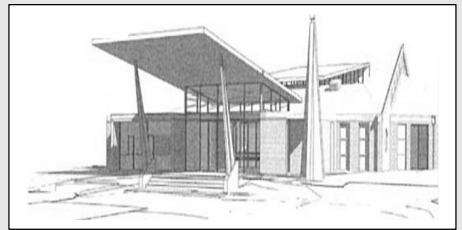


St Kevin's Parish

Hampton Park

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

11th February 2024



PARISH CENTRE

120 Hallam Road,
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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

Admin Assistant: Miss Nikita Ravi

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 evening.**

Please call 03 97992108, email the Parish Office or drop off the mass intention envelope in the postal slot in the Parish Office door.

News from Fr Fabian

- Please join me in praying for Rohan Prince and Matthews Noble who will be joining Corpus Christi seminary on 18th February together with six other seminarians from Melbourne to discern their vocation to priesthood. We thank God for calling them to serve in His Kingdom and we ask the Holy Spirit to guide them as they grow in perfect love for Christ and His Church.
- **Faith Formation for Liturgy Ministers**
The next two sessions of faith formation for readers and extraordinary ministers will be held on Saturday 24 February from 3-4pm and on Thursday 29 February from 7-8pm. We invite you to attend one session. We invite any parishioners wishing to serve in the Liturgy ministry to please attend at least one session.
- **What's On for Lent** -The Lenten Schedule for 2024 has been finalised and is available in the foyer. Please take a copy home.
- **New set of envelopes - 2024**
The next set of envelopes will be available for collection this weekend. Please collect your envelopes from the foyer. We thank Sumith and the team of parishioners who generously contributed their time towards getting the new sets of envelopes ready. Thank you to Tyrone Paul for making the new wooden boxes.
- **Consecration to St Joseph-Update**

Please pray for all those about to begin the 33-day Consecration on Wednesday **14th February 2024** at 7pm in the Church.

Caritas Boxes and envelopes

In anticipation of the season of Lent beginning this week, Caritas boxes and envelopes have been placed in the foyer. Please take one home.

Altar Server Training

The Altar Server Committee invites all current altar servers and those interested in enrolling in the ministry to attend a training session on Sunday 11th February from 3-4pm in the church. Please sign your children in and out in the church foyer.

Save the date - Altar Servers Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The Altar Server Annual General meeting will be held on Sunday 25th February from 12 to 1pm. Altar servers and their families are invited to attend. Parents of all children who have received First Communion and are interested in enrolling in the altar server ministry are also invited to attend the AGM.

St Kevin's Youth Lenten Program

We will be undertaking the Lenten program as a youth group again this year, every Friday after Stations of the Cross and Mass in the school hall. Youth aged 18-35 are welcome.

WHAT'S ON FOR LENT THIS WEEK

14th February

Ash Wednesday – 9.15am – School mass

6.00pm – Parish mass

7.00pm – Consecration to St Joseph talk

7.30pm – Parish mass

16th February

Friday - 6.00-7.00pm – Holy hour with confessions

7.00pm – Stations of the cross

7.30pm - Mass

ROSTERS for 10th & 11th February
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 6: Ashley, Linda, Gerald, Marilyn

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$5034.50

Unpledged: \$2011.00

Presbytery: \$2202.70

Thank you!

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

In Thanksgiving:

Ashley DeSouza

Francis Family

Troy and Anna Yates and Family

Elisha Scurville

Mishelle Scurville

Grenville Scurville

Anu and Joanna

For those who are sick:

David D'Cruz

Rita Vincent

Carmen Sepulvera

For those who have died recently:

Maria Calau Gomes

Nikita Araujo Boavida

George Burdette

Jorge Leiva

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Agustu Boavida

Arthur Ansell

John and Antoinette Crasto

Beryl Muire

Leonard Dealey

Alcina Albino DaSilva

Brenda and George Jackson

Pamela and Maxi Gonsalvez

Walter and Philomena Pereira

Mr & Mrs Claudia Fernandes

Maria Rozario

Kevin Green

Williamson and Gonsalves families

Percy D'Gama

Dean Moses

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, 14th February: Ash Wednesday

Saturday, 17th February: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order



Project Compassion Sunday

10 & 11 February

Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **for all future generations**.

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction.



Project Compassion 2024 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations**.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

Special Purpose Account

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.

LENT 2024 with The Catholic Guy, Bruce Downes

Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed!

For 40 days you will receive a short, practical, and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent>

Pope's Prayer intention for February

For the terminally ill – Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.

Changes to cut off time for mass intentions.

