



St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) - 3rd NOVEMBER 2024

Parish Centre

A: 120 Hallam Road,
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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
Parish Coordinator: Mrs. Macrina Martin
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School Principals:

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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

- Next Sunday I will be commissioning our new Youth Leadership Team at the 11am mass. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their ministry.
- **Sacramental Program 2025 enrolments** for children who go to non-Catholic schools will take place in the Church foyer after the 9am and 11am masses on Sunday 3rd November and 10th November 2024.
- If you wish to have masses offered for your loved ones during the month of November, please use the mass intention envelopes to write their names and place your offering inside the envelope.
- Last year the Book of Remembrance was created to pray for holy souls. Please see the sacristan to record the names of loved ones who have passed away since last year. There is no need to add names which have been already recorded.
- 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 11am mass.

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)

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 - 9th & 10th November

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

Church Cleaners

Team4: Samoan Choir

Counters

Team 3: Sumith, Samantha, Ransiri, Michael, Gilbert, Marilyn

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes:\$5193.40

Unpledged:\$2300.70

Presbytery: \$2263.60

This Sunday we pray

In Thanksgiving

Jeanne Kariyawasam

Jennifer D'Costa

Scott

Zoe Marivic

Recardo and Marichu

Linda and Ashley Franklin

Albert John

Paul and Maricel Martin

Nipps Family

For Those who are Sick

Girlie Andres Yabut

Stella Marie Hookens

Andree Jeanne

For those who have died recently

Feast days this week

Monday, 4th November: St Charles Borromeo

Saturday, 9th November: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

For those whose anniversaries we remember

All whose names are in the Book of Remembrance.

Caritas Australia's Lebanon Crisis Appeal

Lebanon is currently facing a dire crisis, and the need for your support has never been greater. Communities are being devastated by conflict and economic instability, leaving countless families without access to basic needs like food, water, and medical care. Our Caritas Australia partners on the ground are doing everything they can, but they desperately need your help. Please show your love for Lebanon and donate today to help supply essential items such as food, shelter, and medical aid, as well as long-term support to rebuild communities.

Donate today: www.caritas.org.au/lebanon

A PRAYER FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

God of Compassion,

We remember with gratitude and love

all the people we have known and

who you have called home to yourself.

In this month of the holy souls

we give thanks for the great cloud of witnesses

who have shaped us, inspired us, loved us and forgiven us.

We pray especially for our deceased family members,

knowing that they also pray for us.

We hold out to you

the millions who are dying because of war, famine, disease and climate change.

We pray for refugees who die in search of safety.

May our sorrow encourage us to work for a more just world where every life is treated with equal dignity.

Living and dead, we are all your family.

May your perpetual light shine on us all.

Amen.

Pope's Prayer Intention for November

For anyone who has lost a child

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

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 parishioner 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 –Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord the God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.'

'Listen, Israel: the Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm - 17(18):2-4,47,51

I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise,
when I call I am saved from my foes.

I love you, Lord, my strength.

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me,
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed.

I love you, Lord, my strength.

2nd Reading - Hebrews 7:23-28

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him. To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them, and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel –Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.