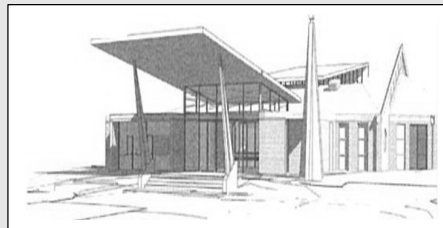


St Kevin's Parish

Hampton Park

Solemnity of Christ the King – Year A

26th November 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 third 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 and the child's birth certificate** for our records, as we cannot accept originals.

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 for your prayers and good wishes. I had a wonderful two-week holiday and have returned energised and ready for Advent and the Christmas season.
- *In the dioceses of Australia, standing is the most common posture to receive Holy Communion, though individual members of the faithful may choose to receive Holy Communion while kneeling* (GIRM 160). Many of our parishioners have requested for kneelers for the reception of Holy Communion. The Parish Priest of Mary Help of Christians Parish, Fr Michael Kalka, has kindly given us three kneelers. We thank Aidan De La Motte for refurbishing them. The kneelers will be permanently placed in front of the altar for those who wish to kneel while receiving Holy Communion.
- Since the governance of schools has shifted from the Parish Priest to MACS, our keying system needs to reflect the change. The Church and Parish office are in the process of getting a new keying system. The costs of the new system will be shared by the Parish and St. Kevin's School. Once the change is complete, parishioners requiring keys to the Church will need to contact the Parish office to return their old keys and receive the new keys.
- Parents of Altar Servers, please complete the new enrolment forms and return them to the office as soon as possible. For Christmas masses, there will be a total of fourteen altar servers at each mass. Please contact the office with your preference for the Christmas roster.

Special Purpose Account

As there were no masses held during Covid, there were a significant number of requests by parishioners to make direct debit and credit card payments.

In March 2020 a Special Purpose account was created by the Parish. This was to collect the direct debit and credit card deposits.

The funds collected in this account are transferred to the Church account every week. The parish accountant has analysed this account and has indicated that the collection to this account is approximately \$3,000 per week. This amount will be added to the weekly collections that are reported in the new bulletin.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne has recently implemented a new accounting system. As a result, we are now hoping to consolidate the Special Purpose account and would appreciate it if parishioners who deposit direct debits and credit card payments to the Special Purpose account change their arrangements to deposit funds to the Church account. This will help the Parish office when providing yearly receipts to donors.

The Church account details are as follows: -

BSB 083 347 Account Number 643962991

Account Name St Kevin's Parish Church Account

Thank You

Finance Committee – St Kevin's Parish

St. Kevin's Christmas Schedule

The Advent Program and Christmas schedule has been placed in the Church foyer. Please take a copy home.

Catholic Deaf Collection

This Sunday 26th November, there will be a third collection in aid of the John Pierce Centre which cares for the needs of the hearing impaired in Melbourne.

ROSTERS for 26th and 27th Nov.2023

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

CHURCH CLEANERS

Team 5: Tyrone, Tyronie, Emeli, Pelenato

COUNTERS

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

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$5819.80

Unpledged: \$1867.55

Presbytery: \$2742.05

Thank you!

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

In Thanksgiving:

Jude Ambrose
Rita Vincent
Rosario and Family
Bernise Peters
Grace Pena

For those who are sick:

Baptist Abeydeera
Odessa Ward
Yves Lebrasse

For those who have died recently:

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those whose names are in the Book of Remembrance, we pray.

Prayer of St. Gertrude for souls in purgatory

Eternal Father, I offer You the most precious blood of thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, for those in my own home, and in my family.
Amen

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:

Thursday, 30th Nov.: Saint Andrew, Apostle

Food Donations for Carols by Candlelight:

The Social Group is looking for donations of Chicken Biryani. If you can help with this or would like to make a cash contribution please contact one of the following members or put your name and contact information on the sheets in the foyer and we will contact you.
Linda - 046 932 0445 Anita - 040 250 5676

St Vincent De Paul Society Christmas Appeal

The members of the St Vincent De Paul society have been remarkably busy during the current year. With the increase in the cost of living we have a significant increase in requests for help. The help provided is close to \$52,000 this year up to end of October. This includes food vouchers, rent assistance, and help with utility bills and other assistance.

In the year 2022, for Christmas assistance we helped approximately 150 families with toys and food hampers. We were able to carry out this with the generous help of the St Kevin's Parish community and the two primary schools - St Kevin's and St Francis De Sales.

This year we have a considerable number of families that require help during Christmas. Therefore, once again we request your generous support by taking a tag from the Christmas tree in the foyer of the church and donate a toy for a needy child.

We plan to make packages and deliver by 18 December 2023. Therefore, we will appreciate it if the toys are received by Sunday 10 December 2023.

