

St Kevin's Parish

Hampton Park

2nd Sunday of Easter – Year B

7th April 2024



PARISH CENTRE

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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

- Thank you to every parishioner and ministry in the parish who has contributed towards a very meaningful Holy Week and Easter celebration in our parish. May God bless you abundantly for your generosity.
- During the season of Easter, let us remember those in our community who need our support and assistance. The Parish has set up a dedicated bank account into which contributions can be made towards those in need. 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.

Social Group fundraiser

We're excited to update you on our progress toward repairing the church roof. Our initial target was \$40,000, and thanks to the generosity of many within our community, we've already raised \$12,603 through various fundraising efforts!

To continue this momentum and reach our goal, we're reaching out to different communities within our congregation to get involved in our fundraising efforts. We're thrilled to announce that the Indian community will be leading the charge with a delicious fundraising event. This will be followed by fundraising efforts from other communities too. On the weekend of **April 13th and 14th**, the Indian community will be cooking up mouthwatering packed lunches for sale. We invite everyone to come and enjoy these delectable dishes while supporting our cause.

We're also seeking volunteers to contribute by cooking Indian food. If you're able to lend a hand, please sign up on the clipboards located in the foyer, which has details of the food we require.

Let's come together as a church family, embracing our diversity and unity in this important endeavour. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

**Join us for a Flavorful
Feast for a Cause!**



Indian Food on Sale

Mains

Chicken Biryani - \$15

Chicken Curry & Pea Pulav - \$12

Beef Mince & 2 Rotis - \$12

Lime Rice & Egg Vindaloo - \$12

Details

Date: Saturday 13 April 2024

Sunday 14 April 2024

Time: After all masses



The funds raised will be used towards the church roof repairs.

The Social Group

ROSTERS for 13th & 14th April.

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

CHURCH CLEANERS

Team 4: Samoan choir

COUNTERS

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

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$5699.70

Unpledged: \$5009.35

Presbytery: \$4626.55

Thank you!

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY**In Thanksgiving:**

Agnelo De Souza

Brian D'Souza and family

Lauren Fernandez

Yvonne and Brian Martin

For those who are sick:

Tresa Lopez

Lyanna Chun Voon

Elizabeth (Betty) Stephens

Mary

Danielle

Pam Giaquinta

Patrice Dumont

For those who have died recently:

Kris Clarke

Regis L'Arrogant

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Serge Lebrasse

Adrian Menezes and family

Marcus and Stella Pereira and family

Therese Lebon

Jacqueline Guillemain

Maurice Duyal

Antoine Lebon

Maxwell De Souza

Patrick Joseph D'Silva

Keith Fonceca

Charles Coates

Marilou Villanueva Bartlett

Rosebita Briton

Marie Valerie Roussety

Filomena, Ernesto, Rogelio

Filomena Claracay

Ernesto Montecillo

Rogelio Nunez

Mateo Pansoy

Zosima Pansoy

Diosdado Pansoy

Flordelina Pansoy

Renecito Pansoy

Jonathan Roy Pansoy

Eufrecino Pastorpili

Godelia Pastorpili

Antonio Pastorpili

Estarlita Pastorpili

Michael Pastorpili

Mana Gloria Pastorpili

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:

Monday, 8th April: The Annunciation of the Lord

Thursday, 11th April: St Stanislaus, Bishop, Martyr

Saturday, 13th April: St Martin I, Pope, Martyr

Thank you from the St Kevins Youth

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all who were involved in the organisation and running of the Good Friday Passion Play, and to all our parishioners who joined us in prayer and meditation on the Lord's Way of the Cross. Thank you to all the parents for bringing their children to participate, and for helping with food at one of the practices. Thank you to the Social Group for providing breakfast for those involved in the play, as well as the hot cross buns for all parishioners on Good Friday. Thank you to RnB Events for organising the sound, to Jude Rodrigo for the photography and to the parents and members of the Safeguarding Committee who assisted with safeguarding on the day. Thank you to Jason and St Kevin's Primary School for generously sharing their resources with us and allowing us use of the school for the play. A tremendous thank you to Fr Fabian for supporting the play, walking together with the cast for each of the Stations. May the Light of Easter fill your homes, and may you be blessed with the peace and joy of the Resurrection.

St Kevin's Senior Youth Group

The next youth group will be held on Friday 12th May at 7:30 pm in the school Hall.

Youth 18- 35 years welcome.

Support our Parish.

