



# St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) - 27th OCTOBER 2024

## Parish Centre

A: 120 Hallam Road,  
Hampton Park, Vic. 3976  
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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:

saferguarding.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

- Our Parish will host a Living Rosary on Sunday, 3rd November after the 11am mass. Children are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite saint. Rosary will be followed by a bbq lunch. Please register your participation by scanning the QR code.
- Please use the November mass intention envelopes to submit names for your November mass intentions. The names written in the Book of Remembrance last year will be retained. If you have not written your loved ones names in the 2023 Book of Remembrance, please contact the Parish Office.
- Thank you to those who have registered for the Consecration to Our Lady. The Consecration books are available for purchase from the Parish Office during office hours (Tuesday to Friday 9.15am-1.15pm). The cost of each book is \$28. For those who are unable to come to the office, books will be available after 7pm mass on Wednesday, 30th October.
- Our Parish Consecration to Mary preparation begins on Tuesday 5th November at 7pm in the Church. We will meet weekly for an hour- the weekly gatherings will take place on 5th, 12th, 21st and 26th November, and 3rd December. We will complete our Consecration to Mary on Sunday, 8th December at the 9am mass.



## A Special Invitation to all Parishioners: Join us on a journey of Faith

We warmly invite parishioners of all ages to a meaningful, one-time session on Monday, 28th October, from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM, as we prepare together for our parish-wide consecration to the Divine Mercy. This sacred journey will culminate in a beautiful celebration at all Masses on the Feast of Christ the King, Sunday, 24th November.

To enrich this experience, we will have three simultaneous sessions starting at 6pm:

Group 1: Up to 12 years

Group 2: 13 – 25 years

Group 3: 25 years and older

At 7:00 PM, we'll gather in the foyer for light refreshments, fellowship, and joyful connection as one family in Christ.

**Jesus, I Trust in You.**

*The Divine Mercy Consecration Team*

## Call for Donations - Fundraising Dance

### Raffle Prizes

We are organizing a fundraising dance, and we need your help to make it a success!

We are seeking donations of household goods that can be used as raffle prizes or cash to help with covering the costs of the event. If you have any new items that could be donated, such as home décor, kitchenware, small appliances, or other useful household goods, we would be incredibly grateful for your contribution!

Please drop off your donations at the Parish office during office hours. For any inquiries or to arrange a pickup, contact Anita Fernandez - 0402505676, Warren Peters - 0423 247 093

**Thank you for your generosity and support! The Social Group**

## Rosters - 2nd & 3rd November

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

## Church Cleaners

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

## Counters

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

## Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$5469.20

Unpledged: \$2062.85

Presbytery: \$2166.05

## This Sunday we pray

### In Thanksgiving

Francis De Souza

Maryann, Emilee and

Brian D'Souza

Huddy Schoorman

Angela, Richard and

Jadon Joachim Callanan

Philip D'Souza and family

Philomena, Warren, Alana

and Aaron Peters

Florence and Desmond

D'Costa

### For Those who are Sick

Ashley Rosata

Giovanni Furfaro

Francis Cordeiro

Daphne and Carmine

Menezes Stany Menezes

Girlie Andres Yabut

### For those who have died recently

Glenn Rawlins

Elsa Tayaba

Gladwin Kingsley

Roger Burrows

Peter Arthur Wellington

## 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 28th October: Sts Simon and Jude

Friday, 1st November: All Saints Day

Saturday, 2nd November: All Souls Day

## For those whose anniversaries we remember

Noela Lebrasse, Victor and Maria De Souza, Francisco Bernardes, Ilona Gilles, Julieta and Leslie Labata, Florencia Montecillo, Lionel Chatlier, Josephine Chatlier, A.V. John, Trevor Fernandez, Didier Lubin, Josiane Lubin, Charles, Iris and Tony Dennis, Kris Clarke, Christopher, Mazie and Anselm Creado, Martin and Dorothy Braz, George and Margie Taylor, Dalton Williams, Norman De Zilva, Milton MacFarlane, Marie Howell, Willie Howell, Josephine D'Moss, Edwin D'Moss, Christable Simons, Paul Simons, Fatima Simons, Phyllis Boothe, Kathleen Janes, Lancelot Janes, Cecilia and Andrew Janes, Jude Janes, Duke Janes, Chintu, Alfred Mumford, Mary Mumford, Valentine Mumford, Eva Janes, Lillian and Samuel Joyce, John and Irene Almeida, Walter Cardoza, Rita and Phillip Pillai, Austin and Zita D'Silva, Christie Perera, Sriyani Gunasekara, Mary Millicent

## Save the Date!

As the Christmas season approaches, we are excited to announce our upcoming parish Carols event to be held on the evening of 15 Dec, 2024 at St Kevin's Hall, and we would love for you to be a part of this joyous occasion!

At this time we would also like to invite anyone that would like to participate in the carols...whether you would like to sing or play an instrument, be a part of a choir, can volunteer your time and help with event preparation or decorations, assist on the day, or use your time or talents to support us in any other way, your involvement would be greatly appreciated! Please fill out the online form that you can get to by scanning the QR code below and we will be in touch.

