



St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) - 22ND 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 in the postal slot in the **Parish Office door**.

News from Fr Fabian

- ❖ I would like to bring to your attention that there was a break-in at the church around 3 AM on Tuesday, September 17th. The intruder accessed the church through the side door, quickly ran through the church, and took the wooden box in the foyer labeled Building/Maintenance Fund. The box contained not more than \$100. Going forward to prevent this from happening again, we are arranging for an EFTPOS machine to be linked to the Building Fund. The entry point has been secured.
- ❖ Last week, the TV that was previously on a wheeled stand, that is being used for faith formation sessions and by prayer groups, was damaged while being brought into the foyer. To avoid such damage in the future, we have purchased a new TV and mounted it permanently on the wall in the foyer.
- ❖ **Consecration to Our Lady**

We will be praying a 33 day Consecration to Mary according to St Louis de Montfort to consecrate ourselves and our Parish to Our Blessed Mother. We will begin on Tuesday, 5th November and complete the Consecration on Sunday, 8th December - The Feast of the Immaculate Conception. We will be using a book for the 33 days of prayer and meditation.

If you would like to participate and purchase a book, please scan the QR code to fill in your details. For those who have no access to the QR code, please contact the Parish Office.



- Please note that the Suggestion Box has been relocated to the passageway leading to the toilets to protect anonymity, if people wish to stay out of view of the cameras. I encourage you to continue to place your suggestions in the Suggestion Box.

Children's Catechism

The Missionaries of the Holy Family International will be starting Children's Catechism classes from 6th October 2024. The classes will be held over five weeks - 6th October, 13th October, 20th October, 27th October and 3rd November after the 11am mass.

Please see the poster on the noticeboard for more details.

Save the Date - Fundraising for the Church

Saturday, November 9 2024

Band: No Limit DJ: Ravi

Food on Sale BYO Drinks

Ticket Prices Adults: \$25 Child under 12: \$15 Child under 5: Free (no seat) Tickets on Sale after every mass from next weekend!

Donations Needed: We're looking for items for raffle prizes! If you can help, please contact one of the following or any Social Group member:

Contact:

Anita Fernandez - 0402505676

Florence D'Costa - 0433 851 662

Warren Peters - 0423 247 093

Let's come together for a night of fun and support our Church!

Rosters - 28th & 29th September

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

Church Cleaners

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

Counters

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

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$5549.50

Unpledged: \$1849.55

Presbytery: \$2386.80

This Sunday we pray

In Thanksgiving

Camlin Thompson

Filomena and family

Micky Revera and Christina

Arvin Vincent

Jonathan Parnell

Abraham Family

Roman MaGee

Prosper Family

Starr Family

Richard Rodrigues

James Anthony

Marichu Pastorpile

Linus Chatlier

St Kevin's Charismatic Prayer Group

For those who are sick

Stany Menezes

Antonio Rocco Rosata

Giovanna Rosata

Zayden Kahveci

Marjorie Lebrasse

Belinda Claita Murat

For those who have died recently

Lasith CroosPulle

James Raj

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

Feast days this week

Monday, 23rd September: St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

Thursday, 26th September: Sts Cosmos and Damian

Friday, 27th September: St Vincent de Paul

Saturday, 28th September: St Wenceslaus, St Lawrence Ruiz and Companions

For those anniversaries we remember

Ermelinda, Leonardo Araujo; Nikita Araujo Boavida; Diana Machaya; Leslie MacDonald; Tommy Lane;

Dolly Lane; Carlyle Lane; Noela Lebrasse

Bernardine Francis; Edna and Fitzroy De Kauwe; Hernane and Norberto Pena Sr.; Lorna Alesna;

Dudley MaGee; Julieta Labata; Rio Peter Manion; Vincent Hector Fernandez; Treasa Englantine Fernandez;

Errol Jordan; George Burdett; Dorothy Braz; Praveen D'Silva; Marie Germaine Bonnet; Late Charles Coates; Creswell Abraham; Maria Vilma Dumoran; Natty Thomas; Ernest and Blanche de Livera; Esselle and Daphne Brace; Maria Gloria Pastorpile; Merilla Edward Betsy; Vernon Marvin; Margaret Francis

Holiness for All: St Therese of Lisieux Exhibition

Tuesday 1 October 2024 – Thursday 31 October 2024

Hosted at St Patrick's Cathedral, the Discalced Carmelites warmly invite you to an exhibition on the life of St Thérèse of Lisieux, a remarkable young woman who, despite passing at the age of 24, left us with her 'little way' to holiness.

All are welcome!

Learn more about this great saint here <https://carmelite.com/saint-therese-of-lisieux/>

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.

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 EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

In the Eucharistic Prayer, the priest asks God the Father to send the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity. This prayer is called the epiclesis (from the Greek, 'to call upon'). In Eucharistic Prayer II, the priest says: "Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ." As he does this, he draws his hands together over the gifts to evoke the hovering of the Spirit, as at the baptism of Jesus.

