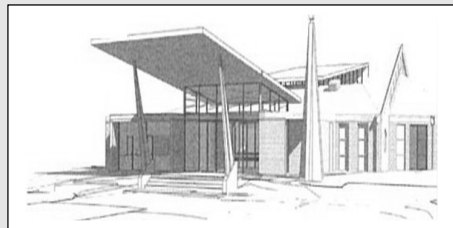


St Kevin's Parish

Hampton Park

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year A
29th October 2023



PARISH CENTRE

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<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

- Thank you to the Sisters from the Alliance of Holy family International for conducting the children's Catechism classes on all the Sundays in October. May God continue to do His good work through you.
- **All Souls Day is on Thursday 2nd November. Please note that there will be an additional mass at 7pm on Thursday.**
- 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.
- Please note that a change has been made to the Baptism schedule. The Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated on the first and third Sunday of the month from December 2023.
- The work to create three separate vesting areas for the altar servers will be completed by the weekend. The storeroom space, the space accessible from the entrance of the foyer and the newly sub-divided Room of Mercy. The Altar Serves Committee will work out who will use each space.
- 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.
- We have received a cheque (No. 140) intended for Catholic Mission that was addressed to Sr. Carolina. Could the parishioner who wrote the cheque please contact the Parish Office.

Christmas 2023 Mass Times Survey



Option 1: December 24th – 5pm, 7pm, 9pm, 11pm
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. The survey closes at 5pm on Monday 30th October. Kindly respond before the cut off time.

Please note: All Christmas masses will begin with 30 minutes of carols, except the 11pm which will begin with 1 hour of carols with mass at Midnight.

ROSTERS for 4th and 5th Nov.2023

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

CHURCH CLEANERS

Team 1: Russel, Antonio, Eileen, Prasad

COUNTERS

Team 3: Sumith, Samantha, Ransiri, Michael, Gilbert, Sharon

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$2966.75

Unpledged: \$1557.60

Presbytery: \$2188.45

Thank you!

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

In Thanksgiving:

Francis De Souza
Noelia Ortiz and family
Augustus Family
Tristan and Stephanie Yates
Brian D'Souza and Family
George and Margie Taylor

For those who are sick:

Zach Martin

For those who have died recently:

Nikita Araujo Boavida
Joy Chiramel
Irene Almeida
Edis Urbina

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Trevor Fernandez
Maria and Victor De Souza
Eldon Rozario
Evelyn and Sebastian Valdero
Florrie Fernandes
Lionel and Josephine Chatlier
Colin McCallum
Charles and Iris Dennis
Vijay Murugan
Moses Family
Martinz Family
Dubier Family
Ricky D'Souza
Betty Duncan
Stephen Ward
Joe Rodrigues

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, 1st Nov.: All Saints Day

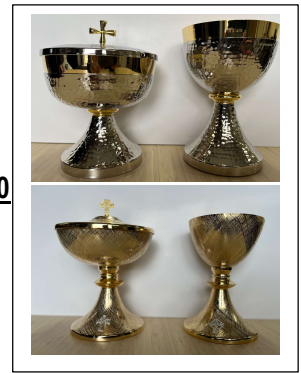
Thursday, 2nd Nov.: All Souls Day

Friday, 3rd Nov.: Saint Martin de Porres

Saturday, 4th Nov.: Saint Charles Borromeo

Thank you, Parents, for your generous contribution \$1784.60

We would like to thank the families of all the children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation in the parish on Saturday 2nd September for your generous contribution that assisted the parish towards the purchase of new Ciboria and Chalices for the Altar.



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.

Father's Day Appeal Collection

Thank you for your generous contribution of **\$324.60** (this money was in a collection bag that had not been counted earlier) which is in addition to **\$640.50** collected previously, towards the Priests Retirement Foundation's Father's Day Appeal. Your contribution goes to the care of retired and sick priests in the Archdiocese.



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All Saints, All Souls and Purgatory

All Saints Day, November 1

This feast day was instituted to honour all the saints, known and unknown, and, according to Pope Urban IV (1261-64), to supply any deficiencies in the faithful's celebration of saints' feasts during the year. In the early days Christians were accustomed to solemnise the anniversary of a martyr's death for Christ at the place of martyrdom. In the fourth century, neighbouring dioceses began to interchange feasts, to transfer relics, to divide them, and to join in a common feast; as is shown by the invitation of St Basil of Caesarea (397 AD) to the bishops of the province of Pontus.

In the persecution of Diocletian (d. 305) the number of martyrs became so great that a separate day could not be assigned to each. But the Church, feeling that every martyr should be venerated, appointed a common day for all. The first trace of this we find in Antioch on the Sunday after Pentecost. We also find mention of a common day in a sermon of St Ephrem the Syrian (373), and in a homily of St John Chrysostom (407).

