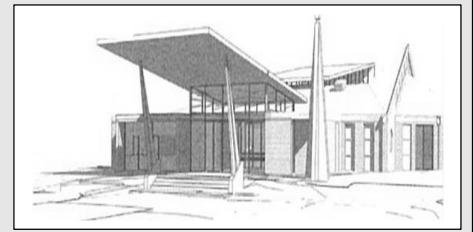


# St Kevin's Parish

Hampton Park

26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year A  
01<sup>st</sup> October 2023



## PARISH CENTRE

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**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

## News From Fr. Fabian

Thank you for praying for me while on pilgrimage. I have returned spiritually enriched and immensely blessed. Whilst in the Holy Land I offered mass every day for each one of you, in total fifteen masses were offered for every member of our parish community.

## Farewell for Fr. Anil

We will have the opportunity to say thank you to Fr. Anil for his ministry and work in our parish next weekend. The Social Group has organised a cuppa after all masses (except the 11am mass) on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> October. Please join in as we farewell Fr. Anil and wish him every blessing going forward to his next appointment.

## Fr Anil's Farewell

St Kevin's Youth Group would like to invite you to Fr Anil's farewell next Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October after 11am mass. Please join us for fellowship as we wish Fr Anil all the very best as he continues his priestly ministry.

We will be reaching out to as many groups as possible, but, if anyone would like to help in anyway, including by donating food, please contact:

Kharece on 0431 707 221 or Sheldon on 0430 051 919

## 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 **12 noon – 1pm (after the 11 am 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.

## Bro. Johnson Sequeira – Melbourne Mission:

Would you love to experience God's power and love in a deeper way? You are invited to a life -transforming time with The Lord Jesus. Come and hear The Word of God, preached by Br. Johnson with practical understanding, it will transform your life.

Date & Time: **Thursday: 12th Oct from 7 pm to 10 pm** at St. Kevin's Parish Church.

**ROSTERS for 07<sup>th</sup> and 08<sup>th</sup> OCT 2023.**

Readers & Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion please see Notice Board or Parish Website for Rosters.

**CHURCH CLEANERS**

Team 2: Vasanthi, Joelle, Jerome, Samangi.

**COUNTERS**

Team 5: Lorna, Mervyn, Anita, Howard, Jennifer, Cheryl.

**Last Weekend's Collection**

Envelopes: \$ 2097.50

Unpledged: \$ 1868.20

Presbytery: \$ 2076.10

*Thank you!*

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

Christina and Aloysius Woodfall  
Treasure Clarke and Family  
Jones Family  
Rahul Fernandez

**For those who are sick:**

Mary Fernandez  
Rita Giaquinta  
Yves Lebrasse  
Mignoune Yates

**For those who have died recently:**

Alfred D'Souza  
Hezel Lobo

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

Inez Cramer  
Errol Jordan  
Remy Da Silva  
Jose, Sr. and Concepcion Lontok  
Rodelio and Teresita Alzona  
Theresa Thomas  
David Hendricks  
Anne Hendricks  
Albert Mould  
Raymond McDonald  
Carmen Villarba  
Christina and Liam Duddy and family

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:**

**Monday**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct: The Holy Guardian Angels.

**Wednesday**, 04<sup>th</sup> Oct: St. Francis of Assisi

**Thursday**, 05<sup>th</sup> Oct: St. Faustina Kowalska, Religious

**Saturday**, 07<sup>th</sup> Oct: Our Lady of the Rosary

**Save the Date! Night of the Witnesses – 22 November 2023**, 7pm at St Patrick's

Cathedral. Aid to the Church in Need invites you to an evening of prayer, testimony, song, adoration, and reflection to honour the witness of twelve recent Christian martyrs and to stand in solidarity with Christians all over the world who are suffering persecution for their faith in Jesus Christ. Archbishop Peter Comensoli will preside and His Beatitude, Patriarch Joseph Absi of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church will be one of the international guest speakers who will share personal testimony of persecution for the faith. We hope you will join us. For more information please visit: [www.aidtochurch.org/notw](http://www.aidtochurch.org/notw).

**Becoming Missionary Disciples with Archbishop Julian Porteous**

Archbishop Julian Porteous is one of the most courageous bishops in Australia today. He is visiting Melbourne to inspire Catholics to be missionary disciples using their "head, heart and hands" to evangelise.

**Topic:** Becoming Missionary Disciples. **Speaker:** Archbishop Julian Porteous

**Date:** Wednesday 4th October. **Time:** 6.30pm light supper provided, 7.00pm Talk begins

**Cost:** Free, light supper provided

**Venue:** Greg Craven Conference Centre, Australian Catholic University, Fitzroy

**Registration essential:** [Catholicevents.com.au](http://Catholicevents.com.au)

An initiative of the Knights of the Southern Cross Victoria

**Catholic Bible Study**

"Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible" - An 8-week overview of the story of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. Includes dinner, Bible study and small group discussion. Children's Catechesis available.