This is a very important prayer. For the gifts cannot be transformed by any human means, but only by the power of God. The epiclesis makes eminently clear that the Mass is primarily a work of God, and not simply a pious action or human custom. Without the power of the Holy Spirit, the Mass would not be the Mass.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, the Word was made flesh and made his dwelling among us. More than a millennium ago, St John of Damascus explained the Mass by comparing it with the conception of Jesus in the womb of the Virgin Mary: "You ask how the bread becomes the Body of Christ, and the wine ... the Blood of Christ. I shall tell you: the Holy Spirit comes upon them and accomplishes what surpasses every word and thought ... Let it be enough for you to understand that it is by the Holy Spirit, just as it was of the Holy Virgin and by the Holy Spirit that the Lord, through and in himself, took flesh." So apt was the comparison that the Church adopted it verbatim for the Catechism (n. 1106).

It is by the Spirit that we have new life (Romans 8:15). It is only by the Spirit that we can pray to the Father (Galatians 4:6). It is by the Spirit that we know God's love in our hearts (Romans 5:5). It is the Spirit who gives us hope (Romans 15:3).

Often when the New Testament speaks of the Spirit, it speaks of divine power. There is nothing the Holy Spirit cannot accomplish including the change of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ.

The Spirit can even make us holy (Romans 15:16) [≠] though only God is holy in his very nature (Revelation 15:4).

The Spirit is also the principle of unity in the Church. So, the Eucharistic Prayers also include a second epiclesis, a prayer for the Spirit to come upon the people as upon the gifts. The priest prays in Eucharistic Prayer II: "Humbly we pray, that partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit."

Similarly, in Eucharistic Prayer IV, he prays: "That we who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with the Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ."

The Spirit transforms us, each of us and all of us, into Christ. We receive his body, and we become his body, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

If you visit many churches, you will often see images of the Holy Spirit above or near the altar. In the ancient and mediaeval Church, it was customary in some places to reserve the Eucharist in dove-shaped tabernacles suspended above the altar by a chain. Jesus came to us to give us the Spirit, and by the Spirit we come to share God's life. That, moreover, is the Catholic understanding of grace: it is a sharing in divine life. "As fire transforms into itself everything it touches, so the Holy Spirit transforms into the divine life whatever is subjected to his power (Catechism of the Catholic Church n. 1127).

Again, this part of the Mass is our reminder that we live amid marvels, but they are no work of our own.

More than a millennium and a half ago, St John Chrysostom said: "He who stands at the altar does nothing, and the gifts that repose there are not the merits of man; but the grace of the Holy Spirit is present and, descending on all, accomplishes this mysterious sacrifice. We indeed see a man [the priest], but it is God who acts through him. Nothing human takes place at this holy altar."

We might wonder why, given the centrality of the Holy Spirit in the understanding and the operation of the Mass, that in Eucharistic Prayer I (formerly known as the Roman Canon, as it was the only Eucharistic Prayer used in the old form of the Roman Rite, now called the Extraordinary Rite) the Holy Spirit is not mentioned, except in the final doxology.

Fr Milton Walsh, in his book, *In Memory of Me: A Meditation on the Roman Canon*, explains the apparent absence thus: "For some this is a glaring deficiency, but I would suggest the reason is not neglect of the Holy Spirit, but quite the opposite. ... The 'we' who pray throughout the Canon (and it is always 'we', never 'I') is not only the priest and congregation gathered in a particular church or even just the communion of all believers throughout the world. It is the Holy Spirit who prays in us; he is not the object of our prayer; he is the one who utters it.

"The Holy Spirit is the bond of love between the Father and the Son, which is why Christ is our one perfect Mediator. It is by the Holy Spirit that all the blessings that come to us through Christ reach us (and that includes the sanctifying word of Christ that transforms the bread and wine into his Body and Blood). The Holy Spirit is not forgotten [≠] he is acting so intimately in the prayer that there is no need to refer to his presence."

From *The Mass* by Cardinal Donald Wuerl and Mike Aquilina

1st Reading – Wisdom 2:12,17-20

The godless say to themselves: Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. ‘Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God’s son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm – 53(54):3-6,8

The Lord upholds my life.

O God, save me by your name
by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayer
listen to the words of my mouth.

The Lord upholds my life.

For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.

They have no regard for God.

The Lord upholds my life.

But I have God for my help.

The Lord upholds my life.

I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good.

The Lord upholds my life.

2nd Reading – James 3:16-4:3

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn’t it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven’t got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don’t have what you want is because you don’t pray for it; when you do pray and don’t get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.....

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

Gospel – Mark 9:30-37

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, ‘The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.’ But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, ‘What were you arguing about on the road?’ They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, ‘If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.’ He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, ‘Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.