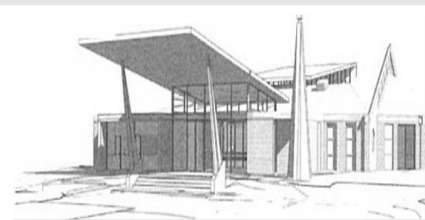


St Kevin's Parish

Hampton Park

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

7th July 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>

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

Faith Formation Sessions for our Children aged 5 – 17

Lovina Paul from Divine Kids, a Catholic organization based in Melbourne, dedicated to helping children engage with the Bible, will be running a 10-week programme beginning in Term 3 for **children aged 5-12**. These sessions aim to equip our children to grow spiritually by teaching them how to learn and apply the Word of God in their lives.

A new faith formation session will be starting for **children aged 13-17** in the parish. This will be 24 sessions in length and will run twice a month on the 1st Sunday and the 3rd Friday. I have brought together 10 youth to form a leadership team, 5 from the current senior youth and 5 youth in the parish over the age of 18.

If you are a parent of a child in this age range, please fill out the expression of interest linked in the QR code so that we can gauge numbers and which times work best. Thank you and God bless.



Please see our advertised flyer or our parish website for further information.

- I would like to meet with the Senior youth Group at your scheduled meeting at Friday 12th July at 7.30pm in the school hall. I would also like to address concerns and queries and make any necessary clarifications.
I would like to take the opportunity while meeting with you to get feedback from all the youth as I review the potential activities and responsibilities of the group and the current leadership.

• RCIA - Have you considered becoming Catholic?

Are you searching for a Church to call your own? Do you struggle with questions about life, death, suffering, hope, forgiveness, love, God? Sessions exploring these and other issues in relation to our Catholic faith are being held from the month of October. So please accept this as a personal invitation.

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a process through which non-baptised men and women enter the Catholic Church and any baptised Christian who desires to, enters into full communion with the Catholic Church. They undergo a process of conversion as they study the Gospel, profess faith in Jesus and the Catholic Church, and receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist.

For more information, please contact me on 9799 2108 or via the parish email: HamptonPark@cam.org.au

Altar Servers Training

The next training for altar servers will be held on Sunday 14th July from 3pm to 4.30pm. All current altar servers **must attend** this session.

All those who have received First Holy Communion are welcome to attend. All new altar servers are required to fill in enrolment forms which are available in the foyer. Please fill in a form and return it to the Parish Office prior to the training or bring the completed form to the training session.

ROSTERS for 13th & 14th July

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

CHURCH CLEANERS

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

COUNTERS

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

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$5632.95

Unpledged: \$1962.90

Presbytery: \$2554.60

Thank you!

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

In Thanksgiving:

Sarah Fritchley
Annamaria
Amelia and Arvin
Jerome, Nikita and Jermain Pereira
Vincent Ambrose
Sandra Wills
Otto and Bernadette Graham
Perera and Iraheta Family
Helen and Chandra Subramaniam
Rughoo Family

For those who are sick:

Mignonne Yates
Noela Lebrasse
Denis Gordon Jansen
Tyson Lecrec
Arneaux Zakhariel Baran

For those who died recently:

Fernando Leong Marques
Tilak De Silva
Angelo Dino Fernandez
Anne Shanmugam
Derrick Simmons
Steven Szabo

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

James Buslon
Victor Nuguid
Maria Carlota Marques
Sybil D'Silva
Francis Fernandes
Juan and Diosdado Libarios
Diosdado and Consorcio Mante
Jesus and Rosa Reyes
Francisco Do Carmo Bernades
Ralph Boustead
Nikita Araujo Boavida
Felizaberto Moniz Kalau
Clement and Barbara Passagne
Joseph and Hilda Rodricks
Essell and Daphne Brace
Chris Lawrence
Charles and Iris Dennis
Frederick and Sylvia Michael
Maxwell de Rozario
Charles and Iris Dennis

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

Tuesday, 9th July: St Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions

Thursday, 11th July: St Benedict

Friday, 12th July: Sts. Louis and Zelig Martin

Saturday, 13th July: St Henry

Support our Parish

There are two Eftpos machines in the foyer for donations to the Church and Presbytery. If you would like to make payments using the machines, they are labelled for ease of use.

If you would like to make direct payments to our bank accounts, the details are:

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

Dandenong Deanery Council

Listening to the voices that echo

The Year of prayer

DATE: Wed 17TH July 2024 VENUE: St John's Regional College, Graduate's Restaurant

New start time: 5.45pm for 6pm start. COST: \$48 3 course meal Wine & Beer.

RSVP: by Friday. 12th July at the latest

Paddy 0422 296 961 or email: Dandenongdeanery@live.com.au

Cash / Cheque or direct into bank only, as we do not have Card facilities.

St Kevin's Senior Youth Group Meeting

Senior youth group will be held this Friday 12th of July at 7:30pm in the school hall. All youth aged 18 to 35 are welcome.

WYD Anniversary Dance

The St. Kevin's Youth will be hosting a WYD Anniversary Dance on Saturday 3rd August. Half the funds raised will go towards the Holy Land Crisis through Aid to the Church in Need and half towards future youth events. Please contact Leanne on 0406 521 125 or Kimberley on 0410 082 662 for tickets.

