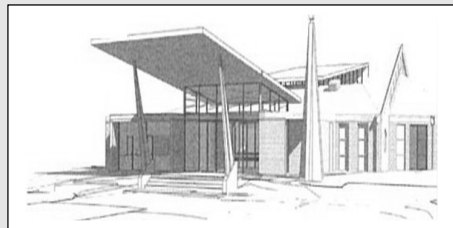


St Kevin's Parish

Hampton Park

28th Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year A
15th October 2023



PARISH CENTRE

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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

Parish Priest: Fr. Fabian Smith

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 01:00 pm**.

Please call 03 97992108

News From Fr. Fabian

It was a week to be grateful in our parish with the opening of the new school hall at St. Francis de Sales, Lynbrook by His Grace Archbishop Peter Comensoli. "To be the light of the world, as Jesus asks of us, and to be that light for others is a very beautiful thing", the Archbishop said in his homily. "How can your light shine for those around you?"

I would like to second the message from our youth and join in thanking the parishioners of St. Kevin's for their generous contributions towards Fr. Anil's farewell last weekend. Your thoughtfulness and support of our parish is a credit to our community.

Thank you to the anonymous donor of \$2440 towards the parish. Your contribution will be used towards the renovation of the adoration chapel in due course.

The work to create three separate vesting areas for the altar servers will commence on Monday and I will keep you informed of the progress.

All masses offered for remembrance/death anniversaries in November will be recorded in the new Book of Remembrance. The Book will be processed during the offertory and placed at the altar, for all weekend masses in November.



News from Deacon Graeme

Dear friends, I am letting you know that I will be away from our parish for the next 4 weeks. I will be taking some well-earned leave, given I haven't had any since June 2022. As an aside, I thought I'd let you know that I have been appointed as *Director of Catholic Identity* at Padua College, Mornington. This means that I am responsible for both the Liturgical life of the College, as well as the Religious Education curriculum from Year 7 – 12. Please remember me in your thoughts and prayers as I'll need them! It will be a challenge, but I believe I can make some changes in the faith direction of the school. I'll be back with you all on Wednesday 8 November. Take care and stay safe. Much love to you all, Deacon Graeme.

Thanksgiving Envelopes

The next sets 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.

ROSTERS for 21st and 22nd OCT '23

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

CHURCH CLEANERS

Team 4: Samoan choir

COUNTERS

Team 1: Anne, Michael, Lyn, Nadine, Tyronie and Josephine

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$ 2525.50

Unpledged: \$ 1326.10

Presbytery: \$ 2263.30

Thank you!

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

In Thanksgiving:

Edwina Fernandez
Rodney and Nimmie De Rozario
Tina Fritchley
Nathan D'Souza
Kiran and Keshav Family
Pereira Family

For those who are sick:

Mary Fernandez
Rita Giaquinta
Yves Lebrasse
Mignonne Yates

For those who have died recently:

Nikita Araujo Boavida
Rex Rodrigues

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Desmond Bearder
Maria Bastian
Nelson Magee
Philomena Paris
Clifford and Linda De Rozario
Pathrose Paily
Isabelle Lynch
Martin and Dorothy Braz
Schafer Family
Stanislav Schafer
Juntez Family
Jozica Kastelic
Fani & Josip Drnovsek

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:

Tuesday, 17th Oct: Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr

Wednesday, 18th Oct: Saint Luke, Evangelist - Feast

Thursday, 19th Oct: Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest

Saturday, 21st Oct: Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Proclaim

Over three days (16-18 November) join together with parishes from across the Archdiocese of Melbourne to be inspired, engaged and equipped to go out and proclaim the joy of the Gospel into our local communities. Hear inspiring local and international speakers, encounter Jesus through prayer, music and fellowship and participate in workshops to equip ourselves for mission! Register: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1131232> use the discount code: **parishmember** to access the special registration price for parishioners. Enquiries: (03) 9926 5761 or proclaim@cam.org.au

Fr. Anil's Farewell – Thank You

Thanks to all the parishioners who came to celebrate Fr Anil's time with us and to bid him farewell as he moved on to his next parish. Thank you to all who volunteered by cooking, helping to set up and serving food etc, especially to the parents of the youth and young families, the flower ministry team whose support in the kitchen was phenomenal. Thank you to RnB Events for organising the projector and sound, Lynelle Vaidyanathan and Karin Rughoo for the cakes, Plan It events for the wishing well, Jude Rodrigo for photographing the event and the parish youth who formed the band.

