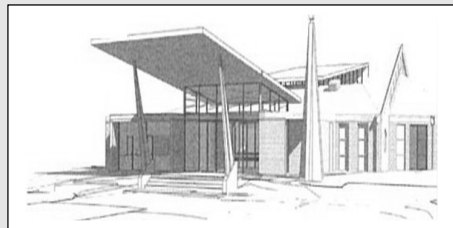


St Kevin's Parish

Hampton Park

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year A
08th October 2023



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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**.

Mass Intentions:

Please note the **cut-off** day and time for handing in names for **Mass Intentions** is **Thursday 01:00 pm**.
Please call 03 97992108

News From Fr. Fabian

As Fr. Anil takes up his new appointment on Wednesday 11th October at St. Peter's Keilor East, we wish to thank him for sharing the gift of his priesthood with our parish. We wish him every blessing as he takes up his new appointment.

Altar Server Vesting Space and the Rosters.

The following letter was sent to the parents of the Altar Servers

2nd October 2023

Dear Altar Server Committee Members and Parents,

Greetings and Blessings on the Feast of the Guardian Angels!

Thank you for your feedback regarding the Altar Server Vesting Space and the Rosters.

On the matter of the Altar Server Vesting Space

On, Thursday 28th September 2023, the members of the Core-group from the safeguarding committee met to work on the altar server risk assessment. This included the vesting arrangements. The feedback from emails, as well as the suggestions from the suggestion box were all considered, and the following has been put forward: 3 dedicated spaces will be in use for server vesting (one space for female servers below 18, one space for male servers below 18 and one space for servers over 18).

The following will be the three Vesting Spaces:

- 1) The Room of Mercy will be partitioned by a complete wall to create two spaces one for the New Room of Mercy and the other as a Vesting Space.
- 2) The Sacristy will be partitioned by a complete wall to create two spaces one for the Sacristy and the other as a Vesting Space. The entry for this Vesting Space will be from the foyer near the piety stall.
- 3) The current storeroom will be cleared out for the new Vesting Space.

Scoping works to enable the creation these three spaces is underway. I will keep you posted on the progress.

On the matter of Rosters, I have the following proposal.

The diversity of roles, functions and ministries enriches our liturgical celebrations and assists us in our prayer. Serving at the Altar is one of these ministries, which is both a privilege and a responsibility.

The purpose of an Altar Server present in the Sanctuary is for Ministry. All Readers present at mass do not come to the sanctuary at the time when the word of God is proclaimed nor do all Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion turn up at the foot of the sanctuary at the distribution of Holy Communion. In the same way only the Altar Servers carrying out a specific task are to be present in the sanctuary.

Commencing from the first weekend in Advent 2nd & 3rd December a roster system will come into effect. To ensure that there are Altar Servers at each mass on the weekend we will be creating a roster. Having listened to your concerns about rosters, instead of having up to six Altar Servers, I am proposing that we have up to ten Altar Servers per mass; five rostered and five not rostered. The five who are not rostered will be on a first come first serve basis. They will need to check in with the Designated Senior Altar Server before they vest. The Designated Senior Altar Server will allocate tasks for all the Altar Servers.

ROSTERS for 14th and 15th OCT 2023.

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

CHURCH CLEANERS

Team 3: Marina, Jeneview, Khuram, Maria, Michael D

COUNTERS

Team 6: Kevin, Sunita, Ashley, Linda, Gerald, Marilyn

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$ 2007.80

Unpledged: \$ 1138.25

Presbytery: \$ 2386.40

Thank you!

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

In Thanksgiving:

Lawrence De Souza
Micaela La'forgue
Micaela Immaculate Moore
Tyrone and Benita Paul
Maddison and Ferdinand Joseph
Margaret Zuzarth

For those who are sick:

Mary Fernandez
Rita Giaquinta
Yves Lebrasse
Mignoune Yates

For those who have died recently:

Joselito Acosta
Dominga Acosta
Nikita Araujo Boavida
Rhonda Gordon (Andrews)

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Angela Coutinho
Benny & Idaline D'Souza
Illuminada Balandó Giray Sr.
Santiago Batlic Luz

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.

(Letter Contd. From previous page)

The following are the tasks of an Altar Server during Mass:

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| 1) Cross Bearer | 1a) Gifts Bringer |
| 2) Candle Bearer | 2a) Assist at the Altar |
| 3) Candle Bearer | 3a) Assist at the Altar |
| 4) Book Bearer | 4a) Thurible |
| 5) Bell Ringer | 5a) Boat Bearer |

For Major Liturgical Celebrations we will have more Altar Servers as required.

Scheduling

Altar Servers are scheduled according to their Mass preference whenever possible. There may be times when you are asked to serve at a Mass that you do not regularly attend. Please be generous with your time and schedule if this happens!

The schedule will be sent out in an email every three months. Before the schedule is made, we will ask you to submit dates that you are unavailable for the three-month schedule. The schedule will also be posted on the Parish website.

We will schedule altar servers for Major Liturgical Celebrations several weeks ahead of time. There will be an email that goes out to see who is available. Please review the schedule when you receive it to check the dates that you have been scheduled to serve.

