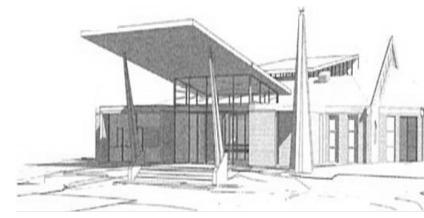


St Kevin's Parish

Hampton Park

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

4th August 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 **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

St Kevin's Youth Group meeting

I am inviting all the youth over 18 to a youth group meeting to discuss where we are as a youth group and how we can build on what we already have to strengthen the faith and friendship already forged. I am proposing that we meet on Friday 30th August at 7:30pm for an 8pm start to discuss the feedback I received from the youth and plans going forward as a group. I would appreciate it if you could use the QR code to fill in some details. Please be assured of my prayers.



Archbishop's Campaign

Creating a streamlined approach to fundraising in the Archdiocese

This year we are streamlining our approach to fundraising in parishes across the Archdiocese. The Archbishop's Campaign will begin next weekend. I know that times are tough at the moment, but I encourage you to think about what the future of a vital and vibrant faith community means for you and your family and consider making a personal gift to support the vital ministries that serve all in our Archdiocese. These are critically important to the future of the Church and our faith Community, and I invite you to contribute to creating that. From next week you will notice posters and campaign envelopes with tear-off pledge cards around the Church, a banner on our website and images supporting the campaign on our social media accounts. More information about this campaign is coming; in the meantime, I encourage you to prayerfully begin discerning your gift.

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.



Catholic Mission – Thank you!

Catholic Mission thanks the parish of St Kevin's for your support of this year's Propagation of the Faith Appeal. Your generosity has empowered Church workers across 1047 mission dioceses, allowing them to spread the message of hope and love within their local communities. Your contribution of \$2,095.45 has been most gratefully received.

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. Kevins Parish Office—9799 2108 and leave a message. Thank you in anticipation!

Altar Servers Training – 11th August at 3pm in the Church

ROSTERS for 10th & 11th AUGUST

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

CHURCH CLEANERS

Team 1: Sophia, Brian, Andre, Miriam, Veronique

COUNTERS

Team 5: Lorna, Mervyn, Anita, Howard, Jennifer, Cheryl, Owen

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$5002.75

Unpledged: \$2391.95

Presbytery: \$2335.90

Thank you!

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY**In Thanksgiving:**

Thalia Ansell
Dominic, Elizabeth and Micaela La'Forgue
Renee Walton
Amelia Vincent
Karena Karunakaran
Ansell Family
Clara D'Moss
Dennis and Shelly Aledo
Dominic Rozario

For those who are sick:

For those who died recently:
Michael Guerrea
Oliver Carlton Joseph White
Brian D'Silva
Flavian Weerasinghe
Myrna Ellis

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Victor Nuguid
John Andrew La'Forgue
Lancelot And Kathleen Janes
Jude Janes
Duke Janes
Jessica Jeremiah
Marcus and Stella Pereira
George Burdette
Ivan D'Silva
Late Mrs Coral Rao
Gerard Sheppard

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, 5th August: The Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major

Tuesday, 6th August: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Wednesday, 7th August: St Sixtus II & Companions, St Cajetan

Thursday, 8th August: St Mary of the Cross

Friday, 9th August: St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Saturday, 10th August: St Lawrence

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

KSC Archbishop's Dinner- August 30, 2024

The 24th Knights of the Southern Cross Archbishop's Dinner for the Priests Support and Education Fund will feature guest speaker Adjunct Professor Natasha Michael (Palliative Care Specialist) and will be a great opportunity to meet Archbishop Comensoli, while contributing to the education of Victoria's seminarians. To be held at Moonee Valley Racecourse on Friday August 30, anyone interested in attending, would like more information, or make a donation to the Fund to assist our seminarians should contact Andrew Vaccaro at avaccaro@internode.on.net, 9795 7851, or 0404 390 824 by August 8. For further details, refer to the advertisement on the Bulletin Boards.

Presentation on the Divine Mercy

Inviting all with a passion and love for the Divine Mercy, for a brief presentation & discussion that will take place after the 7 pm Holy Mass on the 15th of August 2024.

NVAW Week - 4 August

National Vocations Awareness Week – Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

✿ Treat your Dad/Grandad/Father figure to a Special Father's Day Brunch! ✿

Hey everyone! We're thrilled to invite you to our Father's Day Brunch on 31st August at 11:00 am at the St Kevin's Hall. This isn't just any brunch – it's a chance to celebrate the amazing dads in our community while supporting a great cause!

The Dad's will enjoy a delicious Buffet brunch & fun activities..

All proceeds from the brunch will go towards the repair of our church roof.

Event Details:

 Date: 31st August

 Time: 11:00 am

 Location: St Kevin's School Hall

 Ticket Price: Dad's \$20

How to Get Your Tickets:

 In Person: Tickets will also be available after all masses.

Or Contact: any member of the Social Group

We can't wait to see you there!