The Parish Office wishes to improve efficiency and work in a timely manner. In order to do that, bulletins will be printed on Thursday mornings. To facilitate this change, please note that the new cut off time for mass intentions is **Wednesday evening**. Mass intention envelopes may be placed in the postal slot in the Parish office door. For weekend masses, please do not hand over envelopes to the sacristans or priests as the envelopes might not be handed in to the office by the cut off time.

‘And with your spirit’

One of the commonest uncertainties people have had about the new translation of the Roman Missal has to do with the response of the people “And with your spirit” as a replacement for “And also with you”. One woman said to me: “It sounds as if our bodies no longer matter.”

Flawed premise?

Most of the controversy around the issue is premised on a notion that the old expression “And also with you” is a more formal equivalent of “Same to you”. As if, when the priest says “The Lord be with you”, the congregation were to respond, “Same to you, Father”.

But this is not really what is being said by the congregation or what is meant by the Latin response *Et cum spiritu tuo* (and with your spirit). The old translation is not only inaccurate, it is misleading because most people think they are just saying, “same to you, Father”.

So, what really is being said?

In effect, the expression *et cum spiritu tuo* (now accurately translated “and with your spirit”) is an acknowledgement by the congregation of the grace and presence of Christ, who is present and operative in the spirit or soul of the celebrant. Christ’s Spirit is present in the priest in a unique way in virtue of his ordination. Hence what the dialogue means is:

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: We do in fact acknowledge the grace, presence, and Spirit of Christ in your spirit.

This understanding of the dialogue was not uncommon among the Fathers of Church. For example, St John Chrysostom wrote:

If the Holy Spirit were not in our Bishop [referring to Bishop Flavian of Antioch] when he gave the peace to all shortly before ascending to his holy sanctuary, you would not have replied to him all together, “And with your spirit”. This is why you reply with this expression … reminding yourselves by this reply that he who is here does nothing of his own power, nor are the offered gifts the work of human nature, but is it the grace of the Spirit present and hovering over all things that prepared that mystic sacrifice. (Pentecost Homily)

The priest or bishop who celebrates Mass is configured to Christ by the Sacrament of Holy Orders. The Spirit of Christ is in him in a unique way unlike the way the Spirit is in any other non-ordained member of the congregation. The priest acts *in persona Christi*. That is, Christ personally ministers through him in such a way that we say that Christ is the true priest and celebrant of every Mass. The phrase “And with your spirit” is an acknowledgment and statement of faith in this fact. The congregation says in effect: “We acknowledge the Spirit, presence and grace of Christ in your spirit, Father.”

Louie Verrecchio at Catholicexchange.com writes as follows in his article, *No Mere Greeting*:

The response, “And with your spirit”, is not just important for what it says, it also happens to be timely for when we say it. We are acknowledging that Holy Mass and the parts therein are not really about Fr Joe personally. It is not his Mass; it is Christ’s Holy Mass.

The liturgy according to the Vatican II document Sacrosanctum Concilium is first and foremost an action of the one High Priest — Jesus Christ — to whom the priest standing before us is configured, and it is in recognising Christ who acts in a profound way through the sacred minister that we are moved to say, “And with your spirit”.

And so this exchange — The Lord be with you / And with your spirit — is not an act of clericalism; in fact, it is a tangible example of what St John the Baptist said of himself: the priest must decrease so that the Lord Jesus Christ, the true High Priest, may increase.

When we say “And with your spirit” in response to “The Lord be with you” we are affirming that we have just received, not a priestly “Good Morning” but rather a blessing imparted by the spirit of Christ at the hands of his ordained minister. And so we prepare our hearts and minds to see with the eyes of faith, imparted to us at Baptism, this very same spirit of Christ in action in the Sacrifice of the Mass as it is carried out in our midst, again, at the hands of his ordained minister.

This understanding of the Greeting and Response is confirmed by the fact that only a Bishop, priest or deacon may give the greeting “The Lord be with you” and hence receive the response, “And with your spirit”. For example, the General Instruction for the Celebration of Mass in the Absence of a Priest says:

The layperson is not to use words that are proper to a priest or deacon and is to omit rites that are too readily associated with the Mass, for example, greetings — especially “The Lord be with you” — and dismissals, since these might give the impression that the layperson is a sacred minister.

From *The Mass* by Cardinal Donald Wuerl and Mike Aquilina

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1st Reading – Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart: he must live outside the camp.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 31(32):1-2,5,11

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
whose sin is remitted.

O happy the man to whom the Lord
imputes no guilt,
in whose spirit is no guile.

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

But now I have acknowledged my sins;
my guilt I did not hide.

I said: 'I will confess
my offence to the Lord.'

And you, Lord, have forgiven
the guilt of my sin.

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!

O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart.

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

2nd Reading - 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

Gospel – Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.