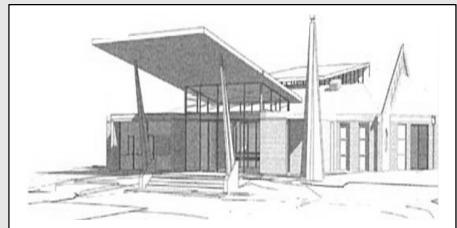


St Kevin's Parish

Hampton Park

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

21st January 2024



PARISH CENTRE

120 Hallam Road,
Hampton Park, Vic. 3976
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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 Wednesday at 01:00 pm.**

Please call 03 97992108

News from Fr Fabian

• 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 as booklets need to be purchased. The Parish intends to use the PIETA Lenten Program from the Catholic Archdiocese of Wollongong.

• Key Update- 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 will be informed through this bulletin and those requiring keys to the Church will need to contact the Parish office to return their old keys and receive the new keys.

• 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)!

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. Whilst the Consecration will be prayed individually every day, we will come together as a community on the Tuesdays in Lent at 7pm in the church. The first gathering of our community to commence the Consecration will be on **Ash Wednesday 14th February** after the mass and novena in the church. Please fill in your names on the clipboard in the foyer if you are interested in participating, so that books can be purchased.

Change in cut-off time for Mass Intentions

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday 26th January for the public holiday. The cut off time for mass intentions for the coming week is 1.00pm on Wednesday 24th January.

ROSTERS for 27th & 28th January
Readers & Extra-ordinary Ministers of
Holy Communion please see Notice
Board or Parish Website for Rosters.

CHURCH CLEANERS

Team 3: Jeneview, Khuram, Maria,
Michael

COUNTERS

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

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$5460.50

Unpledged: \$2302.25

Presbytery: \$2279.95

Thank you!

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

In Thanksgiving:

John Mathew and family
Timothy DeSouza
Anna and Wayne Paris
Serena Leo
Marlon and Crissandra Ansell
Dexter and Cindy Dubier
Olivia and Mark D'Souza
Anne and Anslie Collins
Tina and Richard Fritchley
Annemarie and Ricardo Taylor

For those who are sick:

Yves Lebrasse
Rita Vincent
Queenie Cooper

For those who have died recently:

Merlyn C. Rodwell
Gerty Fernandez
Nene Sanico
Maureen McGavin
Magdalene Pascual

**For those whose anniversaries occur
at this time:**

Vincent D'Rozario
Noel Burnett
Canute Candido Duarte
Vernon Francis
Malcolm Francis
Imelda and Leslie Borthwick
Mary Brace and family
Louis Christina Menezes
Joseph Crasto
Philomena, Kenneth and Everard Paris
Maud Ena Michael
Gilbert Eugene Mannays
Dorothy Abeyadeera
Deceased members of Abeyadeera and
Neydorff families
William Allen
Elizabeth Allen
Hannah Allen
Phoebe Allen
Ellen Green

Feast Days for the Week:

Wednesday, 24th January: St Francis de Sales

Thursday, 25th January: The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle

Saturday, 27th January: St Timothy and St. Titus, St Angela Merici

Religious Education

Parents are advised that enrolment for R.E. classes and sacraments for 2024 is opened and needs to be completed **as soon as possible**. 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.

Parish fundraising dance

St Kevin's Social Group will be hosting a Valentine's Day dance on Saturday 10th February to raise funds for the repair of the church roof. Please contact Warren Peters 042 247 093 Anita Fernandez 0402 505 676, Philo Peters 0424 098 003 and Sita Faoa-Harris 0434 010 580 for tickets.



The Mass — The books

Several ritual books may be used in the Mass. The two basic books are the *lectionary* and the *sacramentary*. The contents of both books, taken together, comprise the *Roman Missal*.

The lectionary is the book that contains the Scripture readings for each day. At each Sunday Mass, there is an assigned first reading (usually from the Old Testament), a Responsorial (usually from the Psalms), a second reading (usually from the New Testament), and a reading from the Gospels. The readings unfold in a three-year cycle. A Catholic who attends Mass regularly will, over the course of three years, hear almost the entire Bible proclaimed. More on this presently.