Caritas

Thank you for your generous donations to Caritas through the Project Compassion appeal. For parishioners who requested receipts, please collect them from the Parish Office. (Tuesday to Friday – 9.15am to 1.15pm)

Safeguarding - Reminder

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

All parish volunteers are reminded that it is a requirement to comply with the Archdiocesan and parish policy. Please check the expiry date on your Working with Children's Check and renew when required. **If you have not already done so, kindly send a copy of your Working with Children Check to the Parish Office.** To find out more about Safeguarding at St Kevin's, check out the Safeguarding page on our website <https://stkevins.org.au/safeguarding-at-st-kevins/>

Pope's Prayer Intention for July

For the pastoral care of the sick

We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

The Mass – The Homily

Following the Gospel, we come to the homily. In the homily, a member of the clergy—a priest, deacon or bishop—explains a passage of Scripture and give practical applications.

The homily is a graced moment to share the faith. Christian friends may encourage us, correct us and cajole us in many circumstances. But the context of the Mass—the remembrance of Christ and his real presence—makes the homily a preeminent place for us to hear what we need to hear. In the homily, we learn and grow with help not only from the preacher, but from the Holy Spirit. It is the clear teaching of the Church that “the liturgical homily” holds “pride of place” among “all forms of Christian instruction” (see the Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 132).

The great, living, apostolic tradition is ours to pass on to a generation that longs to be part of something good, life-giving and meaningful. So, the Church shares the faith in the spirit of the first Christians, who gathered to receive the Apostles’ teaching in the context of “the breaking of the bread and prayers” (Acts 2:42). The Church does so in the spirit of Jesus, who addressed synagogue gatherings (see Luke 4:16-20) and, on the day of his Resurrection, with the disciples at Emmaus, “interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures” (Luke 24:27).

The Apostles followed this pattern wherever they went. Later in the Acts of the Apostles (20:11), we find St Paul preaching to the Church’s assembly throughout the night, “until daybreak”.

Homilies today tend not to run on so long, but they are no less an important part of the Mass. Since so much in our culture changes so rapidly, it is essential that the teaching of Christ be applied to circumstances of our day in a way that allows the believer to see the full implications of the profession of faith.

Catholic faith is not merely about abstract points of theology. Nor is it something we dust off and wear for an hour on Sundays. It is a commitment of our whole life, and the homily shows how the faith applies to life—at home, at work, at leisure. As St Justin Martyr put it in AD 155: “When the reader has finished, he who presides over those gathered admonishes and challenges them to imitate these beautiful things.”

By explaining the Scriptures, “the homily, as an integral part of the liturgy, increases the Word’s effectiveness” (So we read in the Church’s General Instruction of the Roman Missal).

How does the preacher do that? The ways are as many and as varied as the personalities and interests of the preacher. One preacher may have a mastery of a wide variety of styles and approaches. The Church’s preachers learn from Jesus, whose sermons proceed by use of stories, analogies, commands, even confrontation. So it remains today: a homily can take many different forms. There was a time when moralising dominated homilies. Today, the challenge the priest faces is to use the homily not only to encourage his flock in the practice of the faith, but also to share with them the faith itself, the very content—the life-giving reality—of God’s Word.

Today’s preacher may also draw from a wealth of resources. The three-year cycle the lectionary provides may be richly integrated with the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* to touch on every aspect of our faith in a way that roots it in Scripture and relates it to daily life. Pope Benedict XVI laid out a clear plan for such teaching in his letter *Sacramentum Caritatis*: “The catechetical ... aim of the homily should not be forgotten. During the course of the liturgical year it is appropriate to offer the faithful, prudently and on the basis of the three-year lectionary, ‘thematic’ homilies treating the great themes of the Christian faith, on the basis of what has been authoritatively proposed by the Magisterium in the four ‘pillars’ of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* ... , namely: the profession of faith, the celebration of the Christian mystery, life in Christ and Christian prayer.”

Still, the effect of the homily is not so much the work of the preacher as it is a work of the Spirit. So we may sometimes draw tremendous insights from a homily that was hastily prepared when Father was pressed for time because of all his parish duties, or when he was having a bad day. It is not about flash and dazzle. It is about our attentiveness to hear that “tiny whispering sound” (1 Kings 19:12) that is the word of God, speaking to our hearts, speaking through the ministry of others.

You may sometimes notice parishioners making the Sign of the Cross at the beginning or the end of the homily. This is a good, practical way of calling upon God’s help, to make the Word “actual”—to make the Word reside in our hearts.

At Emmaus, Jesus moved his gathering from the Word to the sacrament. After he opened up the Scriptures for the disciples, he made himself known to them “in the breaking of the bread”. As the Liturgy of the Word begins to draw to a close, the homily points in the direction of the rite we are about to celebrate: the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time– Year B

1st Reading – Ezekiel 2:2-5

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 122(123)

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

To you have I lifted up my eyes,
you who dwell in the heavens;
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves
on the hand of their lords.

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

Like the eyes of a servant
on the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes are on the Lord our God
till he show us his mercy.

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
We are filled with contempt.
Indeed all too full is our soul
with the scorn of the rich,
with the proud man's disdain.

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

2nd Reading – 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

Gospel – Mark 6:1-6

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.