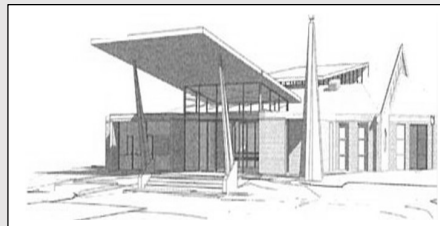


St Kevin's Parish

Hampton Park

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

14th January 2024



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 generous contributions towards the Special Needs Account. Since the Parish has continued to receive requests for financial support from parishioners who need urgent assistance to meet the costs of education and living expenses, if you would like to contribute towards the needs of fellow parishioners,

The bank account details are:

Account name: St Kevin's Special Needs Account

BSB: 083 347

Account number: 897 567 262

Parishioners who are in need, please see Fr Fabian for assistance.

- **Consecration to St Joseph**

Now is the time to consecrate yourself to St. Joseph! God is telling his Church that, in order to defend marriage and the family, elevate morals, recover lost ground, and win souls for Jesus Christ, we need to bring St. Joseph onto the battlefield. He is the Terror of Demons! With his powerful spiritual fatherhood, incredible love for his spiritual children, and constant intercession, the Church can be renewed as a light to the nations, a beautiful city on a hill (see Mt 5:14-16)!

"How is consecration to St. Joseph done?" you ask. To be honest, there are an endless number of ways. A simple prayer of entrustment is sufficient. However, if you truly want to understand the greatness of your spiritual father, it is best to follow a thorough program of preparation and consecration. Such a program should cover St. Joseph's person, privileges, titles, and virtues, especially his paternal love for God the Son and the rest of humanity. *Consecration to St. Joseph* by Fr Donald Calloway offers a comprehensive program of preparation and consecration to St. Joseph for individuals, families, parishes, and dioceses.

We would like to take up the 33-day Consecration as a Parish beginning in February 2024 and ending on 19th March 2024, the Feast of St. Joseph. Please fill in your names on the clipboard in the foyer if you are interested in participating.

- **Expression of interest for Lenten Program**

We would like to hear from parishioners and parish groups who are interested in participating in a Lenten program when the season of Lent commences on 14th February 2024. Please email the Parish Office HamptonPark@cam.org.au by 28th January to express your interest.

Religious Education

Parents are advised that enrolment for R.E. classes and sacraments for 2024 is opened from now to January 16th, 2024. Forms are available at the Parish office. A copy of the child's baptism certificate is required. The children returning for the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation are also required to re-enrol at the Parish office. The fee for all classes is \$50 to be paid at enrolment or re-enrolment.

ROSTERS for 13th & 14th January

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

CHURCH CLEANERS

Team 2: Vasanthi, Samangi, Jerome, Joelle

COUNTERS

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

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$5619.35

Unpledged: \$3486.20

Presbytery: \$1322.95

Thank you!

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

In Thanksgiving:

John Mathew and family
Brian and MaryAnn D'Souza
Veera and Sydney Britto
Curtis and Petula Machaya
Grace and Jon Pena
Rebner Baran and family
Zenith Noel-Baran
Arneaux Zakhariel Baran
Shayana Mannays
Jude Manuel
Ashley Coatts
Jerome and Nikita Pereira
Vincent and Rozeta Ambrose
Marilyn De Rozario

For those who are sick:

Yves Lebrasse
Rita Vincent
Queenie Cooper

For those who have died recently:

Gerty Fernandez
Shirley De Monte

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Frank Adie
Dorothy Simmons
Ann Dubier
Rodrigues and family
Decima Jansz
Bienvenido Noel Sr.
Dolores Noel
Orlando Lobo
Guillermo Baez
Felinda Romero
Maria Araujo Jeronimo
John and Gladys Rodricks
Marcus and Stella Pereira

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, 17th January: St Anthony of the Desert

Saturday, 20th January: St Fabian, St Sebastian

NEED TO DISPOSE OF A VEHICLE?