- Carols 2024 Committee (Candice Vaz, Ashton Vaz, Howard Fernandez, Mary Hanekom, Ryani F)



## Family Life and Love According to St Francis De Sales

### Salesian Spirituality & Healing Mass by Rev Dr Abraham MSFS

( Superior General of Missionaries of St Francis De Sales from Rome)  
a gifted preacher and counsellor.

DATE: Tuesday, 29th October

TIME: 7pm Talk followed by Mass

PLACE: St Mary's Parish, 160 Foster St, Dandenong

## First Friday Mass, Adoration and Vigil - All Saints Day

1st November at 7pm at St Kevin's

## Sponsorship Opportunity – Memorial Cuppa

Sponsorship Opportunity: 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.
- Your loved one's name will be displayed on a special board, and parishioners will be asked to say a prayer for their souls.
- The sponsoring family is welcome to assist at a Mass of their choice, with guidance from a SG member.
- While we typically serve tea, coffee, and biscuits, you are welcome to bring additional food items to serve if desired.

\* Multiple memorials can be held during the same weekend.

How to sign up, if you are interested:

Please reach out to Anita Fernandez @0402505676 or Warren @ 0423247093

Scan the QR code and fill in the form

Click on this link - <https://forms.gle/GQoXhfRoznQ6TASQ9>



### The Great Amen

We have mentioned that only two Hebrew words have survived, untranslated, in common use in the Mass. One is Alleluia; the other is Amen. By this point in the Mass, we have already encountered the word Amen many times. It is the last word in most prayers—a kind of prayerful punctuation. The word Amen completes a prayer. It signifies our consent to all the words that preceded it.

Jesus used it also as a preface to especially solemn teachings. He did this especially in connection with the doctrine of the Eucharist. Four times in his Bread of Life discourse in the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John you will find him pronouncing a double Amen.

Consider two examples:

*“Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven.” (John 6:32)*

*“Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.” (John 6:53)*

Amen, in this sacred context, means “truly”. It means “I believe”. It means “yes”. In Jesus’ culture, it was pronounced as the affirmative of an oath. Those who pronounced it put their lives on the line. They committed themselves to a serious undertaking. They pledged their full and unreserved faith.

Curiously, it also means “Jesus”. In the Book of Revelation, we find an angel refer to Jesus as “the Amen, the faithful and true witness” (Revelation 3:14).

There are many Amens in the course of the Mass, but this is the great one because it follows the final doxology of the Eucharistic Prayer. We spoke a bit about doxologies in discussing the Gloria. The doxology usually serves as a finale to a prayer. In the case of the Church’s great prayer, the Eucharistic Prayer, the doxology is a grand finale indeed. The priest intones:

*“Through him, and with him, and in him, to you, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, is all honour and glory, for ever and ever.*

And those words call forth from all believers a Great Amen. What is so great about our Amen? We find a clue in the ancient oracle of the Old Testament Prophet Malachi (1:11), who foresaw the day of our sacrifice and rejoiced: For from the rising of the sun, even to its setting, my name is great among nations. And everywhere they bring sacrifice to my name, and a pure offering. For great is my name among the nations, says the Lord of hosts.

A few words of historical background may be helpful in talking about the Great Amen. There can be no doubt that the Christians of the earlier ages of the Church did not as clearly apprehend the precise moment of the change of the bread and wine upon the altar into the Body and Blood of Christ as we do now. They were satisfied to believe that the change was wrought in the course of the Eucharistic Prayer, a prayer made up of several elements, as we have seen—Preface, recitation of the words of institution, remembrance of the living and the dead, and so on—which prayer they nevertheless conceived of as one “action” or consecration, to which, after a doxology, they responded by a solemn “Amen”.

The essential unity of the Eucharistic Prayer is very clearly brought before us in the account of St Justin Martyr (AD 151), who, describing the Christian liturgy, says:

As soon as the common prayers are ended and they [the Christians] have saluted one another with a kiss, bread and wine and water are brought to the president, who receiving them gives praise to the Father of all things by the Son and Holy Spirit and makes a long thanksgiving for the blessings which he has vouchsafed to bestow upon them; and when he has ended the prayers and thanksgiving, all the people who are present forthwith answer with acclamation “Amen”.

The existing liturgies both of the East and the West clearly bear witness to this primitive arrangement.

In the Roman Liturgy, our liturgy, the Eucharistic Prayer, or “action”, of the Mass ends with the solemn doxology and Amen, which immediately precede the recitation of the Our Father.

**1st Reading –Jeremiah 31:7-9**

The Lord says this: Shout with joy for Jacob! Hail the chief of nations! Proclaim! Praise! Shout: 'The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel!' 'See, I will bring them back from the land of the North and gather them from the far ends of earth; all of them: the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour: a great company returning here. They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble. For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Responsorial Psalm - 125(126)**

*The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs.

*The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

*The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap.

*The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing:

they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves.

*The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

**2nd Reading –Hebrews 5:1-6**

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

**Gospel –Mark 10:46-52**

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.