



St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) – 1st September 2024

Parish Centre

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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:

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Team

Parish Priest: Fr. Fabian Smith
Deacon: Rev. Dr Graeme Pender
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Mass Times

Weekdays

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat – **9:15am**
Every Wed – **7:00pm** followed by Novena
to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Sunday (Vigil)

Sat 5:00pm & 7:00pm
Sun: 9:00am, 11:00am & 6:00pm

A Priest is 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 **Mass Intentions is Wednesday evening.**

Please call (03) 9799 2108, email the Parish Office or drop off the mass intention envelope.

News from Fr Fabian

As we celebrate Father's Day this weekend, I would like to wish all the Fathers in our Parish a blessed Father's Day. I pray through the intercession of St Joseph for all dads that he may be their holy example.

Prayer for Father's Day

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of fatherhood. We pray for all our fathers; may you give them the strength to be a model of your love. St. Joseph, you cared for Jesus in His time on earth. We ask for your intercession today for all our fathers, as we celebrate Father's Day. Amen.

- **First Friday mass and Vigil** – The Parish is introducing a First Friday night vigil devotion from Friday 6th September. The schedule is as follows: 7pm Adoration and Novena, 7.30pm Mass followed by the vigil which will end with the First Saturday mass at midnight.
- The children from our Parish will receive the sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 7th September at the 12 noon and 2pm masses. Please keep our children in your prayers.
- **Save the date** – The Annual Marriage Anniversary mass will take place at 11am on Sunday, 20th October in St Patrick's Cathedral. Booking details will be made available shortly.
- **Altar Server training** – Going forward we will follow a new format for altar server training. The new format of training sessions will include 15 minutes of formation on the mass, 15 minutes for feedback – it will be an opportunity for us to hear the voices of our young people to empower them in ministry, 15 minutes of training in a particular part of the mass and 15 minutes of socializing.
- We thank the families of our first communicants whose contribution of \$3175.40 went towards the new processional candles.

Altar Server Training

Dear Parents,

Please note that the scheduled Altar Server training on 8th September has been cancelled. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your understanding. Thank you for your continued support.

Altar Server Committee

Join our Parish choirs

Music is a vital part of our liturgical celebrations, and our choirs play a crucial role in leading us in song, uplifting our hearts, and enhancing the sacredness of our Masses. Whether you've been blessed with a beautiful voice or simply love to sing, your presence in our choir can make a significant impact.

We welcome singers of all ages and abilities to join us. Even if you're unsure of your musical ability, we encourage you to come and give it a try. The joy of singing in a group, united in faith, is a gift that you won't want to miss.

If you feel called to share your voice and to be part of this beautiful ministry, please reach out to Candice Vaz on 0425 843 787 for more details. We look forward to welcoming you into our choir family!

Thank you for considering this invitation.

Rosters – 7th & 8th September

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, Veera, Sydney

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$5449.75

Unpledged: \$1073.80

Presbytery: \$2265.65

Thank you!

This Sunday we pray

In Thanksgiving

Saldrin and Pearly
Aria and Zach Martin
Francis Braganza
Sarika Vaz
Rhyle Thaddeus
Clinton, Petal and Kelly Brambleby
Andrew Patrick Vincent
Jim, Althea and Megan Curran

For those who are sick

Francis Cordeiro
Stany Menezes
Reneir Noel Sr

For those who have died recently

Walter McAlister
Thomas D'Silva
Noela Lebrasse

For those anniversaries we celebrate

Ginette Jeewoth and Florence Genevieve
Montecillo and Labata Family
Victor Nuguid
Daphne & Dudley MaGee
Florence Adie
Bertha Adie
Kenneth Paris
Joseph Crasto
Oscar Araujo
Leonardo Moniz Araujo
Samuel Lazaro
Thelma De Kauwe
Lucille Tan Williams
Dean Moses
Camilo Cardozo
Maria Thi Dao Le
Maria-Telesia Lemalu
Carine Kelaart
Gregory and Cecelia D'Silva
Jacinto and Rosaline Pereira
Rodelio and Teresita Alzona
Ermelinda, Leonardo Araujo
Nikita Araujo Boavida
Norbert Samarasinghe
Francisco Bernardes

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

Tuesday, 3rd September: St Gregory the Great

Thursday, 5th September: St Teresa of Calcutta

Support our Parish

For contributions to support our Parish:

Name St Kevin's Parish Church Account

BSB 083 347

Account 643 962 991

For contributions to support our priests and the Archdiocese:

Name St Kevin's Catholic Presbytery Account

BSB 083 347

Account 643 962 334

Permanent Diaconate – Online Information session – 24th September

7.30pm-9pm

The permanent diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. The information session is open to everyone interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate. If you attended any previous session, you are also welcome to attend this session. Express your interest in attending this event by emailing Deacon Kevin Pattison at Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au. Attendance will be by invitation.

