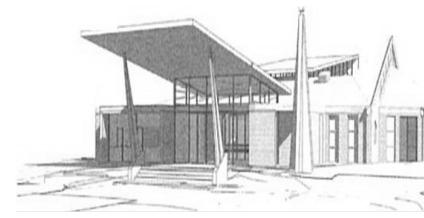


# St Kevin's Parish

Hampton Park

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

28<sup>th</sup> July 2024



## PARISH CENTRE

120 Hallam Road,  
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Tel: 9799 2108  
Email: [HamptonPark@cam.org.au](mailto: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](mailto: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, 13<sup>th</sup> 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 **4<sup>th</sup> August at 4pm**. This is the last call for registration.

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](mailto:HamptonPark@cam.org.au) This is the last call for registration.

## St Vincent De Paul Society Winter Appeal

St Vincent De Paul Society will be holding the annual winter appeal this weekend (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 approximately 380. 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 continue helping the less fortunate.

If you have any questions or concerns, there will be members present at the foyer to answer your questions.

Thank You

St Vincent De Paul – Hampton Park

## Cancellation of WYD Anniversary Dance

Due to time constraints with planning the SKY World Youth Day anniversary dance, the committee with consultation from Fr Fabian, have decided that this dance on the 3rd of August will not be going ahead.

**ROSTERS for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**

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: \$5125.00

Unpledged: \$1840.00

Presbytery: \$1935.05

*Thank you!*

**THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY****In Thanksgiving:**

D Ruttun

Luzviminda Cabildo

Tahlia Ansell

Adeline McFarlaine

Philip D'Souza

Randolf and Shirley Hayden

Grace and Jonjon Pena

**For those who are sick:****For those who died recently:**

Henry Robbins

Jean Fraser

Pauline D'Souza

**For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

Nikita Araujo Boavida

Felizaberto Moniz Kalau

Lilian Green

Joachim Saldanha

Miriam Hookens

Dominic Martis

Alex Nazareth

Augustin James Anthony

Godella Pastorpili

Jessica Jeremiah

Milena Jeronimo

Francisco Bernades

John Flynn

Noreen Frost

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, 29<sup>th</sup> July: Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus

Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> July: St Peter Chrysologus

Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> July: St Ignatius of Loyola

Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> August: St Alphonsus Mary Ligouri

Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August: St Peter Faber

Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August: St Dominic

**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 Parish priest and the priests of the Archdiocese:

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

BSB 083 347

Account number: 643 962 334

**Thank you!**

🙏 ❤️ Thank You for Your Support! ❤️ 🙏

We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the incredible support we received at our Winter Warmer Fundraising Food Sale this past weekend!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated food. Your generosity and culinary talents made this event a delicious success. We couldn't have done it without you!

To all who came and purchased food, thank you for being part of our community and contributing to the roof repair.

Together, we made this event a memorable one and raised \$2,164.02, which brings the amount we made towards the roof repairs to \$29,924.17

With gratitude,

The Social Group

**IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN****CAN WE SPARE A COUPLE OF HOURS FOR THE BETTERMENT OF OUR CHURCH AND ENRICHMENT OF OUR LIVES**

St. Kevin's Parish are looking for volunteers to assist in the interior and exterior cleaning of our beautiful church on Saturday 10/08/2024 from 07:00 am onwards and TIME IS FLEXIBLE. There will also be a VOLUNTEER LIST made available in the Church Foyer. Please put your name forward and highlight the tasks you would be keen in attending to inside or outside the church.

Please contact/txt: Brian on 0414363725; St. Kevin's Parish Office—9799 2108 and leave a message. Thank you in anticipation!

**First Friday Masses**

In addition to the 9.15am mass, there will be a 7pm mass on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August followed by adoration and devotion to the Sacred Heart.

**Feast of the Assumption**

In addition to the 9.15am mass, there will be a 7pm mass on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August for the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**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](mailto:vocations@cam.org.au)

## The Mass – The Profession of Faith II

### **Begotten, Not Made**

Some Christians today (Jehovah's Witnesses) and in the past (Arians) have suggested that Jesus was a creation of God. The creed tells us that just as when a woman gives birth she does not create a child out of nothing, being begotten of God, the Son is not created out of nothing. Since the Son's birth from the Father occurred before time was created, begotten refers to a permanent relationship as opposed to an event within time.

