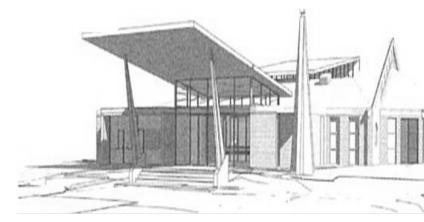


St Kevin's Parish

Hampton Park

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

18th August 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

Altar Servers - Next Sunday 25th August at the 11am mass we will be welcoming new altar servers and recognising the commitment of our current altar servers to the ministry.

Archbishop's Campaign

The 2024 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. These ministries are outlined in the Campaign brochure which you will find in your pew and in the foyer today. Gifts of \$2 or more are tax-deductible. Tax-deductible donations go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund which supports the Corpus Christi College Building Fund, the Priests Retirement Foundation, John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, University of Divinity Building Fund as well as Catholic community agencies and service organisations through annual grants. Non-tax-deductible donations go to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund and support seminarian formation and evangelisation ministries. Please review the campaign material and prayerfully consider pledging a recurring monthly gift to help us continue to strengthen the Christian faith and address the needs of God's people.

Tear-off pledge cards are attached to the campaign envelopes in the church. You can also make a gift online at <https://melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign> or via the QR codes on the campaign materials. I invite you to give generously to this important campaign.

Encounter Event – Sunday 25th August from 4-8pm at St Kevin's Parish

Our Parish is pleased to host the next Encounter event run by The Archdiocese Proclaim Team. We invite high school students to join us for an unforgettable evening, offering a unique opportunity to encounter Jesus with adoration, worship, reconciliation, fellowship, food (dinner provided), and, of course, a whole lot of fun!

Please register using the link www.trybooking.com/CTDJP



St Kevin's Youth 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 in the Church foyer 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 register.

Mothers who pray for their children

The 'Mothers Who Pray for Their Children' movement is a heartfelt initiative that brings together all mothers who seek to intercede for their children through the power of prayer. Rooted in faith and inspired by the love of God, these women gather to lift up their families, asking for God's guidance, protection, and grace over the lives of their children. We are excited to explore the possibility of bringing the 'Mothers Who Pray for Their Children' movement to St. Kevin's Parish, Hampton Park. If you feel called to be part of this prayerful community, we warmly invite you to express your interest. To learn more or to express your interest, please contact the Parish Office.



ROSTERS for 24th & 25th AUGUST

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

CHURCH CLEANERS

Team 3: Jeneview, Khuram, Priscilla, Hayley, Maria, Michael, Doreen

COUNTERS

Team 2: Roland, Rosalia, Gordon, Savio, John, Jackie

Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$5867.35

Unpledged: \$2434.45

Presbytery: \$2468.65

Thank you!

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

In Thanksgiving:

Alex De Souza

Andrea Karunakaran

Francis and Cutinha Family

Natty and Thomas Thomas

Anthony and Rena Fernandes

Judith Fernandez

Clara Corbett

Troy Machaya

For those who are sick:

Noela Lebrasse

For those who died recently:

Tilak De Silva

Desmond Oakes

Paulette Desveaux

Teobaldo Victor Rosario

Betty Oakes

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Maria, Maxwell and Adriana De Souza

Eric De Silva

Cheryl Taylor

Thelma King

Philomena Paris

Clifford de Rosario

Maria Bastian

Krish Nunkoo

Gassen and Helen Anthony

Noeline Francois

Paul Michel (Sr)

Angela Coutinho

Joe Coutinho

Sennah D'Souza

Rosemond Dubier

Francis and Merlin Passagne

Barbara and Clement Passagne

Raphael Simons

Celine Martinez

Chowriamma

Arokyamary Salome

Leonardo Moniz Araujo

Oscar Araujo

Maria D'Costa

Petty Gonsalvez

Lester and Joan D'Couto

Patricia and Ronald Dias

Flora and Candelaria Loyola

Virgil Goder

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, 19th August: St John Eudes

Tuesday, 20th August: St Bernard of Clairvaux

Wednesday, 21st August: St Pius X, Pope

Thursday, 22nd August: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, 23rd August: St Rose of Lima

Saturday, 24th August: St Bartholomew

Sponsorship Opportunity: Memorial Cuppa

For years, the Social Group has hosted a delightful cuppa after each mass on the second weekend of the month. In the past, many of the parishioners have reached out to us asking if they could contribute in any way. We are introducing a meaningful way for you to participate starting in September named *Cuppa Sponsorship in memory of a loved one*. Details are here below:

A parishioner can sponsor the cuppa for the mass that the family will be attending on the second weekend in the month, in honour of someone who has passed recently or to commemorate a birthday or death anniversary. A donation of \$100 will be made to the Social Group for the sponsorship of one cuppa for one mass on the second weekend in the month. Your loved one's name will be displayed on a special board, and parishioners will be asked to say a prayer for their souls. This has to be organised a month in advance.

Please note that we may have more than one person's name per weekend

If you're interested, please reach out to Anita Fernandez @0402505676 or Warren @ 0423247093

Friendship Group

Come join us on our bus journey to visit our Lady's Shrine on the hilltop at Bacchus Marsh, on Friday 6 September. Fr. Fabian will celebrate the Holy Eucharist at 11.30 am, followed by fellowship. (Please bring a plate to share). Those interested can walk down the hill visiting the 12 Oratories erected by different nations.

Bus departs from Church at 9.30 am and returns at app. 4.30 pm. Bus charges \$ 25/- per head.

Contact Benita 0429 000 664 or a committee member from the Friendship Group.'