As early as 411 there is in the Chaldean Calendar a *Commemoratio Confessorum* on the Friday after Easter.

In the West Pope Boniface IV on 13 May, 609 or 610, consecrated the Pantheon in Rome to the Blessed Virgin and all the martyrs, ordering an anniversary. Pope Gregory III (731-741) consecrated a chapel in the Basilica of St Peter to all the saints and fixed the anniversary for 1 November. Pope Gregory IV (827-844) extended the celebration on 1 November to the entire Church. The vigil seems to have been held as early as the feast itself.

All Souls' Day, November 2

The theological basis for this feast is the doctrine that the souls which, on departing from the body, are not perfectly cleansed from venial sins, or have not fully atoned for past transgressions, are debarred from the Beatific Vision, and that the faithful on earth can help them by prayers, alms deeds and by having Masses said for them.

Purgatory

The *Catechism* speaks of Purgatory as follows:

1030 All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.

1031 The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned. The tradition of the Church, by reference to certain texts of Scripture, speaks of a cleansing fire (1 Corinthians 3: 15, 1 Peter 1:7): "As for certain lesser faults, we must believe that, before the Final Judgment, there is a purifying fire. He who is truth says that whoever utters blasphemy against the Holy Spirit will be pardoned neither in this age nor in the age to come. From this we understand that certain offenses can be forgiven in this age, but certain others in the age to come (Matthew 12:31)," wrote Pope Gregory the Great.

1032 This teaching is also based on the practice of prayer for the dead, already mentioned in Sacred Scripture: "Therefore Judas Maccabeus made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin" (2 Maccabees 12:46)

From the beginning the Church has honoured the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead. As St John Chrysostom wrote:

"Let us help and commemorate them. If Job's sons were purified by their father's sacrifice, why would we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation? Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them."

Communion of saints

It can be seen that the practice of prayers and alms for the dead, meaning the souls in Purgatory, is a natural consequence of the doctrine of the communion of saints. The communion of saints is the spiritual solidarity which binds together the faithful on earth, the souls in Purgatory, and the saints in Heaven in the organic unity of the same mystical body under Christ its head, and in a constant interchange of supernatural offices. The participants in that solidarity are called saints by reason of their destination and of their partaking of the fruits of the Redemption (1 Corinthians 1:2). The damned thus do not belong to the communion of saints. The living, even if they do not belong to the body of the true Church, share in it according to the measure of their union with Christ and with the soul of the Church.

The solidarity itself implies a variety of inter-relationships: within the Church Militant, not only the participation in the same faith, sacraments, and government, but also a mutual exchange of examples, prayers, merits, and satisfactions; between the Church on earth on the one hand, and Purgatory and Heaven on the other, suffrages, invocation, intercession, veneration.

The first outline of the communion of saints is found in the "kingdom of God" of the Gospels (Matthew 13:31), which embraces in the bonds of charity (Matthew 22:39) all the children of God (Matthew 19:28; Luke 20:36) on earth and in heaven (Matthew 6:20). One cannot read the parables of the kingdom (Matthew 13) without perceiving its corporate nature and the continuity which links the kingdom in our midst to the kingdom to come.

The nature of that communion, called by St John a fellowship with one another (1 John 1:3) because it is a fellowship with the Father, and with his Son, and compared by him to the organic and vital union of the vine and its branches (John 15), stands out in bold relief in the Pauline conception of the mystical body.

Repeatedly St Paul speaks of the one body whose head is Christ (Colossians 1:18), whose energising principle is charity (Ephesians 4:16), whose members are the saints, not only of this world, but also of the world to come (Ephesians 1:20; Hebrews 12:22). In that communion there is no loss of individuality, yet such an interdependence that the saints are "members one of another" (Romans 12:5), not only sharing the same blessings (1 Corinthians 12:13) and exchanging good offices (1 Corinthians 12:25) and prayers (Ephesians 6:18), but also partaking of the same corporate life, for "the whole body ... by every joint ... upbuilds itself in love" (Ephesians 4:16).

Source: Catholic Encyclopedia

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Prayer before reading the Word of God

Father, anoint me with your Holy Spirit, so that as I read your eternal word, your word may penetrate my whole being and transform me. Grant me the blessing to be a faithful disciple in believing the Word of God and that I may be a light shining upon all who are in darkness. Amen

1st Reading – Exodus 22:20-26

The Lord said to Moses, ‘Tell the sons of Israel this:

“You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

“If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

“If you take another’s cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity.”

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 17(18):2-4,47,51 *I love you, Lord, my strength.*

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise,
when I call I am saved from my foes.
I love you, Lord, my strength.

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me,
He has given great victories to his king.
and shown his love for his anointed.
I love you, Lord, my strength.

2nd Reading - 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel – Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, ‘Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?’ Jesus said, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.’

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