Finally, a huge thank you to parishioners for your generosity, we were able to collect \$3500 towards Fr Anil's gift. With grateful hearts, **The St. Kevin's Youth**



Marriage Anniversary Mass, St Patrick's Cathedral

Couples and families are invited to join us as we celebrate our annual Anniversary Mass. 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. Register by Sunday 15 October at [trybooking.com/CLKRB](https://www.trybooking.com/CLKRB). For all enquiries, please contact Proclaim on 9926 5721 or email proclaim@cam.org.au.

Catholic Mission Sunday 22nd October 2023

In the smallest villages around the world ... even there, you will find local missionaries who live to serve their communities. Missionaries who, led by the Holy Spirit, walk with those in most need. Missionaries like Sr Carolina. Next week Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where your gift can help continue a life-saving program to help address the health and well-being of this community. We hope you will take next week's opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.

The Precepts of the Church — Part IV

This week, we shall take a detailed look at the fifth precept of the Church.

5. You shall observe the prescribed days of fasting and abstinence

Fasting is a form of self-denial that is commended to us by the Church — based on the example Jesus gives us when he fasts for 40 days and then is tempted by the devil, whom he vanquishes on our behalf — as a means of penance, that we may mortify our passions and satisfy for our sins.

“Mortify our passions” — keep our bodies under control, do bodily penance. Remember it is our bodies that generally lead us into sin; so, if we punish the body by fasting and mortification, we atone for the sin, and thus God wipes out a part of the temporal punishment due to it.

The Catechism has this to say:

“1434 The interior penance of the Christian can be expressed in many and various ways. Scripture and the Fathers insist above all on three forms, fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, which express conversion in relation to oneself, to God, and to others. Alongside the radical purification brought about by Baptism or martyrdom they cite as means of obtaining forgiveness of sins: effort at reconciliation with one’s neighbour, tears of repentance, concern for the salvation of one’s neighbour, the intercession of the saints, and the practice of charity, ‘which covers a multitude of sins.’”

Days of **abstinence** are days on which we are forbidden to eat flesh meat but are allowed the usual amount of food.

The Church commands us to abstain, from flesh meat on **Ash Wednesday** and the **Fridays of Lent** and to abstain from flesh meat or do some other chosen penance on the other Fridays of the year in honour of the day on which Our Saviour died.

Fast days are days on which we are allowed just one full meal.

According to the traditional Catholic method of fasting, one may eat one full meal each day with meat included, plus two smaller meatless meals, both of which together do not equal the one full meal. No eating between meals is allowed, although drinking beverages such as coffee and tea are allowed and are not considered to break the fast. (Milk, juice, and soft drinks are also considered not to break the fast, although they are in fact foods and mitigate the effects of the fast and work contrary to its intent because they satisfy one’s hunger to some extent, since they have food value.)

They, therefore, who follow the above regulations obey the Catholic method of fasting. Today the prescribed days of fast for the whole Church are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday (these are also days of abstinence). However, the Church today says that the meaning of the law of fasting during Lent remains, although the extent of the obligation has been changed. In other words, Lent remains as a season of penance in the Church, but how it is to be observed is greatly up to the individual, though no one may think himself excused from all penance whatsoever, and those who are in the fasting age group should still practice the Church’s form of fasting, since fasting is a primary and very efficacious form of penance.

Those who, for sufficient reasons, are excused from the obligation of fasting, are not on that account freed from the law of abstinence, for all who have reached their 14th birthday are bound to abstain from flesh meat on days when it is forbidden — Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent.

The following persons are excused from fasting:

1. Those who are not yet 18 or who have begun their 60th year (from their 59th birthday onward);
2. Those whose infirmity, condition, or occupation renders it impossible or dangerous for them to fast.

If you think you should be excused from fasting or abstaining, state your reasons to your confessor and ask his advice. On a fast day, therefore, you have to look both to the quantity and the kind of food, while on a day of abstinence — as the Fridays in Lent other than Good Friday — you have to look only to the kind.

Sources: Catechism of the Catholic Church, Catholic.net

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1st Reading – Isaiah 25:6-10

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 22(23)

Res: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

Res

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

Res

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

Res

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

Res

2nd Reading – Philippians 4:12-14,19-20

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

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 22:1-14

Jesus began to speak to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town.

Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.