



St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



FIRST
SUNDAY OF
Advent

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C) 1ST DECEMBER 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

- Today is the start of a new liturgical year and the season of Advent. Last Sunday, Archbishop Comensoli welcomed representatives from all the parish communities to the Cathedral to give thanks for the year that was and look forward to the Jubilee Year of Hope. Marie France Prosper and Ryan Martin from the Faith Quadrant represented our Parish. A Jubilee candle was sent to our Parish to burn throughout 2025.
- The Parish Christmas schedule is available in the foyer. Please take a copy home.

Weekend Food Sale - Savour the Flavour

Mark your calendars for a weekend full of delicious treats!

Dates: Saturday, November 30 & Sunday, December 1

Here's the mouth-watering menu lineup:

Saturday, November 30:

• 5:00 PM - Sri Lankan Combo Pack - \$12

• 7:00 PM - 3 Idlis + Sambhar + Chutney - \$10

Sunday, December 1:

• 9:00 AM - South Indian Combo (2 Idlis + Pongal or Upma + Sambhar + Chutney) - \$12

• 11:00 AM - Chicken Biryani - \$13

• 6:00 PM - Pork Vindaloo + Rotis \$10, Beef Mince + Rotis \$10

Come early to grab your favourites!

Spread the word and join us for a weekend of flavorful delights!

Children's Christmas Party

Date: 8th December

Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM (Face painting starts at 2:00 PM)

Location: Church Hall

Join us as we make this Christmas season unforgettable for our little ones (Babies – Year 12)!

This special celebration will feature games, delicious food, festive fun, and a visit from Santa himself.

Parents/carers are kindly asked to accompany their children.

Let's create magical memories together—we can't wait to see your family there!

The Heart of Christmas

Date: Sunday, 15th December

Time: 6pm (Doors open at 5.30pm)

An evening of carols, face painting, games, raffles and more!

Food and drinks on sale

For more information contact:

Candice Vaz 0425843787, Ashton Vaz 0452236785, Howard Fernandez 0431 057 615, Mary Hanekom 0418560331, Ryani Fernandopulle 0416273617

Feast of the Immaculate Conception celebration - 8th December

We warmly invite you to a special Children's Mass on Sunday, 8th December for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. This celebration, led by our Junior Legion of Mary, Children's Choir, and Altar Servers, is a wonderful opportunity for the children of our parish to come together in worship. As part of this special occasion, our parish will also be consecrated to Jesus through Mary, deepening our devotion and trust in her intercession.

Touch of Heaven (Alan Ames Ministry) -2 December 2024 at 7pm

See the noticeboard for details.

Rosters -7th & 8th December

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, Savio, Gordon, John, Jackie

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes:\$5065.50

Unpledged:\$2029.35

Presbytery: \$2090.45

This Sunday wepray

InThanksgiving

Cheryl Welsh

Sean Scharenguivel

Sandra D'Souza and family

Francis and Cutinha family

Natalie Large

Candy and Nigel Hookens

The Helping Hands of

St Joseph

Dominic Clarke

Braz Family

For Those who are Sick

Yvonne Martin

For those who have died recently

Peter Pereira

Neuza Teixeira Lopes Maria

Jose Martins

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

Tuesday, 3rd December: St Francis Xavier

Wednesday, 4th December: St John Damascene

Friday, 6th December: St Nicholas

Saturday, 7th December: St Ambrose

For those whose anniversaries we remember

Victor Nuguid, Noela Lebrasse, Rita Vincent, Nikita Araujo Boavida, Maureen McGavin, Victor, Mary and Maxwell DeSouza, Canute Duarte, Irene Joachim, Ramon B.Gonzalez, Edmund, Selina and Dulcy Fernando, Christopher, Rani and Nilantha Fernando and all deceased relatives.

Deceased members of The Helping Hands of St Joseph.

St Vincent De Paul Society Christmas Appeal

Please return the card with the hamper.

