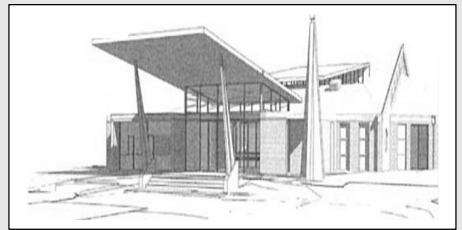


St Kevin's Parish

Hampton Park

3rd Sunday of Easter – Year B

14th April 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

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

- As the old saying goes 'Distance makes the heart grow fonder.' I am currently 8718 kms away from you and I will be back soon. You are all in my prayers as I spend these weeks away from the parish on a restful break. I will be spending one week in Velankanni on retreat and look forward to being back with you on 9th May.

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Update

The members of the PPC met on Thursday 4th April and these are some of the issues that were discussed:

- Special Needs Account – *The criteria for availing of the funds was queried and discussed.*
A committee has been formed to meet in May 2024. The PPC has been asked to submit ideas towards the eligibility criteria. The committee will finalise the eligibility criteria and the Special Needs Account Policy will be published in June 2024.
- Holy Week Feedback – *Feedback was positive and some PPC members provided suggestions for improvement.*
The Parish will work on a few things to be improved upon for next year.
- Suggestion box – *Queries were made about the suggestions received through the suggestion box.*
The suggestion box is regularly monitored, and issues are addressed as they come up.
- Roof update – The work on the roof has been progressing well. 90% of the repairs have been completed. Additional roof damage was discovered while the repairs were being done. We are awaiting estimates on the increased cost of repair.

Social Group fundraising update

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 \$16,186.31 through various fundraising efforts!

The following is a detailed update of the collections made by the Social Group towards the church roof repairs:

Name of Event	Profit made
Christmas Carols 2023 (Incl. Raffle)	2289.97
Sausage Sizzle	2108.00
Valentines Dance	8912.58
South Indian Breakfast	2875.76
Grand Total	16,186.31

A further update will be provided after our food sales this weekend. 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.

INFORMATION SESSION - PERMANENT DIACONATE

COME & SEE!

An Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on **4 May 2024 Saturday**, 10:00 -11.45 am at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), 278 Victorian Parade, East Melbourne.

For more information: <https://www.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate>

ROSTERS for 20th & 21st April.

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

CHURCH CLEANERS

Team 5: Tyrone, Tyronie, Emeli, Pelenato

COUNTERS

Team 4: Gerard, Kaye, Julz, Margaret, Ashley, Linda

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$5041.50

Unpledged: \$2257.35

Presbytery: \$1763.20

Thank you!

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY**In Thanksgiving:**

Avellino Jones
Patricia Fernandez
Dominic La'Forgue
Joan Marvin
Grace John
Lynelle Vaidyanathan
Jackie and Glen Blanche

For those who are sick:

Patrice Dumont
Pam Giaquinta
Mary
Danielle
Tresa Lopez
Lyanna Chun Voon
Elizabeth (Betty) Stephens

For those who have died recently:

Winifred Kleyn
Cynthia D'costa

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Vincent Mariadoss
Onofre de Leon
Teodosia Sab
Vincent Mariadoss
Charles Coates
Dorothy Mould
Eugene King
Anula Fonseka
Serge Lebrasse
Cyril Commarmond
Leslie D'cruz
Coral Rao
Ceferino Rico
Walter and Philomena and family
John and Gladys Rodricks and family
Baptist and Dorothy Abeydeera
Edward Dias
Gonsalves and Williamson family members
John La'Forgue
Kris Clarke
Gerty Fernandez
Imelda and Leslie Borthwick

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.

Pope Francis has called us to a Year of Prayer

This year marks the 50th Anniversary since Resurrection Parish Keysborough became a Parish of Worship and Service. For the past ten years Resurrection Parish have been working in partnership with St Anthony's Parish Noble Park. We are hosting a Lecture Series in honour of our Anniversaries. We are also honouring the Anniversary of the Vatican II Councils 60th Anniversary.

Our first lecture and retreat is next weekend, Saturday 20/04/24 at Resurrection Parish, 402 Corrigan Rd, Keysborough in the Little Chapel - beginning 11am-12.30pm - Prayer Retreat of the Spirit of Vatican II. BYO Lunch 12.30pm - 1.15pm - from 1.15pm - 3pm - Vatican II Lecture of the HOW and WHY of Vatican II. Father Max Vodola, historian and Parish Priest of Fitzroy, is very well versed in this wonderful topic which brought so much change to our Church. All are welcome - limited numbers - Please phone your booking by this Thursday (18/04/24) - 9701 5899 (Resurrection) or 7064 3999 (St Anthony's) or email: keysborough@resurrectionparish.org.au.

