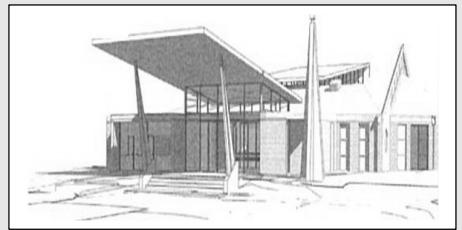


St Kevin's Parish

Hampton Park

29Th Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year A
22nd October 2023



PARISH CENTRE

120 Hallam Road,
Hampton Park, Vic. 3976
Tel: 9799 2108
Email: 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

Parish Priest: Fr. Fabian Smith

Deacon: Rev. Dr Graeme Pender

Parish Secretary: Mrs. Macrina Martin

School Principals

St. Kevin of Glendalough:

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

- The month of November is fast approaching. The church calls us to remember and pray for all deceased relatives, friends, and souls in purgatory. 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.
- The work to create three separate vesting areas for the altar servers has commenced and the storeroom now serves as the vesting area for girls who are under 18. The space accessible from the entrance of the foyer is for servers over 18 and the newly sub-divided Room of Mercy is in progress, when completed will be the vesting area for boys under 18.
- On behalf of the parish, I wish to thank the JCILM ministry for conducting the evening of prayer led by Br. Johnson Sequeira. We thank them for their contribution of \$545 through a collection for the parish. This money will go towards the renovation of the adoration chapel.
- The Parish Calendar is being organised for next year, anyone who wishes to bring to attention events that need to be in the calendar for 2024, kindly bring it to my attention via email HamptonPark@cam.org.au
- We are in the process of creating an online calendar for 2024 to book the following spaces for Parish use only, as required: Church, Foyer, Parish boardroom, Parish meeting room and Hall. All leaders from various groups will have viewing access to this calendar. An email must be sent to the Parish Office to book any of these spaces.

Christmas 2023 Mass Times Survey



Option 1: December 24th- 5pm, 7pm, 9pm, 11pm and 9am
December 25th – 9am

Option 2: December 24th- 7pm, 9pm, 11pm
December 25th- 8am and 10am

We at St. Kevin's Parish, Hampton Park would like to gather feedback from our parishioners regarding the timings of our Christmas masses this year. If you (or a family member) plan on attending a Christmas-eve or Christmas-day mass, then please fill out this survey and let us know which of the options being proposed below are preferable. Please scan the QR code to complete the survey.

Please note: Paper copies of this survey will be available in the church foyer too.

Catholic Mission Sunday 22nd October 2023

This week Catholic Mission will offer the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program – The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic. The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic is a vital project for the Salesian Sisters and the Church in Venilale. Since its establishment, the clinic has provided life-saving treatment for many in need, like Jose*, who became severely malnourished at 8 months old. But, with an increase in the demand for treatment, the Sisters resources can only carry them so far. Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/timor

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/timor, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

ROSTERS for 28th and 29th OCT '23
Readers & Extra-ordinary Ministers of
Holy Communion please see Notice
Board or Parish Website for Rosters.

CHURCH CLEANERS

Team 5: Tyrone, Tyronie, Emeli and
Pelenato

COUNTERS

Team 2: Roland, Rosalia, Gordon,
Savio, John and Jackie

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$2065.05

Unpledged: \$1798.45

Presbytery: \$2222.95

Thank you!

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

In Thanksgiving:

Pires Family
Shawn and Heather Matthews
Andrea Heldt
Teagan Yates
Perera family

For those who are sick:

For those who have died recently:

Nikita Araujo Boavida
Juan Acosta
Florita Briones
Rafael Bellesa

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Stella and Milton Collins
Marianne Strong
Dorothy Abeydeera
Tommy Lane
Dolly Lane
Carlyle Lane
Leslie MacDonald
Churchill Diaz
Shireen Diaz
Doris and Vernon Mannays
George Hunter
Lorenz Marc Jimenez
Franco Mossi
Berty Perera
Allen Perera
Daisy Ranada
Diosdado Pansoy
Milton MacFarlane
John Peter Perera
Ruban Sisil
Rita Perera
Geethani Perera
Jessica Jeremiah
Valerian Henry Pinto

Feast Days for the Week:

Monday, 23rd Oct: Saint John of Capistrano, Priest

Tuesday, 24th Oct: Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Saturday, 28th Oct: Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles - Feast

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

Flower Ministry update

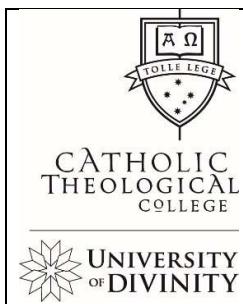
The flower ministry of St. Kevin's comprises of a group of dedicated volunteers who seek to glorify God and serve their community through the use of their time and talents to create beautiful flower arrangements for the Church.

The members of the Flower Ministry are willing and able to organise flower arrangements for the celebrations of weddings and anniversaries. Patricia, the leader of the flower Ministry can be contacted through the Parish office.