The Social Group

The Mass – The Profession of Faith III

I Believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life

The Holy Spirit is also called 'Lord'. The Holy Spirit sustains our lives as Christians, illuminating us after the new birth. The original Creed of Nicaea simply ended with 'We believe in the Holy Spirit'. The additions were approved at the Council of Constantinople in AD 381. However, most scholars believe that the text of the full creed dates to before this council, and that the bishops simply gave their approval to a local creed already in use. The reason these additions were made to the Nicene Creed is that some Christians of the fourth century denied the full divinity of the Holy Spirit. These heretics were called Macedonians (after a heretical bishop) or *pneumatomachi* (fighters against the Spirit).

Who Proceeds from the Father and the Son

The Son is said to be begotten, while the Spirit is said to proceed. Both words convey that the Son and Spirit are in special relationships to the Father, yet also fully divine. The phrase 'and the Son', in Latin *filioque*, was not in the original text of the creed, but was added in many Western Churches. The addition likely developed over time as a tool against Arians in the Gothic lands. There are theological and historical justifications for the addition or exclusion of the *filioque*. The Eastern Churches oppose the addition of the *filioque*, while many Western churches accept it. Actually, despite division on the matter, the issue has been pretty much theologically resolved. The Catholic Church acknowledges that the Father is the sole source within the Trinity, and admits that 'proceeds from the Father and the Son' means 'proceeds from the Father *through* the Son'. Catholics also acknowledge that the procession through the Son is not metaphysical, but economic (i.e. describing the Spirit's actions). Also, Eastern Catholics (those Eastern Churches in communion with Rome) do not say the *filioque*, and remain in full communion with the Catholic Church. The Eastern Orthodox Churches seem willing to allow the interpretation 'through the Son', because it does not destroy the monarchy of the Father within the Trinity. But the *filioque* remains a major division between Eastern and Western Christianity, mainly because the Western Church added the *filioque* to the creed without Eastern input. It is hoped that this issue will be resolved in the future, as the current environment is far less political than in the past.

Who With the Father and Son Is Adored and Glorified

Since the Holy Spirit is fully God, like the Father and the Son, He is worthy of the same worship and adoration.

Who Has Spoken Through the Prophets

The Spirit inspired the prophets of old, and inspires the Church today

I Believe in the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church

The creed requires belief in the Catholic (universal) Church, whose origins are ancient and historical, going back to the Apostles themselves. Thus, the Church was built upon the faith and witness of the Apostles. This witness survives through Apostolic Succession, wherein Apostles appointed leaders, who themselves appointed leaders, a process continuing to this day. This Apostolic line survives today primarily in the Catholic and Orthodox Churches. The Church is 'holy' on account of Christ's holiness and grace, and not because its members or leaders are perfect. In fact, at times throughout history, the Church has remained holy in spite of its members.

I Confess One Baptism for the Forgiveness of Sins

Catholics believe that sacramentally, through the waters of baptism, God forgives us our sins, and we are born again. This belief in baptism's saving power is ancient and universally acknowledged in the early Christian writings. If someone has been validly baptised in the name of the Trinity, then that baptism has definitely 'taken' and re-baptism is unnecessary.

And I Look forward the Resurrection of the Dead, and the Life of the World to Come. Amen.

Christians always hope for the end of this fractured system, when the universe is fully reconciled to God in Christ Jesus. The Nicene Creed seems to affirm both the existence of a soul-filled heaven and the later resurrection of the dead when soul meets glorified body. The Nicene Creed, besides being rooted in Scriptural concepts, is a product of Christian worship and prayer. For example, even before the Nicene Creed was written, Christians regularly baptised converts in the name of the Trinity, and prayed to the Father in the name of the Son, through the Holy Spirit. Being born from prayer and experience, the creed tries not to define God's nature exactly and precisely like a science textbook would describe something. God's exact nature, such as his threeness and his oneness, is something we are able to begin to grasp, but never fully comprehend. Just as the mind cannot fully comprehend love or joy, neither can the mind fully comprehend God, whose nature and ways are ultimately beyond our comprehension. As such, while the creed is an authoritative framework, it is rooted in mystery. So if someone says he or she fully understands the Trinity, chances are, that person has no clue what the Trinity is actually about. Since the Nicene Creed is rooted in worship and prayer, besides being believed, it is to be lived out.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

1st Reading – Exodus 16:2-4,12-15

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, ‘Why did we not die at the Lord’s hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our heart’s content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!’ Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day’s portion; I propose to test them in this way to see whether they will follow my law or not. ‘I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, “Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your heart’s content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God.”’ And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, ‘What is that?’ not knowing what it was. ‘That’ said Moses to them ‘is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.’

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 77(78):3-4,23-25,54

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

The things we have heard and understood,
the things our fathers have told us,
these we will not hide from their children
but will tell them to the next generation:
the glories of the Lord and his might.

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

He commanded the clouds above
and opened the gates of heaven.

He rained down manna for their food,
and gave them bread from heaven.

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Mere men ate the bread of angels.

He sent them abundance of food;
So he brought them to his holy land,
to the mountain which his right hand had won.

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

2nd Reading – Ephesians 4:17,20-24

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God’s way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel – John 6:24-35

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, ‘Rabbi, when did you come here?’ Jesus answered: ‘I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.’

Then they said to him, ‘What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?’ Jesus gave them this answer, ‘This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.’ So they said, ‘What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: *He gave them bread from heaven to eat.*’ Jesus answered: ‘I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’ ‘Sir,’ they said ‘give us that bread always.’ Jesus answered:

‘I am the bread of life.

He who comes to me will never be hungry;
he who believes in me will never thirst.’