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

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 Event – Mother's Day brunch

Celebrate your mother or that special woman in your life with a seat at our Mother's Day Brunch Fundraiser 11th May 2024 11.30am - 2.30pm hosted by our St Kevin's Altar Servers and Social Group.

*Food*Guest Speakers*Entertainment*Fun*Fellowship.

All proceeds will go towards the church roof repair.

Tickets on sale for 2 weeks from 20/04/2024 after all masses and donations of all kinds are welcome.

Good Shepherd Sunday 2024

Next Sunday we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday – the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. During this coming week, perhaps you may like to make a prayer each day for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Perhaps there is a young person you may know to pray for by name this week.

God and Beer April

Topic: Divine and Human Fatherhood

Date: Monday 15th April

Speaker: Brendan Trifft

Time: 6.30pm dinner available for purchase, 7.30pm for the talk

Cost: Free (donations gratefully accepted)

Venue: Notting Hill Hotel ([Steakhouse Room](#)), 260-262 Ferntree Gully Rd, Notting Hill, VIC

Register: Godandbeer.com.au

The Mass – The Second Reading

At Mass on Sundays, as well as special memorials and feast days, the Church prescribes a **Second Scripture Reading** before the proclamation of the Gospel. This reading is usually chosen from the New Testament books that are not 'Gospels'—the letters of the Apostles, Acts, and the visionary Book of Revelation (also call the Apocalypse).

The form of these books is especially well suited for the Mass. Indeed, many of them were written precisely for that purpose: to be read at Mass. At the close of one letter, St Paul says: "I adjure you by the Lord that this letter be read to all the brothers" (1 Thessalonians 5:27). The Book of Revelations begins with the benediction: "Blessed is the one who reads aloud and blessed are those who listen to this prophetic message" (Revelation 1:3). So, still today, we read aloud and we listen. In the Second Reading we often catch glimpses of the problems and progress of the Church's first generation. They struggled to be faithful to the Gospel amid a sometimes hostile pagan culture. They knew the pain of estrangement from family members and friends who misunderstood them. They disagreed about practical matters, even related to the Church. They rejoiced at the conversion of friends who were sinners. They mourned when fellow Christians went backsliding into immorality. They loved the Mass, too, as we do.

We can see the centrality of the Mass to them from the following excerpts from St Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, chapters 10 and 11.

Warnings from Israel's History

I want you to know, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptised into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same supernatural food and all drank the same supernatural drink. For they drank from the supernatural Rock which followed them, and the Rock was Christ. Nevertheless with most of them God was not pleased; for they were overthrown in the wilderness. (10:1-5)

Therefore, my beloved, shun the worship of idols. I speak as to sensible men; judge for yourselves what I say. The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. Consider the practice of Israel; are not those who eat the sacrifices partners in the altar? What do I imply then? That food offered to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be partners with demons. You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of

demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. Shall we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than he? (10:14-22)

Abuses at the Lord's Supper

But in the following instructions I do not command you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. For, in the first place, when you assemble as a Church, I hear that there are divisions among you; and I partly believe it, for there must be factions among you in order that those who are genuine among you may be recognised. When you meet together, it is not the Lord's Supper that you eat. For in eating, each one goes ahead with his own meal, and one is hungry and another is drunk. What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the Church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I commend you in this? No, I will not. (11:17-22)

The Institution of the Lord's Supper

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (11:23-26)

Partaking of the Supper Unworthily

Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For any one who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves truly, we should not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are chastened so that we may not be condemned along with the world. So then, my brethren, when you come together to eat, wait for one another—if any one is hungry, let him eat at home—lest you come together to be condemned. (11:27-34)

Thus, we see that from the Second Reading, we come to know that our fellowship is not just with Christians in our parish, or in our time. It is *catholic*—that is, universal. It embraces all people of the world, at every period of the Church's history. We are still living in the Church described in the Apostles' letters. We want to be faithful, as that first generation was, even if we should undergo persecution.

We are dependent upon the witness of these ancestors in the faith. And, so, when the lector says after the Second Reading, "The Word of the Lord", we respond with grateful voices: "Thanks be to God".

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1st Reading – Acts 3:13-15,17-19

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.'

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 4:2,4,7,9

Lord, let your face shine on us.

When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me!

Lord, let your face shine on us.

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves;
the Lord hears me whenever I call him.

Lord, let your face shine on us.

'What can bring us happiness?' many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

Lord, let your face shine on us.

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Lord, let your face shine on us.

2nd Reading - 1 John 2:1-5

I am writing this, my children,
to stop you sinning;
but if anyone should sin,
we have our advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ, who is just;
he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,
and not only ours,
but the whole world's.

We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth.

But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
Alleluia!

Gospel – Luke 24:35-48

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they still could not believe it, and they stood there dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.