For more information about the Flower Ministry, please follow this link [Wedding Flowers At St Kevin's – St Kevin's Catholic Parish, Hampton Park \(stkevins.org.au\)](https://stkevins.org.au/wedding-flowers-at-st-kevins-st-kevins-catholic-parish-hampton-park)

School Fete

St Francis de Sales Primary School, - 122 Paterson Drive, Lynbrook will be holding their annual Twilight Market on Thursday, 9th November from 5pm - 8 pm. There will be a variety of stalls including plants, crafts, raffles, bric-a-brac and food trucks. All welcome.



Catholic Theological College

Online Information Session for 2024

Monday 30 October

at 7.30pm (AEDT)

Register via our website:

ctc.edu.au/information-session

For more information contact:

Dr Maureen Saclot

ctc.edu.au/contact/contact-the-registrar/

News from St. Kevin's Youth

Leftover dishes: A big thank you to everyone who made food for Fr. Anil's farewell on Sunday 8th October. Whoever is missing a dish from the event, please contact Sheldon on 0430 051 919 to arrange collection.

Laudate Deum

The Vatican released the new Apostolic Exhortation by Pope Francis, Laudate Deum, to all people of good will on the climate crisis, on 4 October 2023. It is a document intended to follow up on his 2015 encyclical, Laudato Si', On Care for Our Common Home.

It is worth remembering that an apostolic exhortation is a teaching document from the pope, which aims to exhort (encourage) a particular virtue or address social challenges. The title "Laudate Deum" translates to "Praise God," a powerful reminder of the importance of stewardship and the responsible use of power. We invite you to read [Laudato Deum](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/documents/papal-exhortations/laudato_si.html), and reflect on the Pope's teachings.

The Precepts of the Church — Part V

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

6. The faithful also have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to his abilities.

We are obliged to contribute to the support of our pastors, and to bear our share in the expenses of the Church and school and any charitable institution connected with the Church.

The Holy Land was divided among the tribes of Israel, who were the descendants of the 12 sons of Jacob. Now, one of these 12 tribes was made up entirely of priests and persons who served in the temple of God, called Levites. They received none of the land but were to be supported by the other 11 tribes. All the people were obliged by the law to give what they called first fruits and tithes — that is, a 10th of their income in goods or money — each year to the temple for its support and the support of those who served it.

In the New Law no definite amount is assigned, but each Christian is left free to give what he can to God's Church according to his generosity.

But if God left you free, should you therefore be stingy with him? Remember, all that we have comes from God. For every alms you give for God's sake he can send you a hundred blessings; and what you refuse to give to his Church or poor he can take from you in a thousand ways, by sending misfortunes.

We read in the Bible (Genesis 4) that Adam's sons, Cain and Abel, both offered sacrifice to God. Abel's sacrifice was pleasing, but Cain's was not. Why? Because, as we are told, Cain did not offer to God the best he had, but likely the worst; or at least, he offered his sacrifice with a bad disposition. Then, when he saw that his brother's sacrifice was pleasing to God, being filled with jealousy, he killed him; and in punishment God marked him and condemned him to be a wanderer on the face of the earth. We are told he was always afraid of being killed by everyone he saw. See, then, what comes of being unwilling to be generous with God.

What we give him he does not need, but by giving, we worship and thank him. Do not people in the world often give presents to those who have done them a favour, that they may thus show their gratitude? Now, God is always doing us favours, and why should we not show our gratitude to him by giving generously in his honour?

When we give to the orphans, the poor and so on, we give to him; for he says: "Whatsoever you give to these little ones you give to me." Again, when Our Lord tells what will happen on the Day of Judgement (Matthew 25:31ff), he says, the Judge will divide all the people of the world into two bodies; the good he will place on his right hand and the wicked on his left. Then he will praise the good for what they did and welcome them to Heaven; but to the wicked he will say, "Depart from me, because when I was hungry you gave me not to eat; when I was thirsty you gave me not to drink; you clothed me not" etc. And then the wicked shall ask, "When did we see you in want and not relieve you? He will tell them that he considered the poor just the same as himself; and as they did nothing for his poor, they did nothing for him. Perhaps a family has trouble making ends meet. What does the Church teach regarding using a portion of our tithe for the Catholic education of our children?

Section 222 of the Code of Canon Law describes our obligation to support the Church as follows:

"The Christian faithful are obliged to assist with the needs of the Church so that the Church has what is necessary for divine worship, for apostolic works and works of charity and for the decent sustenance of ministers. They are also obliged to promote social justice and, mindful of the precept of the Lord, to assist the poor from their own resources." The Church also teaches that parents are the primary educators of their children and providing them with a proper formation certainly falls within the activities described in section 222.

Remembering that the primary reason we tithe is to increase our love for God and neighbour, we should strive to have our sacrifices be used for the good of others. When, due to a lack of resources, a family is faced with not being able to provide an authentic Catholic formation for their children, certainly it would be permissible to use a portion of the tithe for that purpose.

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1st Reading – Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: 'It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.' The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 95(96):1,3-5,7-10

Res: Give the Lord glory and honour.

O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples.

Res: Give the Lord glory and honour.

The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens,

Res: Give the Lord glory and honour.

Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power; give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts.

Res: Give the Lord glory and honour.

Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness.

Res: Give the Lord glory and honour.

2nd Reading – 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel – Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.