Disposal of a car from a deceased estate, or when a family member has had to relinquish their licence or go into residential care, can be a challenging process. Getting a roadworthy, taking photos to advertise on the internet, cleaning and polishing, taking calls (if they come), even finding a garage until a prospective buyer turns up (if indeed they do!). If you need to dispose of a vehicle from a deceased estate or which is no longer required, could you consider gifting it to the "Lifeboat Foundation", a registered charity with tax deductible status, which for ten years has been providing pastoral and practical support to nearly 150 victims / survivors across Australia of church-related sexual abuse. Many of these suffer Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), have limited or no employment, and a donated vehicle could vastly improve their quality of life and / or or generate funds to assist personal, medical and accommodation needs.

If you would like to explore the possibility of gifting a potentially suitable vehicle to "Lifeboat", contact Fr. Kevin Dillon (frkdillon@outlook.com.au or 0421 777 360) or Adam Kaali (0411 486 605 or adam-kaali@hotmail.com).

**"So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."
Romans 10:17**

Divine Australia

HEALING MASSES & RETREAT

January 2024 Melbourne



Rev. Dr. Antony Parankimalil VC
Director, Divine Retreat Centre
Kigali, Rwanda

Programme Schedule

11 January, Thursday

6:30 PM - Healing Mass
Holy Family Church
100 Power Road, Doveton, VIC

12 January, Friday

7:00 PM - Healing Mass
Our Lady Help of Christians Church
496 Princes Highway, Narre Warren, VIC

13 January, Saturday

2:00 PM - Healing Mass
Divine Mercy Shrine
337 Greens Road, Keysborough, VIC

14 January, Sunday

6:30 PM - Healing Mass
Holy Family Church
100 Power Road, Doveton, VIC

15 January, Monday

7:00 PM - Healing Mass
St Peter Chanel Church
848 Ballarat Road, Deer Park, VIC

16 January, Tuesday

6:30 PM - Healing Mass
St Mary's Church
1/78 Hargraves Street, Castlemaine, VIC

17 January, Wednesday

6:30 PM - Healing Mass
St Mary MacKillop Church
152 Odessa Avenue, Keilor Downs, VIC

18 January, Thursday

6:30 PM - Healing Mass
St Alipius Church
84 Victoria Street, Ballarat East, VIC

19 January, Friday

7:00 PM - Healing Mass
St Kevin's Church
120 Hallam Road, Hampton Park

20 January, Saturday

12:30 PM to 4:30 PM
Half-Day Retreat, St Peter's Church
38 Guinane Avenue
Hoppers Crossing, VIC

21 January, Sunday

2:00 PM to 6:30 PM
Half-Day Retreat
St Catherine of Siena Church
28 College Street, Caroline Springs, VIC

22 January, Monday

7:00 PM - Healing Mass
St Agatha's Church
129 Sladen Street, Cranbourne, VIC

23 January, Tuesday

6:30 PM - Healing Mass
St Jude's Church
30 Warrandyte Road, Langwarrin, VIC

24 January, Wednesday

7:00 PM - Healing Mass
St. Mary's Church
160 Foster Street, Dandenong, VIC

25 January, Thursday

6:30 PM - Healing Mass
St Andrew's Catholic Church
76 Springs Road, Clayton South, VIC

26, 27 & 28, Friday to Sunday

3-Day Retreat
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Holy Family Church Hall
100 Power Road, Doveton, VIC

For further information, contact:

The Mass — The building and furnishings

Catholic churches come in a wide variety of shapes, sizes and architectural styles. They share some things in common, however. The two main parts always present no matter the style are the **sanctuary** and the **nave**.

The **sanctuary** is an area set apart for the altar, distinct from the rest of the church. The word *sanctuary* is, again, from the Latin verb *sancire*, “to fence off, circumscribe”, meaning that it is a place reserved for special use; and because the sanctuary is a place set apart for worship of God, the word has come to mean “a holy place”. It is where almost all the rites of the Mass take place.

The **nave** is the main body of the church, where the worshippers gather. This word comes from the Latin word for ship (*navis*). The early Christians liked to compare the Church to a ship. To them, the Church was St Peter’s boat, where Christ was present and could teach his people (see Luke 5:3). They often built their churches to resemble a ship.

