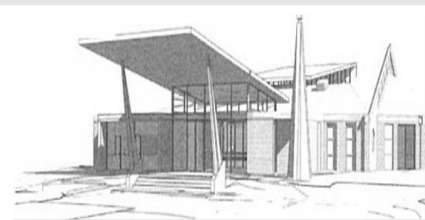


St Kevin's Parish

Hampton Park

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

25th August 2024



PARISH CENTRE

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Office Hours:
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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
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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

Parish Working Bee

Thank you to all those who made time to clean the church and grounds for the Parish working bee held on 10th August. May your generosity be rewarded.

New digital display

Thank you to Brian, Francis and Ravi for setting up the new digital display screen in the foyer. It will help to keep parishioners informed about events in the parish.

Archbishop's Campaign

This is the final weekend of the 2024 Archbishop's Campaign, 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 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.

✱ 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 Social Group

Pope's prayer intention for August

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

ROSTERS for 31st August & 1st Sept.

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, Ramantha, Ransiri, Michael, Gilbert, Marilyn

Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$5731.05

Unpledged: \$2179.10

Presbytery: \$2508.25

Thank you!

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

In Thanksgiving:

Cassandra Large
Aaron Peters
Nipps Family
Ava Scharenguivel
Reneir Noel and family
Marina and Glendon Widrose
Eugene Woodfall
Danielle D'Souza
Liam Gerard Lopez
Richard Fritchley

For those who are sick:

Francis Cordeiro
Reneir Noel Sr.

For those who died recently:

Noela Lebrasse
Ophelia D'Souza
Xavier Dias
Desmond Oakes

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Oscar Araujo
Leonardo Moniz Araujo
Austin Peters
Samuel Lazaro
Ponciano Snr. and Priscila Snr Aguilar
Ceferino Rico
Avinash Fernandez
George and Mallika Fernando
Desmond Joseph Hookens
John and Gladys Rodricks
Mignonne Yates
Angelo Dino Fernandez
Percival D'Gama
Celine Martinz
Avis Hooper

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.

Holy Spirit Prayer of St Augustine

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, That my thoughts may all be holy.
Act in me, O Holy Spirit, That my work, too, may be holy.
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, That I love but what is holy.
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, To defend all that is holy.
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, That I always may be holy.

Feast days this week

Tuesday, 27th August: St Monica

Wednesday, 28th August: St Augustine

Thursday, 29th August: The Passion of St John the Baptist



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

How to sign up, if you are interested:

1. Please reach out to Anita Fernandez @0402505676 or Warren @ 0423247093
2. Scan the QR code and fill in the form
3. Click on this link - <https://forms.gle/GQoXhfRoznQ6TASQ9>

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.

Parish Office Closure – Thursday 29th August 2024

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday 29th August as staff will be attending a professional development day.

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

St Kevin's Youth Meeting

Fr Fabian is inviting all the youth over 18 to a youth group meeting to discuss how to strengthen the faith and friendship already forged and plans for future growth. He is proposing that the youth meet on Friday 30th August at 7:30pm for an 8pm start in the Church foyer to discuss the feedback he has received from the youth and plans going forward as a group. He would appreciate it if you could use the QR code to register.



The Mass – The Offertory

Now begins the second 'half' of the Mass: the Liturgy of the Eucharist. It is known also as the 'Mass of the Faithful' because in ancient times only the baptised were allowed to stay at Mass for this portion. Nor could any Christian stay who had arrived with an unforgiven mortal sin.

This is the beginning of the sacrificial portion of the Mass: the offering, the remembrance that Jesus asked of his Apostles at the Last Supper. The sacrifice starts with an offering, and that's why this moment is called the **Offertory**.

We begin by bringing our gifts to the altar. That's a very general way of describing what happens, but it's accurate. We bring our gifts - material gifts and spiritual gifts. We bring what we have and what we are, and we acknowledge that it all comes from God and it all belongs to God.

Since the earliest days of the Church, Christians have used this time to 'take up a collection' or 'pass the basket'. Today we collect money that is used for the upkeep of the Church and the funding of charitable activities. In the first centuries, Christians would bring whatever they had and place it by the altar, leaving it at the disposal of the priest or the local bishop.

St Hippolytus wrote of the contributions left at the altar in third-century Rome: grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives, pears, apples, blackberries, peaches, cherries, almonds, and plums and sometimes flowers, especially roses and lilies.

Here is Tertullian's description of a second-century African collection and distribution:

Everyone puts in a small donation, but only if they want to, and only if they are able: for there is no compulsion; all is voluntary. These gifts are like piety's deposit fund. For they are not taken from there and spent on parties, drinking binges, and restaurants, but to support and bury poor people, to supply the wants of orphan boys and girls who have no possessions, and of homebound old people; and those who have suffered shipwreck; and if there happen to be any in the mines, or banished to the islands, or shut up in prisons, for nothing but their fidelity to the cause of God's Church. They become the nurslings of their confession.

Such charity has always been the mark of Christianity, setting it apart, in the ancient world, from pagan philanthropy. In the pagan world, wealthy people were expected to placate the poor for the sake of the social order; and many rich people gave money to earn fame or immortality. But Christians gave for God's sake. St Paul records this abundantly as he travels:

For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make some contribution for the poor among the saints at Jerusalem. (Romans 15:26).

And:

Now, concerning the contribution for the saints: as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do. On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that contributions need not be made when I come. (1 Corinthians 16:1-2)

Why did Christians give so generously? Paul explained: "Through the evidence of this service, you are glorifying God for your obedient confession of the Gospel of Christ and the generosity of your contribution to the [saints] and to all others (2 Corinthians 9:13).

Sometimes selected members of the congregation will bring the collection to the altar, along with the bread and wine to be offered in the Eucharist.

Over time, it became necessary to limit the gifts that should be brought to the altar during the offertory. The Church wanted people to distinguish the essential elements which are those that Jesus offered, the bread and the wine from all other gifts we wish to give to Christ and to charity.

Still, the gifts we bring to the altar stand not just for themselves, but for all creation and for *our* very selves.

Through the *kingship* we share with Christ, we have dominion over the earth. We are stewards of the produce of the earth, which now we bring to the altar. Through the *priesthood* we share with Christ, we offer the earth and everything in it in sacrifice to God our heavenly Father.

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1st Reading – Joshua 24:1-2,15-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people, 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed? What is more, the Lord drove all those peoples out before us, as well as the Amorites who used to live in this country. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 33(34):2-3,16-23

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.

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading – Ephesians 5:21-32

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. *For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body.* This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

Gospel – John 6: 60-69

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?

'It is the spirit that gives life,
the flesh has nothing to offer.

The words I have spoken to you are spirit
and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'