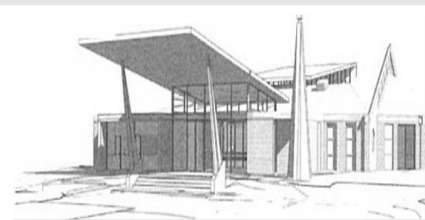


St Kevin's Parish

Hampton Park

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

21st July 2024



PARISH CENTRE

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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 **weekend 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

RCIC

The Parish is starting a new sacramental program commencing Tuesday, 13th August at 5pm for children aged 7+ who have not yet received the sacraments of baptism, reconciliation and first Eucharist. The children will have an opportunity to attend ten sessions run by Fr Fabian with the help of Nancy Oliveira and Marianne Noyahr. Please register for these classes via the QR code.



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 from 4-6pm and on the 3rd Friday from 6-8pm commencing **4th August at 4pm.**



Please scan the QR code to register.

• 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

St Vincent De Paul Society Winter Appeal

St Vincent De Paul Society will be holding the annual winter appeal during the weekend of 27/28 July 2024. As a result of the high cost of living there is a significant increase in the demand for SVP services. In the first six months of the year SVP has provided help to Approx. 380 families. The value of the help is approx. \$32,000.

There will be a third collection during the weekend masses and will appreciate your generous support to carry out helping the less fortunate.

Thank You

St Vincent De Paul – Hampton Park

Fr Fabian's Ordination Anniversary – 23 July 2024

Wishing you a blessed 19th ordination anniversary Fr Fabian. Thank you for your years of generous service to the people of God. May your love for God and your passion for serving others never fade.

ROSTERS for 27th & 28th July

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: \$5588.50

Unpledged: \$2057.40

Presbytery: \$2355.80

Thank you!

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

In Thanksgiving:

Darian George
Jazelle, Brandon and Patrick Chen
Roman MaGee
Edmund and Tangena Augustus and family
Clarissa Iraheta

For those who are sick:

Noela Lebrasse

For those who died recently:

Jude Mark Armosilla
Maggie Gomes
S. Michael Perera
Jose Lontok Jr.
Steven Tindley

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Connie Rodrigues
Joseph Rogers
Zita Rogers
Hyacinth Weston
Oscar Weston
Felizaberto Moniz Kalau
Nikita Araujo Boavida
Romeo Montemayor Yahut Sr
Angela Coutinho
Mary and Peter D'Souza
Restituto and Gregoria Espadera
Camilo Polinga
Victorino Gomez
Ophelia Rodrigues
David Martinz
John and Gladys Rodricks
Marcus and Stella Pereira
Maria Gloria Pastorpili
Gordon Misso
Vincentt Mariadoss

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, 22nd July: St Mary Magdalene

Tuesday, 23rd July: St Bridget

Wednesday, 24th July: St Sharbel Makhluf

Thursday, 25th July: St James

Friday, 26th July: Sts. Joachim & Anne

Support our Parish

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.

Stella Maris Sea Sunday Appeal 2024 – 11th August 2024

There will be a third collection for Sea Sunday on 11th August 2024, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be an Appeal for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. Funds collected will be used to provide practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously. To donate or for more information, visit: <https://stellamarisaustralia.org/>

Fundraising for the roof repairs

The estimate for the roof repairs is up to \$45,000, your generosity and amazing efforts have helped us raise \$27,760.15. We sincerely thank you all for your financial and active support thus far. As we continue towards our goal, we will have a 'Winter Warmer Food Sale' this weekend the 20th - 21st July.

Satisfy those taste buds with:

Saturday

Idlis (5 pcs with sambar and chutney) - \$10

Sunday

Sausage Sizzle \$3

Spiced Pumpkin Soup \$4

Bacon and egg rolls \$6

Dessert slices \$2



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.

WYD Anniversary Dance - Raffle Donations

The youth would appreciate donations for the dance to use as prizes for the raffle. If you can contribute, please get in contact with Leanne - 0406 521 125 or Nathan - 0431 754 652.

Corpus Christi Seminary Enquiry Day

The annual Enquiry Day at Corpus Christi College is on **Saturday 10 August**. It is an opportunity for men to visit the seminary, hear from the Archbishop, students, and staff.

Any young men (over 18) that might be interested are invited to RSVP by **Friday, 2 August** to the Vocations Office at vocations@cam.org.au

The Mass – The Profession of Faith I

After the first collection, the members of the congregation stand up and together proclaim their common faith.