The sacramentary is the volume of prayers used by the priest or bishop who presides at the Mass. It included the basic, standard prayers as well as variations for seasons, feast days, and other occasions. Along with the prayers, the sacramentary provides rubrics, or instructions for the priest's position, gestures, and even the volume of his voice. The word *rubric* comes from the Latin word for "red", which is the colour of type often used to set these instructions apart from the words of the prayers (which are usually printed in black).

Sometimes, the bishop, priest or deacon may read the Gospel passage from a separate liturgical book compiled for that purpose: a *Book of the Gospels*. The Roman Missal and the Book of the Gospels are official liturgical books. They are considered sacred items. Thus, they are often beautifully bound and decorated, and always to be treated with reverence. Those are the official books of the Church used at Mass. A parish may also make available smaller *pew missals*, which enable worshippers to follow the basic prayers and readings. These smaller publications often include the texts and music for popular hymns as well, though many parishes also distribute separate *hymnals* too. It has often been claimed by some of our separated brethren, Protestants and Evangelicals, for example, that the Mass is not biblical in its origins or in its content, and that, far than encouraging reading of the Bible, the Catholic Church has rather prevented Catholics from reading the Bible and diverted them from that duty by obstructing them with the Mass.

We, of course, as Catholics, know that none of these accusations is true, but it is useful for us to see just how the Mass strikes one who has been brought up to the Protestant view because it allows us to see the Mass from the outside, and with refreshed eyes, as it were; and the result can be that we become aware almost as if for the first time of how utterly biblical the Mass actually is.

Scott Hahn, an American convert from Protestantism and now a prominent Catholic Bible scholar, writes in *The Lamb's Supper: The Mass as Heaven on Earth*, of his first experiences of the Mass as a curious outsider.

Hahn had sat down at the back of a church in Milwaukee with his Bible at his side. Curiosity had driven him there, he wrote, though he was not sure it was a healthy curiosity. He writes:

As the Mass moved on, however, something hit me. My Bible wasn't just beside me. It was before me—in the words of the Mass. One line was from Isaiah, another from the Psalms, another from Paul. The experience was overwhelming. I wanted to stop everything and shout, 'Hey, can I explain what's happening from Scripture? This is great!' Still I maintained my observer status. I remained on the sidelines until I heard the priest pronounce the words of the Consecration: 'This is my body ... this is the cup of my blood.'

Then I felt all my doubt drain away. As I saw the priest raise that white host, I felt a prayer surge from my heart in a whisper: 'My Lord and my God. That's really you!'

I couldn't imagine a greater excitement than what those words had worked upon me. Yet the experience was intensified just a moment later, when I heard the congregation recite: 'Lamb of God ... Lamb of God ... Lamb of God', and the priest responded: 'This is the Lamb of God ... ' as he raised the host.

In less than a minute, the phrase 'Lamb of God' had rung out four times. From long years of studying the Bible, I immediately knew where I was. I was in the Book of Revelation, where Jesus is called the Lamb of God no less than 28 times in 22 chapters. I was at the marriage feast that John describes at the end of that very last book of the Bible. I was before the throne of heaven, where Jesus is hailed forever as the Lamb.

I would return to Mass the next day, and the next day, and the next. Each time I went back, I would 'discover' more of the Scriptures fulfilled before my eyes. Yet no book was as visible to me, in that dark chapel, as the Book of Revelation. The Apocalypse, which describes the worship of the angels and saints in heaven. As in that book, so in that chapel, I saw robed priests, an altar, a congregation chanting 'holy, holy, holy'. I saw the smoke of incense; I heard the invocation of angels and saints, I myself sang the alleluias, for I was drawn ever more into this worship. I hardly knew which way to turn—towards the action in the Apocalypse or the action at the altar. More and more they seemed to be the very same action.

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1st Reading – Jonah 3:1-5,10

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour, and God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 24(25):4-6,7b-9

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour.

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord.

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
He guides the humble in the right path,
He teaches his way to the poor.

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

2nd Reading - 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near:

believe the Good News!

Alleluia!

Gospel – Mark 1:14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.