



# St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) - 29th SEPTEMBER 2024

## Parish Centre

**A:** 120 Hallam Road,  
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**H:** Tue to Fri 9.15am - 1:15pm  
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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

## Team

**Parish Priest:** Fr. Fabian Smith  
**Deacon:** Rev. Dr Graeme Pender  
**Parish Coordinator:** Mrs. Macrina Martin  
**Admin Assistant:** Miss Nikita Ravi

**School Principals:**  
**St. Kevin of Glendalough**  
Jason Micallef - (03) 9709 8600  
**St. Francis De Sales**  
Christine White - (03) 8773 6700

## 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 draw your attention to the following notices:

### Marriage Anniversary Mass

Saturday 20 October 2024, 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne. Couples and their families are invited to join the annual Archdiocesan Marriage Anniversary Mass. Couples who register and are celebrating the following anniversaries – 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th or 40 years and above – will receive a commemorative certificate. Please register by Sunday 13 October: <https://trybooking.com/CVMFG> For any queries please contact us on 9926 5761 or proclaim@cam.org.au

### Divine Mercy Consecration:

St Kevin's Parish is planning to organize 'Consecration to the Divine Mercy' on Sunday the 24th of November in all the Holy Masses. You are warmly invited to join us for a session on Divine Mercy as we prepare for the Consecration. We ask that you attend one of the sessions before the Consecration.

Main points covered in the session for the Preparation of Divine Mercy consecration:

- The importance of Divine Mercy in our times.
- Consequences of sins & Indulgence through Divine Mercy.
- Our Obligation to Spread the great message of Mercy.

Please register your interest by contacting:

Warren Peters: 0423247093  
Sita Faoa-Harris: 0434010580  
Michael Palma: 0437002089

## 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

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 members or you can drop off donations at the Parish Office.

**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 - 5th & 6th October

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, Samantha, Ransiri, Michael, Gilbert, Marilyn

## Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$5501.35  
Unpledged: \$2360.65  
Presbytery: \$2494.35

## This Sunday we pray

### In Thanksgiving

Telesia Mulitalo  
Lorna and Mervyn Brito  
Rita Herbert  
Kevin, Michelle, Christopher, Nikita, Sheridan and Dennis Vaz  
Treasure Clarke and family  
Leslie Vincent Lopez  
Teresa Lopez  
Rughoo Family  
Sandra Wills

## For those who are Sick

Antonio Rocco Rosata  
Giovanna Rosata  
Zayden Kahveci  
Marjorie Lebrasse  
Belinda Claité Murat

## For those who have died recently

Anthony Moniz  
Yoland Kater

## 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 Bishops and priests and the Archdiocese:

Name: St Kevin's Catholic Presbytery Account  
BSB: 083 347  
Account: 643 962 334

## For contributions to support the needy in our Parish:

Name: St Kevin's Special Needs Account  
BSB: 083-347  
Account: 897567262

## Feast days this week

Monday, 30th September: St Jerome

Tuesday, 1st October: St Therese of the Child Jesus

Wednesday, 2nd October: The Holy Guardian Angels

Friday, 4th October: St Francis of Assisi

Saturday, 5th October: St Faustina Kowalska

## For those anniversaries we remember

Joseph Rogers, Zita Rogers, Hyacin Weston, Oscar Weston, Noela Lebrasse, Late Charles Coates, Patrick Joseph D'Silva, Edna Olalia-Espino, Albert Mould, David Hendricks, Melroy Taylor, Jerome Rodrigues, Angela Coutinho, Francisco Bernardes, Raymond McDonald, Carmen Villarba, Rex Johnson, Karil Descombes, Patrick Augustin and Edger Armande.

## March for the Babies

Come and show your support for the unborn.

Join the March for the Babies on Saturday, 12th October, 2024 at 12.30pm in the Treasury Gardens, Cnr Spring & Wellington Pde. Wear blue or pink. Catch the train to Parliament Station and walk down to the Treasury Gardens.

## Mothers who Pray for their Children - Meet and Greet Information Session

Saturday 5 October 2024 - 11am to 12.30pm in the Church Foyer

Join us for an inspiring and heartfelt Meet & Greet Information Session where mothers from all walks of life come together to strengthen their faith, uplift their children in prayer, and find support on the beautiful journey of motherhood.

## Holiness for All - St Thérèse of Lisieux exhibition

Tuesday 1 October 2024 – Thursday 31 October 2024 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!