World Day Against Abortion

40 Days For Life are holding a World Day Against Abortion event on Saturday 7th September at St. Philip's Catholic Parish, 60 Junction Road, Blackburn North. Details are on the Parish noticeboard and at www.trybooking.com/CUGWI. The speakers booked promise to make this an event worth attending. We hope to see you there!

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



THE MASS – THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

While the congregation takes up the collection, the priest (or, if present, the deacon) prepares the altar. He places the cloths, the corporal and the purificator. He positions the missal, paten and chalice.

What follows then is a series of prayers, ritual actions, and exchanges between the priest and the congregation. These are rich in meaning and symbolism. Let's just proceed through them first, watching as we go, and then we will go back and examine them more closely. The priest lifts up the paten that holds the bread, and he praises God: "Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you; fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life." The congregation responds: "Blessed be God forever."

He then pours wine and a little bit of water into the chalice as he prays: "By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity." Father then elevates the chalice and pronounces a similar blessing: "Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink."

The priest then prays quietly over the chalice: "With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by you, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in your sight this day be pleasing to you, Lord God." If there are altar servers at Mass, they will be standing ready at the side of the altar, with a pitcher of water and a small bowl or basin (the *lavabo*), and a towel. The priest washes his hands as he quietly prays: "Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin." Finally, turning to face the congregation, he extends and then joins his hands, saying: "Pray, brethren [or 'brothers and sisters'], that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father."

The people stand up and reply: "May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church."

So many historical and spiritual currents converge in this brief passage. When the priest pronounces the two blessings the "blessing over bread" and "blessing over wine" he is quite likely doing what Jesus did at the Last Supper. For the Passover meal includes those two actions accompanied by familiar words: "Blessed are you, Lord our God, king of the universe, who creates the fruit of the earth ... Blessed are you, Lord our God, king of the universe, creator of the fruit of the vine." Archaeologists have found these blessings among the ruins of synagogues from the first millennium.

Why does the priest mix a little bit of water with the wine? There is a practical, historical reason, and several symbolic interpretations. The historical fact is that that was the custom for most Mediterranean peoples living at the time of Jesus Christ. They stored wine in a concentrated form, and then diluted it at mealtime. Most of the ancient descriptions of the Passover meal describe the

mixing of water with wine.

The Church, however, insisted on retaining this gesture long after the customs of wine storage had changed. As a symbol, it had staying power.

First of all, it provided a historical connection with the Passover *seder* meal, which Christians were eager to preserve.

But there's still more. In the second century, St Irenaeus of Lyon, in France, saw that mixture as a symbol of the union of the human and divine natures in Jesus Christ: like the water and wine, they were so close as to be inseparable.

Some decades later, St Cyprian, a North African, saw the mixture as a symbol of the communion of Christ and the Church, again, so close as to be indistinguishable from one another. And, of course, down the centuries, many saints have seen the mixture of wine and water as a vivid image of the blood and water that poured forth from the pierced side of Christ on the cross (see John 19:34).

As the priest elevates the gifts, he evokes many figures from the Bible. He reminds us of Melchizedek, the first person to be called a priest in the pages of Scripture. As Melchizedek lifts his offering of bread and wine, he says: "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High" (Genesis 14:19-20).

The priest also stands at the altar as the priests of the Jerusalem Temple stood at their altar of sacrifice, in the time of Jesus and many centuries before. Like those priests of old, and like God's people who long ago observed the Passover, he ritually washes his hands, a baptismal image, signifying his wish to be cleansed of his sins and worthily offer the sacrifice.

Remember the instructions in the First Letter to Timothy: "It is my wish, then, that in every place the men should pray, lifting up holy hands" (1 Timothy 2:8). "Holy hands" were "clean hands"; the terms were synonymous among Greek-speaking Jews. And clean hands are meant to be an outward sign of an inner purity. In baptism, we have been "washed ... in the blood of the Lamb" (Revelation 7:14).

With our priest, we ask God to transform the gifts we place on the altar, and so transform us, and so transform the world. St Augustine put it very well many, many centuries ago. At the offertory, he said, "There you are on the table, and there you are in the chalice."

As the priest offers the gifts, so we offer ourselves and all that we have our work, prayers, and Christian witness, our family life, our daily work, our leisure and our play, and even our hardships. In the words of the Second Vatican Council, "these sacrifices are most lovingly offered to the Father" with the bread and wine.

On Sundays and at special Masses, the offertory is often accompanied by a hymn. When it is, the priest quietly offers his proper part of the dialogue prayers

From The Mass by Cardinal Donald Wuerl and Mike Aquilina

1st Reading – Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm – 14(15): 2-5

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?

He who walks without fault;

he who acts with justice

and speaks the truth from his heart;

he who does not slander with his tongue.

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

He who does no wrong to his brother,

who casts no slur on his neighbour,

who holds the godless in disdain,

but honours those who fear the Lord.

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;

who takes no interest on a loan

and accepts no bribes against the innocent.

Such a man will stand firm for ever.

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

2nd Reading – James 1:17-18,21-22,27

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth,

that we might be as the first fruit of his creation.

Alleluia!

Gospel – Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'