The Nicene Creed is also called the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed, because the complete present form of the creed was defined by bishops at the Councils of Nicaea (AD 325) and Constantinople (AD 381). Catholics, Orthodox, and many Protestants accept the ancient Nicene creed. More than 300 bishops from all over the world gathered to write the creed, in response to Arianism, a philosophy that denied Jesus was fully God. The Nicene Creed ultimately explains the Church's teachings about the Trinity, but it also affirms historical realities of Jesus' life. Even though the creed does not directly quote Scripture, it is based on biblical concepts and truths.

I Believe in One God

Christians, like Jews and Muslims, believe that only one God exists. The creed states the assumption of the ancient *Shema*: Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord. The former English translation of the creed began with 'we' believe, while the Greek, Latin, and current English translation begin with 'I' believe. This is more accurate, because reciting the creed is ultimately an individual confession of belief, although the creed also expresses the collective beliefs of the Church; which is why it is recited in community at Mass.

The Father Almighty

Jesus frequently calls God 'Father' in the Scriptures, and this usage tells us that God is a loving God active within his creation. God the Father is the first person (Greek *hypostasis*, 'individual reality'), or distinction, within the Godhead. The Father is the 'origin' or 'source' of the Trinity. As such, God the Father is often called 'God Unbegotten' in early Christian thought.

Maker of Heaven and Earth, of All Things Visible and Invisible

Catholics believe that God created the visible world (created matter) and the invisible one (spiritual world of angels). Thus, God created everything. Some early sects, the Gnostics and Marcionites, believed that God the Father created the spirit world, but that an 'evil' god (called the *demiurge*) created the similarly evil material world. The creed dispels such a notion.

I Believe in One Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ is the Lord of all. The title Lord means that Jesus is master of all, and has connotations of deity, since the Hebrew word *adonai* and Greek word *kyrios* (both meaning Lord) were applied to Yahweh in the Old Testament. However, unlike earthly rulers, Jesus is a friend to the oppressed and a servant, as in the example he gave by washing the Apostles' feet at the Last Supper.

The Only Begotten Son of God

Jesus is in a unique relationship with God the Father. While Hebrew kings were sons of God symbolically (see Psalm 2), Jesus is the only Son of God by nature.

Born of the Father Before All Ages

Begotten has the meaning of born, generated, or produced. God the Son is born out of the essence of God the Father. Just as a child shares the same humanness as his or her parents, the Son shares the essential nature of God with the Father. Since God is eternal, the Son, being begotten of God, is also eternal. The Son is often called the 'Only-Begotten God' in early Christian literature, including in John 1:18 in many manuscripts.

God from God, Light from Light

God the Son exists in relation to God the Father. The Son is not the Father, but they both are God. Just as a torch is lit one to another, the Father and Son are distinct, but both light. Some Christians, called Sabellians or Modalists, said that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit were one God who changes roles. So when God creates, he is Father; while on earth, he is Son; and so forth. However, the Scriptures have all three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, interacting at the same time, as shown at Jesus' baptism. The language of Scripture also suggests that the Father and Son are somehow two as well as one. In John's Gospel, the Father and Son testify as two witnesses, not one (John 8:17-18). Related to this, St Athanasius, writing during the Nicene era, reportedly said that the Father and Son are one as 'the sight of two eyes is one'. Another illustration is the musical chord. Think of a C chord. The C, E, and G notes are all distinct notes, but joined together as one chord, the sound is richer and more dynamic than had the notes been played individually. The chords are all equally important in producing the full, dynamic, sound of the chord, but the sound is lacking and thin if any of the notes is left out.

True God from True God

God the Son is not a half-god or inferior to God the Father. God the Son is fully and utterly God, distinct from the Father, yet not divided from the Father. The ancient Arians believed that Jesus could be called 'god' but not true God. In other words, they believed the Logos (the 'Word', a popular title for Jesus in early Christian literature) was the first creation of God, necessary to mediate between the unknowable distant God (a concept borrowed from Platonic thought) and creation. Because God knew that the Logos would be perfect, the title god could be bestowed upon the Son 'by participation', but 'true God' was a title reserved only for the unknowable Father.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

1st Reading – Jeremiah 23:1-6

‘Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them.

Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

‘See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The-Lord-our-integrity.’

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 22(23)

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.

In the Lord’s own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

2nd Reading – Ephesians 2:13-18

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God: in his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, *peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand*. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Gospel – Mark 6:30-34

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, ‘You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while’; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.