## Last Call! - 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.



## 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



While the New Testament has several accounts of Jesus' Passion and death, the narrative always begins with the account of the Last Supper. The Gospels of St Matthew, St Mark and St Luke tell the story in very similar ways, each explicitly linking the events of our redemption to the institution of the Eucharist.

In St John's Gospel, we find an account with different emphases, but we also find Jesus' dialogue that prepared for the institution of the Eucharist. At the synagogue in Capernaum, he called himself the "bread of life ... that comes down from heaven" (see John chapter 6). St Paul's account is similar to those of Matthew, Mark and Luke. Paul's was probably the earliest-written of all of them<sup>13</sup> set down perhaps 20 years after the Last Supper<sup>14</sup> and he emphasises that he is simply passing on what is already a well-known tradition: "For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes" (1 Corinthians 11:23-26).

The night before he was to undergo his Passion, Jesus established a new memorial<sup>15</sup> a new way to recall and to remember what he was about to endure. That memorial is the Mass, and specifically the Eucharistic Prayer. That is why every Eucharistic Prayer in the Roman Missal includes the institution narrative: the story of the Last Supper, drawn from the Gospel accounts.

The original context of the new memorial was the Passover, which is itself an ancient memorial. The seder of the Jews is the ritual meal established at God's command to help the chosen people remember the events of their deliverance from Egypt and the loving-kindness of God, their deliverer.

In that pre-technological age, there were no cameras or camcorders, no mobile phones, no tapes or discs or iPods to hold the audio or visual data. How did people store their important memories? How did a nation like Israel preserve its historical identity? They did this chiefly through the calendar: the celebrations and ritual reminders that recurred each year. On festival days, people recalled what had happened to them in the past, pondered its significance for them in the present, and considered its implications for the future.

In the Book of Exodus we read that God instructed Moses to institute a memorial meal<sup>16</sup> a ritual presentation of the Passover events. The meal was closely connected with the circumstances of the liberation. The lamb that serves as a substitute for Israel's firstborn, the dinner eaten in haste while preparing for flight, these captured in ritual what God was about to effect in history.

The Lord gave a special command to the Israelites to repeat these ceremonies in the future: This day shall be a memorial feast for you, which all your generations shall celebrate with pilgrimage to the Lord, as a perpetual institution. ... Since it was on this very day that I brought your ranks out of the land of Egypt, you must celebrate this day throughout your generations as a perpetual institution (Exodus 12:14,17). This series of events was lovingly preserved for millennia in the annual repetition of the Passover meal. As generation after generation shared the paschal lamb and unleavened bread, fathers told their children of the wonders the Lord had worked on behalf of his chosen people. Passover was more than a community festival, more than a chance to review past history. In the Passover meal, God's people knew they were with their Lord, and they renewed their family bond, their covenant with him. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us:

In the sense of Sacred Scripture the memorial is not merely the recollection of past events but the proclamation of the mighty works wrought by God for men. In the liturgical celebration of these events, they become in a certain way present and real. This is how Israel understands its liberation from Egypt: every time Passover is celebrated, the Exodus events are made present to the memory of believers so that they may conform their lives to them (CCC n. 136).

In the new Passover, the Paschal Mystery of Jesus, we find a similar interplay of ritual and history. In the Old Testament, first came the offering of the Passover lamb, then the flight from Egypt. In the New Testament, first came Jesus' self-offering at the Last Supper, when he said, "This is my body", then the crucifixion and Resurrection.

When he held his disciples to "do this", Jesus established the Last Supper as the ceremonial setting for the remembrance of our salvation. In this way, the new covenant could be renewed with every successive generation. We need not remain powerless against the finality of death.

The original Passover meal was instituted to remind the Israelites of their identity as God's people. The Eucharist, too, creates a common identity for the new people of God, but it does much more as well. The Eucharist has the power to make present the event it memorialises, not just as a memory, but as a reality. In the New Testament, the memorial takes on new meaning. When the Church celebrates the Mass, she commemorates Christ's Passover and it is made present: the sacrifice Christ offered once for all on the cross remains ever present.

The Church calls us not just to a commemoration of long-ago events, as great as that might be, but also to enter the mystery itself today. We are not bystanders, but participants.

**1st Reading – Numbers 11:25-29**

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Responsorial Psalm -18(19):8,10,12-14**

*The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.*

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple.

*The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.*

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just.

*The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.*

So in them your servant finds instruction; great reward is in their keeping. But who can detect all his errors? From hidden faults acquit me.

*The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.*

From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me.

Then shall I be blameless, clean from grave sin.

*The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.*

**2nd Reading – James 5:1-6**

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth:

make us holy in the truth.

Alleluia!

**Gospel – Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48**

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.