**Cost:** Free

**Dates:** 8 Tuesdays starting Tuesday 10th October

**Time:** 6.00pm-7.45pm

**Venue:** St Gerard's Dandenong North. **Register:** [tinyurl.com/catholicbiblestudy2023](http://tinyurl.com/catholicbiblestudy2023)

**MARCH FOR THE BABIES**

Come and show your support for the unborn. Join the March for the Babies on 7th October 2023 at 12.30pm in the Treasury Gardens, Cnr Spring & Wellington Pde. Wear blue or pink.

**Heart of Life (Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation): Waiting at the Well**

Waiting at the Well is a series of four sessions on Thu, 5, 12, 19 & 26 Oct, 10am–12.30pm (in-person event). This series offers an opportunity for those waiting to have their thirst quenched at the Well of Life to explore the depths of wisdom in their own heart, to recognise wisdom in the encounter with another, and to dwell in the Heart of Contemplation. Places limited. Bookings via <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/waiting-at-the-well-series> or email [info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne) Cost \$100 for the series or \$30 per session.

**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 II

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

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

Holy days were instituted by the Church to recall to our minds the great mysteries of religion and the virtues and rewards of the saints.

For just the same reason the government has instituted civic holidays. What would the people of this country know or think at the present time about the First Fleet and the settlement of Australia, and all connected with it, if they did not celebrate Australia Day every year? And Anzac Day keeps alive in our memory the sacrifices of our forebears of nearly a hundred years ago — their great battles, their sufferings and triumph, the security they won for us.

In like manner, the feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord keeps us in mind of the sad condition in which we were before Our Lord redeemed us, and how he liberated us from the slavery of the devil and secured for us so many blessings. So, too, when we celebrate every year the feast of a saint in the Church, it keeps before our minds his works and all that he did for God and the Church and makes us anxious to imitate his virtues.

On every day in the year the Church honours some mystery of our holy faith or some saint by saying Mass all over the world in honour of the feast, and by obliging the priests and bishops to say the Divine Office for the same purpose. The feast day of a saint is generally the day on which he died; because that is considered the day on which he entered into Heaven — the day on which he was born into the new world.

The Divine Office is a collection of prayers, hymns, lessons, and psalms which every priest and bishop must read every day of his life. As it is said each day in honour of some particular mystery or saint, the greater part of it differs for each day. The prayers are to God, asking some grace or blessing in honour of the saint — generally such graces as were granted to the saint. The hymns are in the saint's honour; the lessons are excerpts from Holy Scripture, or an account of the saint's life; and the psalms are those beautiful poems that King David composed and sang to God.

**The Divine Office** is the prayer of the universal Church for its children, and if a priest neglects to say it he commits a mortal sin.

It takes about an hour to say the Divine Office in its entirety, but it is not intended to be said all at once. It is so divided that it is said at three times in the day. The part called **Matins** and **Lauds** is said very early in the morning and before Mass. The part called **Little Hours** is said later in the day; and the part called **Vespers** and **Compline** is said in the afternoon.

See, therefore, how anxious the Church is for the good of its children, when it makes its bishops, priests, and religious pray daily for all the faithful, and send up in one voice the same prayer to the throne of God.

### **4. You shall keep holy the holy days of obligation**

We should keep the holy days of obligation as we should keep Sunday.

In Australia, in addition to every Sunday, there are two holy days of obligation:

- 1: the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Christmas Day — December 25
- 2: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary — August 15

The number of holy days of obligation was once much greater. In 1911, St Pope Pius X reduced the number of such non-Sunday holy days from 36 to eight. Since then they have been reduced to two for Australia.

Non-Sunday holy days of obligation all have the rank of solemnity. Accordingly, if in Ordinary Time one of them falls on a Sunday, the Sunday celebration gives way to it; but the Sundays of Advent, Lent and Eastertide take precedence over all solemnities, which are then transferred to another day.

Moreover, these two holy days of obligation are to be observed annually, regardless of the day of the week on which they fall.

The Decree of Promulgation became effective on 16 September, 2001.

Source: Catholic.net

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

### 1st Reading – Ezekiel 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 24(25):4-9

**Res:** Remember your mercies O Lord,

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour.

**Remember your mercies O Lord,**

Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth.

In your love remember me, because of your goodness,  
O Lord.

**Remember your mercies O Lord.**

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,

He guides the humble in the right path,

He teaches his way to the poor.

**Remember your mercies O Lord.**

### 2nd Reading – Philippians 2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim.

Jesus Christ as Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

### Gospel – Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him

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