass may be, they will always be late. By coming late they show disrespect to Our Lord and distract others; to avoid doing so, they should, when late, take a place in the rear of the church. When you are very late for one Mass, you should wait for the next — at least, for as much of the next as you did not hear in the first. To hear Mass properly, you should be in your place a few minutes before the priest comes out, and make up your mind what blessing you will ask or for what intention you desire to hear the Mass.

**"Having others under their charge."** Some parents are very careless about their children attending Mass, especially on holy days. Now, they must remember that in such neglect the sin will be theirs as well as the children's. Catholics having in their employ others must make some arrangement by which their employees will be able to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days.

Sources: *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, Catholic.net

## 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

### 1st Reading – Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts.  
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.  
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 144: 2-3,8-9,17-18

**Res:** The Lord is near to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever.  
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,  
his greatness cannot be measured.

**The Lord is near to all who call him.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures.

**The Lord is near to all who call him.**

The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him,  
who call on him from their hearts.

**The Lord is near to all who call him.**

### 2nd Reading – Philippians 1:20-24,27

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel – Matthew 18:21-35

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So, they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said, "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus, the last will be first, and the first, last.'

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