Please email the parish office HamptonPark@cam.org.au with the masses you would attend on the weekend; first and second preference.

A roster will be drawn up for the months of December, January and February. Please let me know if you will be away on holidays during these three months. Christmas and New Year masses will be rostered at a later time.

Message to Altar Servers

Dear Altar Servers,

Your faithfulness and dedication in your ministry are greatly appreciated. If you come to a point in your ministry life that being an altar server is no longer a ministry that you feel you can continue, please inform the Parish office. Please also consider other ministries in the parish you may wish to be involved in. Kindly contact the leader of that ministry and have a chat with them.

Wishing you every blessing,

Father Fabían Smith

Parish Priest

Br. Johnson's visit to our Parish Church "COME ONE, COME ALL AND RECEIVE THE BLESSING, HEALING AND THE LOVE OF OUR FAITHFUL GOD".

Br. Johnson Sequeira, a Catholic lay preacher and founder of the **JCILM** Ministry - Jesus Christ Is Lord Ministry, web: <https://jcilmglobal.info/> is leading a spiritual retreat in Melbourne. He is blessed, with the gifts and charisms of the Holy Spirit, giving him the ability to preach and teach the Gospel with practical understanding and simple illustrations that people can relate with thereby, making everyone fall in Love with Jesus, and for practical application in our day to day lives. Date: Thu 12th Oct 2023 from 7 pm to 9:30pm. For full details of the Melbourne Retreats please take a copy of the flyer or call 0430500201.

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.

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP MEETING

Friday 13th October at 7:30pm in the Parish Office.

Youth aged 18 and above from St. Kevin's Parish are welcome.

Feast Days for the Week:

Monday, 9th Oct: St. John Henry Newman

Thursday, 12th Oct: Bl. Carlo Acutis

The Precepts of the Church — Part III

This week, we shall take a look at the second and third precepts of the Church in more detail.

2. You shall confess your sins in individual reconciliation at least once a year

This means that we are obliged, under pain of mortal sin, to go to reconciliation within the year.

“Within the year.” That is, the time between your reconciliations must never be longer than a year, or, at least not longer than the period between the beginning of one Easter season and the end of the next. All persons who have attained the age of reason are bound to comply with this precept, and parents should remind their children of it.

The command to confess and be reconciled once a year is the bare minimum. We should go to reconciliation frequently if we truly wish to lead a good life.

Some seem to think that they need not go to reconciliation if they have not committed any sins since their last reconciliation. However, two graces are given in penance, as you already know: one, to take away the sins confessed; and the other, to strengthen us against temptation and enable us to keep our good resolutions. Now, as we are always tempted, we should go frequently to reconciliation to receive the grace to resist temptation.

Fr Christopher Walshe writes in *The Untapped Power of the Sacrament of Penance*: “The humble acknowledgement of moral unworthiness before the throne of God’s infinite goodness is the normative starting point not only for the sacrament of Penance [reconciliation] (‘Bless me, Father, for I have sinned...’) but also for the rite of Baptism (the rejection of ‘Satan and all his works’) and for the celebration of the Eucharist (‘Before we celebrate these sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins...’).”

The saints used to go to reconciliation very frequently, some of them every day. They used to go when tempted, to obtain the grace to resist and to expose their temptations to their confessor and ask his advice. Again the Holy Scriptures tell us that the just man falls seven times; and the “just man” in Holy Scripture means a very good man; that is, one doing for God, his neighbour and himself what he ought to do. St Joseph is called in the Scriptures a “just man” and he was the foster-father of Our Lord. Now, if the good man falls seven times, he must rise after each fall; for if he did not get up after the first fall, he could not fall the second time.

This teaches us that we all commit some kind of sin, at least, and have always something to confess if we only examine our conscience closely. It teaches us also that when we have the misfortune to fall into sin, we should rise as quickly as possible.

Should children go to reconciliation? Yes, children should go to reconciliation from the time they reach the “age of reason”, usually taken to be at about seven or eight years of age. The “age of reason” refers to that age at which a child comes to know the difference between good and evil, which means they are capable of committing sin.

3. You shall humbly receive your Creator in Holy Communion at least during the Easter season

This precept is meant to guarantee the reception of the Eucharist at least in connection with the celebration of the Paschal feasts. Anyone who neglects to receive Holy Communion during the Easter season commits a mortal sin.

The Easter season is, in Australia, the time between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday, the Sunday after Pentecost, inclusive.

Trinity Sunday is the eighth Sunday after Easter. Therefore, the whole Easter season is from Ash Wednesday – that is, nearly six weeks before Easter – to Trinity Sunday, eight weeks after it, or nearly 14 weeks in all; and anyone who does not go to Holy Communion sometime during these 14 weeks commits mortal sin.

Fr Christopher Walshe, *The Untapped Power of the Sacrament of Penance*

Source: Catholic.net

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1st Reading – Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done?

I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 79(80):9,12-16,19-20

Res: The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field.

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted.

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

2nd Reading – Philippians 4:6-9

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

Gospel – Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.