For contributions to support our Parish:

A/c Name: St Kevin's Parish Church Account

BSB 083 347, Account number: 643 962 991

For contributions to support our priests and the Archdiocese:

A/c Name: St Kevin's Catholic Presbytery Account

BSB 083 347 Account number: 643 962 334

ocial Group Event - Save the date

The Mass – The Psalms as scripture

If like me you had avoidance of the Scriptures drummed into you growing up, then here is another gem from Pope, now Emeritus, Benedict XVI.

The Pope issued *Verbum Domini* after the Synod of Bishops gathered to study the word of God in October of 2008.

To start with, Pope Benedict says: “There is no greater priority than this: to enable the people of our time once more to encounter God, the God who speaks to us and shares his love so that we might have life in abundance (cf John 10:10).”

The uniqueness of Catholicism is that it *is* God speaking to us. Catholicism is not a make-it-up-as-you-go-along religion. So, “being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a definitive direction”. That person is Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Word of God. He is the Lord.

This is where the Scriptures come in. Their words are a privileged place for us to meet the Divine Word because “through all the words of Sacred Scripture, God speaks only one single word, his one utterance, in whom he expresses himself completely (cf Hebrews 1:1-3)”.

In fact: “St Augustine had already made the point clearly: ‘Remember that one alone is the discourse of God which unfolds in all Sacred Scripture, and one alone is the word which resounds on the lips of all the holy writers.’” With the Scriptures, we can get into a kind of dialogue with God that is much deeper than a chat over the back fence.

Now watch this next step: because God is so different from us, his words are more pregnant with meaning than anything that we can utter. The Holy Father explains, using the Psalms as an example:

The word of God draws each of us into a conversation with the Lord: the God who speaks teaches us how to speak to him. Here we naturally think of the Book of Psalms, where God gives us words to speak to him, to place our lives before him, and thus to make life itself a path to God. In the Psalms we find expressed every possible human feeling set masterfully in the sight of God; joy and pain, distress and hope, fear, and trepidation: here all find expression. Along with the Psalms we think too of the many other passages of Sacred Scripture which express our turning to God in intercessory prayer (cf Exodus 33:12-16), in exultant songs of victory (cf Exodus 15) or in sorrow at the difficulties experienced in carrying out our mission (cf *Jeremiah* 20:7-18).

The Book of Psalms is really the best place for us to start learning to use Scripture.

But since we are *Catholics* using Scripture, another wrinkle must be kept in mind. Vatican II taught that God’s word is more involved than our words, so his revelation was never simply words on a page. The words witness to the living Word, Jesus Christ; or we can call it the “Gospel” as the council did.

The council fathers explained: “This Gospel had been promised in former times through the Prophets, and Christ himself had fulfilled it and promulgated it with his lips.”

But then they went on: “This commission was faithfully fulfilled by the Apostles who, by their oral preaching, by example, and by observances handed on what they had received from the lips of Christ, from living with him, and from what he did, or what they had learned through the prompting of the Holy Spirit.”

The council of course described this part of revelation, using the standard terms, as the *tradition* of the Church. Now here is the wrinkle: to get the accurate meaning of the Scriptures we have to read them *within* the tradition of the Church. Otherwise, we are just treating them like objects floating in outer space. We can make them mean anything. Now back to Benedict: So the Church, the Body of Christ, is the “home of the word”. Then Church worship and the proclamation of the Scriptures there is “the privileged setting in which God speaks to us in the midst of our lives; he speaks today to his people, who hear and respond”.

Furthermore, as we discover the Scriptures, they can become “a great code for cultures”, even for our materialistic and solipsistic culture. For Pope Benedict “code” means that “Sacred Scripture contains anthropological and philosophical values that have had a positive influence on humanity as a whole.”

But they have to be identified by those *in* the cultures. This all turns on the humanity in Christ being the perfect realisation of what humanity can be. It is out of that scriptural understanding that we can understand the poor, the sick, the young, and all the other forms of humanity. The Scriptures can speak to universities and in art, but most of all they can speak to our hearts.

Let’s read the Scriptures!

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1st Reading – Acts 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 117(118):2-4,15-18,22-24

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let the sons of Aaron say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let those who fear the Lord say:

‘His love has no end.’

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.

The Lord’s right hand has triumphed;

his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live

and recount his deeds.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,

but not doomed to die.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.

The stone which the builders rejected

has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,

a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;

we rejoice and are glad.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.

2nd Reading - 1 John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God’s children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not

difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

Gospel – John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, ‘Peace be with you’, and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, ‘Peace be with you.

‘As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.’

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

‘Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.’

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, ‘We have seen the Lord’, he answered, ‘Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.’ Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. ‘Peace be with you’ he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.’

Thomas replied, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him:

‘You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.’

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.