Thank You,

St Vincent De Paul Society – Hampton Park

Children's Christmas Party - 3pm - 5pm on 10th December @ St. Kevin's Hall

Let's make this Christmas season one to remember for our little ones (Babies – Year 12). Parents/carers must accompany their children. We can't wait to share the magic of the season with your family. For further information, please contact Florence D'Costa on 0433851662.

Encounter Evening

Sunday, 26 November 2023

4.30pm - 7.30pm

Catholic Leadership Centre

576 Victoria Pde, East Melbourne Vic 3002

This unforgettable evening is tailor-made for high school students (16 - 18 years), offering a unique opportunity to encounter Jesus with prayer, fellowship, food, and, of course, a whole lot of fun. Invite a friend along to our Encounter Evening! It's an invitation to share the joy, the love, and the transformative power of faith. Let this Encounter Evening mark a significant step in your spiritual journey—a night filled with encountering Jesus that promises to leave a lasting impression on your heart.

Note: Parents/guardians will be required to 'sign in' and 'sign out' their children.

Register [via Trybooking](https://stkevins.org.au/business-advertising-sponsorship-opportunity-at-carols-by-candlelight-2023/) by Thursday 16 November

Carols by Candlelight – Sponsorship Opportunity

We are excited to announce a wonderful advertising opportunity for local businesses to showcase their products & services at our popular annual Carols by Candlelight event this year! Click/Scan here for more information...

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Feast Day November 24—Christ the King

The feast of Jesus Christ the Universal King was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 and is observed on the last Sunday of the Roman Catholic Liturgical Year.

It causes us to meditate on the Second and Final Coming of Christ, the last Judgment, and the end of the world. On the final Sunday in the Roman Catholic liturgical year, it is time to remember things that we would prefer to forget. For starters, we recall that there is an infinite qualitative difference between us and God. He is immortal and infinite. We are not. Each one of us will come to our individual end. But so will our society, our world, even our universe. Another thing to call to mind on this day is that while the Son of God came the first time in a way both lowly and hidden, he will come one day in a way both public and glorious. Yes, he is the Lamb of God. But He is also the Lion of Judah. He takes away the sin of those who let him. But he is also will bring things hidden in darkness into the light, call a spade a spade, and insist all bear the consequences of their choices.

That is what any judge does. And he will come in glory, says the Creed, to judge the living and the dead. But what will the Last

Judgment be like? By what criteria will we be judged? Only one passage in the Gospels provides a sneak preview of that day of reckoning—Matthew 25:31-46. First of all, note that most of Jesus' parables have a jarring punch line. He's always upsetting the preconceived notions of just about everyone, especially the most religious of the bunch, whether they be Pharisees or disciples.

Clearly, all of us expect that the Judge will condemn evil and impose sentence on the guilty. And we tend to think of evil doing

as stepping over the line and infringing on the rights of others, taking their possessions, maybe even taking their lives. The

language of the Our Father lends itself to this interpretation of sin when it says "forgive us our trespasses." The problem with this

understanding of sin is that it is incomplete, even shallow. Lots of people think that as long as they don't lie, cheat, and steal, but just keep to themselves and mind their own business, they deserve big rewards from God.

The story of the Last Judgment addresses these "decent folks." Imagine their shock as they swagger smugly up to the judge's bench expecting praise only to be sent off to eternal punishment! Why? Because they neglected to do the good love required of them to do. They did not "commit" offenses or infractions of the law; they did nothing positively destructive. They just, in the presence of suffering, heartlessly did absolutely nothing. Their sin was not a sin of "commission" but a sin of "omission." But note—these sins of omission ultimately seal the fate of the damned.

There are lots of negative commandments often expressed as "thou shalt not's." But the two most important commandments are positive "thou shalt's". "You shall love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, soul, and strength and you shall love thy neighbor as

yourself". These commandments require an interior disposition that issues in outward actions. If you are hungry, you love yourself

enough to go to the fridge or drive to McDonald's. If you truly love your hungry neighbor as yourself, you don't just say a prayer and offer sympathy (James 2:15-17).

Loving God with all your heart doesn't mean giving a respectful nod to God and then going on your merry way. It means going out of your

way, passionately seeking to love him and serve him in all that you do. In this Last Judgement scene we saw how these two commandments, these two loves, are really one. Jesus makes clear that loving God with your whole heart is expressed in loving your neighbor as yourself. And whenever you love your neighbor in this way, you are actually loving the Son of God. So ultimately, the judgement is simple. It all comes down to love. The judge happens to be the King of hearts. ***Last Judgement and Sins of Omission by Marcellino D'Ambrosio, PhD***

Solemnity of Christ the King – Year A

1st Reading – Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

Responsorial Psalm – 22(23):1-3a,5-6

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

2nd Reading - 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessing on him, who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!

Gospel –Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left.

'Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me."

'Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." 'And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'