St Vincent De Paul Society 2024 Winter Appeal

The members of the St Vincent De Paul Society Hampton Park would like to thank the St Kevin's Hampton Park church community for the generous support for the winter appeal. The total collection was \$2,680.45.

We would also like to thank the Students and Teachers of St Kevin's Primary School Hampton Park and St Francis De Sales Primary School Lynbrook for providing non-perishable food. The two schools have donated a large amount of food. The food will be distributed to needy families.

St Vincent De Paul Society Hampton Park

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

Hey everyone! We're thrilled to invite you (going to spoil only the Dads for this one) 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 Dads 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: Saturday 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 Mass – The Prayer of the Faithful

A recurring theme in the New Testament letters is the Apostles' concern for proper conduct at worship at Mass. This is a special concern in the First Letter to Timothy, where we read: "First of all, then, I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings (in Greek, *eucharistias*) be offered for everyone, for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity. This is good and pleasing to God our Saviour" (1 Timothy 2:1-3).

In the General Intercessions of the Mass also called the 'petitions' or 'prayers of the faithful' we seek to fulfill the Apostles' request and please God our Saviour, who himself urged us: "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you" (Matthew 7:7).

In baptism, each and every Christian receives a share in Christ's priesthood (see Revelation 1:6 ("[Christ has made] us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father") and 1 Peter 2:9 ("But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood")).

Living in Christ, every Christian stands as a mediator between God and the world, offering "supplications, prayers, petitions ... for everyone". Since our most powerful prayer is the Holy Mass, we use the occasion to raise our prayer on behalf of ourselves and others. When we do so, the Church says, in its General Instruction of the Roman Missal, we are "exercising our priestly function".

The priest who is celebrating Mass introduces the prayer, usually while standing at the presider's chair. At the ambo, a deacon or layperson announces the intentions, which may vary from week to week, taking into consideration the current concerns of the community. Each petition ends with an invitation for the assembly to join in the prayer: for example, "Let us pray to the Lord". And the assembly in unison gives some customary response: for example, "Lord, hear our prayer".

The Roman Missal indicates that the sequence of intentions should follow this general outline:

- A. For the needs of the Church.
- B. For public authorities and the salvation of the whole world.
- C. For those oppressed by any need.
- D. For the local community.

In particular celebrations, such as weddings or funerals, the series of intercessions may refer more specifically to the occasion. This is another part of the Mass that St Justin Martyr illuminated in the second century: "Then we all rise together and offer prayers for ourselves and for all others, wherever they may be."

Just a few years after St Justin, a North African theologian named Tertullian described the petitions at Mass, playfully, as a sort of 'wrestling' with God: "We meet together as an assembly and congregation so that, as we are united in offering our prayer to God, we may wrestle with him in our supplications. God delights in this violence. We pray, too, for the emperors, for their ministers and for all in authority, for the welfare of the world, for the prevalence of peace, for the delay of the final consummation."

So we see that the prayers had not changed much in the century and a half since St Paul's day. Nor have they changed much in the 19 centuries since then.

Tertullian went on, in another book, to note that our prayer has the power to accomplish many things: "To transform the weak, to restore the sick, to purge the possessed, to open prison bars, to loose the bonds of the innocent. Likewise it washes away faults, repels temptations, extinguishes persecutions, consoles the faint-hearted, cheers the low-spirited, escorts travellers, appeases waves, makes robbers stand aghast, nourishes the poor, governs the rich, upraises the fallen, arrests the falling, confirms the standing. Prayers is the wall of faith: her arms and missiles against the foe who keeps watch over us on all sides."

Does this mean that God will always give us all that we want, exactly as we want it, just because we prayed for it at Mass? No, of course not. God is our Father, and no parent would do that. God will, however, always give us what we need.

Tertullian explained that our prayer does not eliminate suffering, but rather "it supplies those who are suffering, and the feeling and the grieving with endurance; it amplifies grace by virtue, that faith may know what she obtains from the Lord, understanding what for God's name's sake she suffers".

St Paul earnestly prayed for relief from his own suffering, but God said to him: "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9). God's grace will be enough for us, too. Thus, while we ask for relief of the world's ills, we ask also for the grace to endure them, if that is what God wants from us.

For we know from experience that suffering is a school of wisdom and kindness. Many of the wisest and kindest people we know are those who have suffered most. Christ himself showed us that the way to glory passes through great suffering and even death. Yet he also showed us the necessity of constant prayer. He prayed without ceasing and calls us to do the same. So, with every Mass we raise our prayers. Like St Paul, we offer our prayers, petitions, and Eucharist (*eucharistias*) for everyone, and we do this explicitly and specifically in the Prayer of the Faithful.

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1st Reading – Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built herself a house,
she has erected her seven pillars,
she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine,
she has laid her table.
She has despatched her maidservants
and proclaimed from the city's heights:
'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.'
To the fool she says,
'Come and eat my bread,
drink the wine I have prepared!
Leave your folly and you will live,
walk in the ways of perception.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 33(34):2-3,10-15

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Revere the Lord, you his saints.
They lack nothing, those who revere him.
Strong lions suffer want and go hungry
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Come, children, and hear me
that I may teach you the fear of the Lord.
Who is he who longs for life
and many days, to enjoy his prosperity?

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Then keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from speaking deceit.
Turn aside from evil and do good;
seek and strive after peace.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

2nd Reading – Ephesians 5:15-20

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may

be a wicked age, but you redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when you are together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel – John 6:51-58

Jesus said to the crowd:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said.

Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.