We plan to make packaging and deliveries by 19 December 2024. Therefore, we will appreciate it if the hampers are received by Sunday 15 December 2024.

Thank You, St Vincent De Paul Society – Hampton Park.

WORKING BEE – VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

In preparation for the festive season, our Church requires volunteers for the working bee on Saturday, 7th December 2024. The timings are flexible, from 7.30am and we anticipate a more structured approach with your cooperation, with the volunteers who can choose the time and tasks most convenient to them. In this regard, we are looking for volunteers who can spare some time to help in this endeavour. It's our Parish! Please complete your details on the volunteer list placed in the foyer or

please contact Brian D'Souza on 0414363725, Parish Office on 97992108 or email HamptonPark@cam.org.au

Calling All Bakers and Christmas Joy Creators!

We need YOU to sprinkle some sweetness into our Carols Event by donating Christmas goodies to sell whether it be homemade or store bought. Think of it as sharing joy... one delicious bite at a time.

Here's How:

1. Whip up your favourite sweets or savoury items or a combination of the two
2. Pack them in pretty boxes or fancy cellophane bags, the more the merrier.
3. Add a festive gift tag and remember: the more attractive the packaging, the faster it'll sell!
4. Drop-off: at the masses on the weekend of 14/15 December in church or at the carols

Each box will sell for \$10, so portion accordingly. Need packaging? Contact an SG member for help. All proceeds go to support church activities. Let's spread Christmas cheer together! The Social Group

Melbourne Summer School of Evangelisation: 6 - 12 January 2025

Summer School of Evangelisation is a week-long Catholic retreat for 17-35 year olds hosted by the Disciples of Jesus Community. Summer School is a place to encounter the living God, who desires a personal relationship with you. It's a journey of opening up to God's love, mercy, and healing, making (or renewing) a personal commitment to Jesus Christ, surrendering to the loving action of the Holy Spirit, and being empowered to be witnesses of hope and joy in our world today. The week includes times of communal and personal prayer, including daily Adoration, chanting the liturgy of the hours, daily Mass, rosary, and praise and worship; keynote talks, lecture series, and practical workshops; sharing in small groups and times of recreation to connect with one another.

Registrations are now open with only 40 early bird spots available. More details at ssemelbourne.org.au.

Enquiries: melbourne.sse@gmail.com

Bake Sale Fundraiser: Saturday 7th December

There will be a bake sale next weekend after the Saturday Evening Masses on 7th December. All funds raised go to supporting young people to attend Summer School of Evangelisation - a week long retreat helping people to encounter God's love and be renewed in their faith. More details at ssemelbourne.org.au

Pope Francis' Prayer intention for December

For pilgrims of hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

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.

1. **FAITH.** How easy it is for our faith to decline, to get weak, or even to disappear. The biggest religious group in Australia today are non-practising Catholics. Let us pray with fervour: "Lord, I do believe but strengthen my faith." Faith is like a seed planted in the ground. May our faith grow, blossom and flourish until we reach heaven.

2. **APPRECIATION.** In relationships, especially in marriages, one of the greatest perennial dangers is to start to take the other for granted. The same thing can insinuate itself into our relationship with the Eucharistic Lord: we can get used to Mass and Holy Communion—even among daily communicants—and start to take the Lord for granted. In the *Diary of Mercy in My Soul*, by St Faustina, Jesus complains that there are souls that receive Him with no love, but rather as if He were a mere object. Jesus states that He would prefer not to be received than to be received like a mere object and out of mere routine. We should receive every Holy Communion as if it were our first, last and only Holy Communion.

3. **CLEAN THE HOUSE.** Make a good sacramental Confession. The saints and the Church teach us that the cleaner the soul the more abundant the graces received in Holy Communion. As a dirty pane of glass prevents the sun from entering a room fully, a sullied soul will block the full presence of the Eucharistic Lord from inundating the soul.