### **Consubstantial (Greek: *homo-ousia*) with the Father**

God the Father and God the Son are equally divine, united in substance and will. Father and Son share the same substance or essence of divinity. That is, the Father and Son both share the qualities and essential nature that make one in reality God. However, sharing the same substance does not mean they share identity of person. While certainly an inadequate example, think of three humans: they share a common nature, the essential qualities and essence of humanity, but are not the same person (although unlike the persons of the Trinity, humans do not share one will).

### **Through Him All Things Were Made**

The Bible tells us that through The Son, as Word of God, all things have been created. As Logos, the Son is the agent and artificer of creation.

### **For Us Men and for Our Salvation, He Came Down from Heaven**

Jesus came from heaven, from a numinous reality other than our own. While the creed says 'down', it is important to remember that our language is limited by time and spatiality. Heaven is not 'up', just as God is not a biologically male father. However, due to the limits of language, we are forced to describe heaven symbolically and spatially.

### **And by the Holy Spirit, Was Incarnate of the Virgin Mary**

God the Son became incarnate in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. He was born of a virgin through the Holy Spirit. God truly became human in Jesus Christ. Catholics believe that Jesus of Nazareth was and is a real human being, not simply a spirit or ghost. The incarnation of God in Christ is the ultimate act of love, because rather than sending an angel or good human to accomplish the redemption and restoration of creation, God himself became human. Some religious groups denied that Jesus was born of a virgin, such as the Jewish-influenced Ebionites. The virgin birth seems to be the first doctrine many modern day sceptics reject. Even today, many who say the creed weekly do not believe Mary was a virgin. However, the Catholic Church teaches that the virgin birth is dogma, i.e. an essential belief.

### **For Our Sake He Was Crucified Under Pontius Pilate; He Suffered Death, and Was Buried**

Jesus died on a cross, suffered as humans do, truly died, and was laid in a tomb. Despite what some critics may level against it, the Nicene Creed is more than just metaphysical speculation, and includes important historical confessions. Notice that in addition to being 'true God from true God', Jesus is fully human as well.

An early group of heretics, the Docetists, named from the Greek word *dokeo*, 'to seem', believed Jesus only seemed to be human, but was not, and simply went through the motions of being human. Thus, when Jesus ate, they said, he only pretended to eat. Docetism was a very early heresy, addressed by the Gospel and Letters of St John, as well as in St Ignatius' letters in AD 110.

### **And Rose Again On the Third Day in Accordance With the Scriptures**

Jesus was resurrected bodily as the Scriptures say. Just as Jesus truly died, he truly rose from the dead three days later. The bodily Resurrection is the keystone of Christian doctrine and experience. However, Jesus was not just physically resuscitated (as was Lazarus), but rather his body was transformed at the Resurrection. Rejection of the bodily Resurrection is a rejection of the foundation of Catholic Christianity. As St Paul writes, if Jesus was not raised from the dead, our faith is in vain (1 Corinthians 15:14). The word 'again' is used because Jesus' first 'rising' was his birth. To 'rise again' is to be alive again.

### **He Ascended Into Heaven and Is Seated at the Right Hand of the Father**

In ancient science, heaven was believed to be 'up' and literally situated above the sky dome (notice how on a starry night the sky looks like a dome that one could pierce through, if one could get that high, e.g. by building a large tower). So in the Scriptures, Jesus is said to 'ascend' to heaven. Whatever happened that day, Luke had to render the event into his own scientific paradigm, so he said Jesus 'went up' to heaven. Again, we are limited by our language and experience of spatiality. Jesus is at the right hand of the Father, i.e. sharing authority with the Father, and not literally sitting next to the Father.

### **He Will Come Again in Glory to Judge the Living and the Dead and His Kingdom Will Have No End**

Jesus is coming again to judge righteously the living and dead. His kingdom cannot be destroyed, despite all of humanity's efforts. The creed says Jesus is coming; it does not say when or how, nor does it say to speculate on the date of his return or make money doing so!

## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

### 1st Reading – 2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear.' 'Give it to the people to eat', Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over." ' He served them; they ate and had some left over, as the Lord had said.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 144(145):10-11,15-18

***The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.***

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing.

They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God.

***The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.***

The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time.

You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live.

***The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.***

The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds.

He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts.

***The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.***

### 2nd Reading – Ephesians 4:1-6

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called.

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

### Gospel – John 6:1-15

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.