The **altar** is the focal point of the church’s furnishings. An altar is different from an ordinary table. A table is for a meal or banquet, and the Mass is certainly a meal and a banquet, but the Mass is still more than that. It is also a *sacrifice*. An altar is a furnishing made specifically for sacrifice. The altar is the place where the sacrificial death and the Resurrection of Christ will be sacramentally renewed.

A chair stands near the altar and is often flanked by other chairs. The prominent chair is the presider’s chair, which belongs to the priest. It symbolises his place as the ‘head’ of Christ’s body, the Church, in the congregation gathered for worship.

A **crucifix** — that is, an image of Jesus on the cross — stands visibly near the altar. The crucifix may be a painting or a sculpture. Or it may be a processional cross that is carried in at the beginning of Mass. The crucifix reminds us of what is taking place on that altar, what is being done, as Jesus said, “in remembrance”. The Mass, like the Last Supper, makes present the one sacrifice of Christ on the cross.

Candles are placed on or near the altar. Since the emergence of electric lighting, these have a purely symbolic purpose: they symbolise Jesus Christ, the “light of the world” (John 8:12). A large candle, called the **Paschal Candle**, usually stands near the altar. It is lit for Masses in the Easter season and for Masses of Christian Burial. Candles used for the Mass are traditionally made (mostly) of beeswax, which is noted for its purity and clean burning. The ancients saw in beeswax a symbol of the pure flesh of Jesus Christ.

The **ambo**, or **pulpit**, is the lectern from which the Scriptures are proclaimed, and the homily preached.

Kneelers or cushions are usually provided at all seats in a Catholic church, as the Mass requires worshippers to kneel for certain prayers. Kneeling is a traditional posture for prayer in Western culture, as symbolically rich now as it was in biblical times (see, for example, Luke 22:41 and Acts 20:36).

On entering a church, we will often find some form of holy-water font (sometimes called a ‘stoup’). We dip our fingers in the water, and then draw it over our body as we make the Sign of the Cross. This action reminds us of our baptism and so renews our commitment to Jesus Christ. Holy water is blessed for this prayerful purpose by a priest.

The **sacristy**, or **vestry**, is a room, usually close to the altar, where the vessels, vestments and furnishings for Mass are kept. This is where the priest puts on his vestments. Sometimes there is a separate sacristy for people who serve in other liturgical ministries, such as altar servers or the choir.

The **tabernacle** is the repository where the church reserves whatever consecrated hosts are remaining from the Mass. These hosts will be distributed to people who are homebound or hospitalised. Since we believe that Jesus’ presence is abiding, we give due reverence to the tabernacle. We genuflect — that is, kneel on our right knee — each time we pass before the tabernacle. (If our health makes this difficult, we may bow or make some other gesture of reverence.) The tabernacle should be in a conspicuous place in the church, so that people may pray before it. It must also be securely locked, immovable, and made of non-transparent material, so that the sacrament cannot be stolen or desecrated.

The word *tabernacle* literally means ‘tent’, and it calls to mind the tent where God made himself present to the tribes of Israel in their wanderings. When the Gospel speaks of the Incarnation of Jesus, it says: “The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us” (John 1:14). The phrase may literally be rendered, he “pitched his tent” or “tabernacled among us”. In the Mass, the Word becomes flesh for our sake, and he remains present tabernacled among us.

The sanctuary lamp is a special candle that burns perpetually near the tabernacle when the Blessed Sacrament is in reservation, to indicate the presence of Jesus.

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

1st Reading – 1 Samuel 3:3-10,19

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord, where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.' Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

Responsorial Psalm 39(40):2,4,7-10

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.

He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.

You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I.

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.

My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart.

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.

My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord.

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

2nd Reading - 1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20

The body is not meant for fornication: it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; do you think I can take parts of Christ's body and join them to the body of a prostitute? Never! But anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah:

Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

Alleluia!

Gospel – John 1:35-42

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.