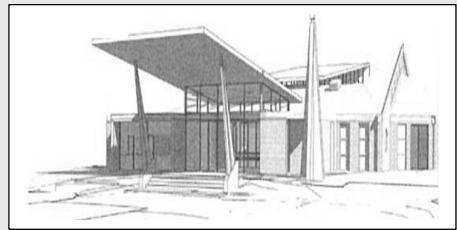


St Kevin's Parish

Hampton Park

5th Sunday of Easter – Year B

28th 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.

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.



ROSTERS for 4th & 5th May

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

CHURCH CLEANERS

Team 2: Vasanthi, Samangi, Eileen, Joelle, Antonio

COUNTERS

Team 1: Anne, Michael, Lyn, Tyronie, Nadine, Josephine, Gerald

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$5606.60

Unpledged: \$2599.10

Presbytery: \$1511.25

Thank you!

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY**In Thanksgiving:**

Avril Noyahr

Winston and Angeline D'Silva

Lontok-Alzona Family

Martha Pastorpile

Rahul and Laura Fernandez and family

Vanessa Moore

For those who are sick:

Patrice Dumont

Pam Giaquinta

Roel Bautista

Rita Vincent

Chomingo Chavez

For those who have died recently:

Antoinette Rochery

Mary Queenie Cooper

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Edward Cutinha

Mark Francis

Paskoela Boavida

Nikita Araujo Boavida

Maria Teresa Kalau

Maurice Dubier

Adrian Menezes and family

Marcus and Stella Pereira

Sancia D'Souza

Angela Coutinho

Benny and Idaline D'Souza

Olivia Godinho

Conrado Cabildo Sr.

Shirley Agustin

Monica Maguire

Carmen Wilson

Francisco Bernardes

Margaret Francis

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 this week

Monday, 29th April: St Catherine of Siena

Tuesday, 30th April: St Pius V

Wednesday, 1st May: St Joseph the Worker

Thursday, 2nd May: St Athanasius

Friday 3rd May: St Philip and St James

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

Next weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal (previously held during the month of August). As the Catholic Church's mission in action, CatholicCare Victoria delivers programs and services to support families, children, young people and individuals to help everyone reach their full potential. The services include counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. Donations from our parish community help CatholicCare Victoria support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community and empower everyone to live life to the full. Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families in our community. You can donate using the appeal envelope available in our parish, donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

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>

Pledge to Pray

The Vocations Office in Melbourne has partnered with some others in a project, 'Pledge to Pray' - an on-line platform for individuals to pledge prayers for vocations. It is based upon the idea of the 'Invisible Monastery'. You are invited to 'pledge a prayer' for vocations at www.pledgetopray.com.au this is a site dedicated to encouraging prayer for vocations in Australia.

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

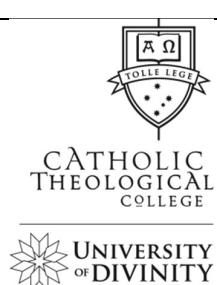
During the season of Easter, let us remember those in our community who need our support and assistance. The Parish has set up a dedicated bank account into which contributions can be made towards those in need. The bank account details are:

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.

**Catholic Theological College**

Sign up for one of 9 short, online sessions.

Engaging Your Faith: May 2024

Theology, Scripture, Meditation, Spirituality, Science & Faith.

Choose what interests you from \$25 per session.

For more information and to register:

ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/

The Mass – The Gospel

For the first two readings and the Psalm we have been seated, to signify our receptiveness to God's word. Now, however, we stand to recognise the arrival of the great King, Jesus, in the words of the Gospel.

The priest or deacon precedes his reading of the Gospel by repeating a portion of the introductory rites: "The Lord be with you", to which everyone now responds: "And with your spirit". It is as if we are beginning again, drawing still nearer to Christ, whom we acknowledge as present in his inspired Word. For, as the Church declares in its General Instruction of the Roman Missal: "When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his own word, proclaims the Gospel."

The word *gospel* means, literally, "good news" or "glad tidings". It is the word the Apostles used to describe their proclamation of Jesus' saving work. See Romans 1:1,1:15, for example:

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an Apostle, set apart for the Gospel of God: ... so I am eager to preach the Gospel to you also who are in Rome.

The Gospel readings at Mass are chosen from the first four books of the New Testament, the accounts of Jesus' earthly ministry. The priest announces the source of his selection as he says: "A reading from the holy Gospel according to St Matthew" (or Mark or Luke or John). The congregation responds by saying: "Glory to you, O Lord", and making a small Sign of the Cross over the forehead, the lips, and the breast.

The priest then prays quietly a prayer that illuminates our simple gesture. He prays that the Lord may be in his heart and on his lips, and make him worthy to proclaim the Gospel of the Lord.

The Sunday readings unfold over a three-year cycle of Gospel readings. The first year, Year A, uses the Gospel According to St Matthew, Year B follows St Mark's Gospel, and Year C follows St Luke's Gospel. St John's Gospel is used often in the Church's special seasons, and it also fills out Year B, since St Mark's Gospel is relatively brief.

Often on Sundays the Gospel echoes themes that have been introduced in the First Reading, and sometimes in the Responsorial Psalm as well. The Church's lectionary arranges passages to show how the content of the Bible is united. It is one story, with one principal author: God himself, who inspired the human authors. The characters, laws and events of the Old Testament foreshadow and find fulfillment in the life and grace of Jesus Christ.

The lectionary is a great blessing. It is a teacher, it is a treasure chest. It ensures that faithful Catholics hear the Bible in its fullness, and not just a few favourite portions chosen according to the interests or idiosyncrasies of one or another preacher. It places the Bible front and centre as the Church's book—and the Gospel front and centre as the heart of the Bible.

The lectionary presents all the readings together on the page. Some parishes, however, keep a separate Book of the Gospels, beautifully bound, sometimes encased in precious metals. This, too, is an outward sign of the Gospels' value in the Church. They are a holy book—the Holy Book. If all the Bible is a temple, then the Gospels are the Holy of Holies. Bound together, they are treated as a sacred object. The priest, in fact, shows his affection and reverence for the sacred page by kissing it, a very ancient custom.

Only a priest, bishop or deacon may read the Gospel at Mass. They receive this authority with the sacrament of Holy Orders. (During Holy Week, however, lay readers may assume certain roles in the reading of the long Passion narratives.)

By the way we treat the Gospel, we acknowledge that it is the high point of the Liturgy of the Word. In the way it is proclaimed—and sometimes in the way it is printed in the book—the Gospel is something set apart, and that is the very definition of holiness.

At the end of the reading, the priest reminds everyone that we have heard "The Gospel of the Lord". And the congregation responds, directly to Jesus, who is present: "Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ."

5th Sunday of Easter – Year B

1st Reading – Acts 9:26-31

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 21(22):26-28,30-32

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.

They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.

May their hearts live for ever and ever!

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him;

They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.

They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:

‘These things the Lord has done.’

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

2nd Reading - 1 John 3:18-24

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

Gospel – John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.