4. **COME EARLY.** It is doubtful that we would show up late for the AFL grand final, or a graduation ceremony, or even an expensive meal in a glamorous restaurant. Should we not then be early to welcome the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords into our hearts? What do you think? Coming late for Mass disturbs others, disturbs the priest and dampens one's over-all participation in the Mass.

5. **REVERENCE.** Moses was commanded to take off his sandals before the burning bush that was a mere symbol of the Eucharistic Presence. Isaiah complained that he was impure in the midst of an impure people. His lips had to be purified by the burning coal. How much more reverence is owed the Eucharistic Lord, the King of the universe?

6. **INTENTIONS.** The priest usually has his specific intentions in every Mass. But you can have your own private intentions too. Three suggestions to help you to live the Mass more fully: 1) Offer Mass for a deceased person who might be detained in Purgatory, for their quick release or at least alleviation of suffering. 2) Conversion of sinners. We all have in mind family members, relatives, friends, fellow workers who seem to have forgotten about God or are angry at God and have for different reasons drifted away from the Church. Offer your Mass and Holy Communion so that they will return. These lost sheep may return to the Good Shepherd if you take the effort to pray for them and place them on the altar at Mass.

Personal conversion. We all struggle with the flesh, with our demons, with the seduction of the world and its allurements. In Holy Communion beg the Lord Jesus to grant you the grace of a true **HEART TRANSPLANT**. Ask Jesus to give you His Sacred Heart and beg His Sacred Heart overflowing with the flames of love to consume whatever in your heart displeases Him.

7. **PARTICIPATE.** In Mass we are not called to be passive observers as if it were a show. Rather, we are called to participate fully and actively. We are called to listen attentively to the Word of God, respond to the Word, and to sing with all our hearts in praise and worship of the Lord. When silence is called for we enter into profound silence, where we will meet the Lord. As the prophet reminds: "Be silent and know that I am the Lord."

8. **MARY'S HEART AND YOURS.** While approaching Holy Communion we should humbly beg the Blessed Virgin Mary to lend us her Immaculate Heart so that we can receive Jesus with the utmost purity, humility and burning love. This is truly a key to improve our reception of Holy Communion—to receive Holy Communion through the Heart of Mary.

9. **THANKSGIVING.** After Holy Communion we should spend some time in rendering thanks to Jesus for this greatest of all gifts—His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in Holy Communion. There is no greater gift. In a home visitation and a friendly meal, a guest who has even the least of manners will thank the hosts for having invited him. Should we not abound in thanksgiving to Jesus for humbling Himself to descend into our miserable interior home that we call our soul? Let us join our hearts, minds and voices with the Psalmist and acclaim: "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for His mercy endures forever."

10. **EUCHARISTIC APOSTLE.** Given that you have encountered the greatest treasure in your life, the pearl of infinite value, you should be motivated to the fullest extent possible to bring Jesus to others and to bring others to Jesus. Take Our Lady as an example. After conceiving Jesus in her womb in the Annunciation, she went in haste to bring Jesus to her cousin Elizabeth, who in her old age was with child. Mary hurried to bring Jesus to others. After you have received Jesus in Holy Communion and given Him a worthy thanksgiving, now it is time to become a fiery Apostle and to bring the Lord Jesus to others. Preach by your example but also by your word. Invite others to Church, to Confession, to Mass and Holy Communion. Become a missionary. The harvest is rich but the labourers are few.

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1st Reading - Jeremiah 33:14-16

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

'In those days and at that time,
I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David,
who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.

In those days Judah shall be saved
and Israel shall dwell in confidence.
And this is the name the city will be called:
The-Lord-our-integrity.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm-24(25):4-5,8-9,10,14

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour.

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,

He guides the humble in the right path,

He teaches his way to the poor.

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

His ways are faithfulness and love

for those who keep his covenant and law.

The Lord's friendship is for those who
revere him;

to them he reveals his covenant.

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

2nd Reading - 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Gospel - Luke 21:25-28,34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.