



St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) - 10th NOVEMBER 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
Parish Coordinator: Mrs. Macrina Martin
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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

- After receiving many quotes from painters and confident that we have settled on the best price, we will commence the painting of our Church on Monday, 11th November and hopefully complete the painting by 22nd November. During this time, daily mass will be in the foyer and weekend masses on 16th and 17th November will be in the School hall or weather permitting in the outdoor learning area behind the School hall. This arrangement is subject to change. Please come early to mass next weekend.
- 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 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 November last year. There is no need to add names which have been already recorded.
- Our Parish Consecration to Mary preparation began on Tuesday 5th November at 7pm in the Church. We will meet weekly for an hour - the weekly gatherings will take place on 12th (in the foyer), 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.

As part of our Christmas Carols event, we are excited to invite our young parishioners to take part in a special way! This year, we are looking for young actors to participate in little skits which will be an integral part of our Carols event and will help bring the true spirit of the season to life for our parish community. Participating in these skits offers a wonderful opportunity for your child to feel a deeper connection with the parish, as they work together, build friendships, and contribute to our joyful holiday traditions. It's a chance to experience the magic of Christmas through the eyes of our children.

Please contact one of the Carols 2024 Committee if you would like your child to be involved. We would love to have them share their talents and enthusiasm with us this Christmas!

Carols 2024 Committee

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



Rosters - 9th & 10th November

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

Church Cleaners

Team 5: Tyrone, Tyronie, Emeli, Pelenato

Counters

Team 4: Gerard, Kaye, Julz, Margaret, Linda, Ashley, Sydney, Veera

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$5335.00

Unpledged: \$2366.30

Presbytery: \$2233.15

This Sunday we pray

In Thanksgiving

Kharina Barrett

Deigo Barrett

Priscilla Anthony

Jude Abraham

Irene Taylor

Barbara Barlow

40 hour Adoration Group

members and family

Lockwood Family

Dogra Family

E.J. Fernando

For Those who are Sick

Girlie Andres Yabut

Stella Marie Hookens

Andree Jeanne

For those who have died recently

Ruth Dubier

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, 11th November: St Martin of Tours

Tuesday, 12th November: St Josaphat

Friday, 15th November: St Albert the Great

Saturday, 16th November: St Gertrude, St Margaret of Scotland

For those whose anniversaries we remember

All whose names are in the Book of Remembrance.

CatholicCare Appeal - Prison Sunday

CatholicCare Victoria's Prison ministry supports thousands of vulnerable, isolated and marginalised people in every prison and correctional centre in Victoria—15 in total, through its chaplaincy program. Next Sunday there will be a third collection to support the work of this vital ministry.

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.

Written by Michael McGirr

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 MASS – THE LORD'S PRAYER

At the beginning of Jesus' ministry, his disciples asked him, "Lord, teach us to pray", and Jesus delighted in this request. He responded by giving them the prayer we call the Our Father or the Lord's Prayer (see Luke 11:1-4).

The Church celebrates this as the most cherished prayer and gives it a prominent place at Mass. Indeed, it has been part of the worship of Christian assemblies since the very beginning of Christianity. The most ancient guide to the liturgy, the Didache from the first century, gives instructions for praying the Lord's Prayer daily. And the early Christians consistently connected this prayer with the Mass. Tertullian in the second century, St Cyprian in the third century, and many others taught that the petition for "our daily bread" was a plea before God for the gift of the Eucharist.

As the priest calls us to recite this prayer, he recognises the audacity of what we are about to do. "At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say ..." What is it we dare to say? "Our Father"! Those opening words bring us face to face with the extraordinary revelation of Jesus Christ. He alone is the true, natural Son of God. Remember, in the Creed, we proclaimed him as "God from God, light from light, true God from true God" – the only begotten Son of the Father. Yet he came among us so that he could make us co-heirs to his inheritance (see Romans 8:17, Galatians 3:29, Ephesians 3:6, Titus 3:7). We share in his death and Resurrection through our baptism and our participation in the Eucharist. We become adopted children of God because we share the life of the natural Son of God. We share his life because he came to share ours. St Paul made this very clear: "But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to ransom those under the law, so that we might receive adoption. As proof that you are children, God sent the spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out, 'Abba, Father'. So, you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God" (Galatians 4:4-7).

We have been called to this unique relationship with God our of our former sinful state. Each person, with the exception of Mary, who was preserved from all stain of sin by a singular grace of God in view of the merits of her Son, is born in original sin, and into a world damaged by sin.

But God "delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins" (Colossians 1:13-14). St Paul speaks of this justifying mercy of God often. The opening of the Lord's Prayer reminds us that we can call God "our Father" because of the generous outpouring of the Holy Spirit on everyone who proclaims Jesus as Lord. The first of all God's gifts is the gift of himself. He desires to give himself to us perfectly in eternal life. But that giving begins now and arrives in a supreme way in the Mass. There is a world of difference between knowing God as "our Father" and knowing him as "Creator" or "Lord". "Father" denotes a loving, familiar, familial relationship. It means he is our protector, friend, guide, teacher, provider, doing everything he does for us with a tender and personal affection. He is with us, transforming and making us children by adoption and sharers in his nature. He is present to unite us to himself (see John 17:22-23).

He is present that he may be known, He wishes us all to grow in holiness and the life of prayer, so that we may more and more taste his presence as saints and mystics of every age have done. Though he remains God and we remain creatures, somehow we are closely joined to him. We share his life. We remain always finite and distinct from him who is the infinite Lord of all. But the mystery that transcends our understanding is that somehow God becomes so close to us that we can call him Father.

If God is our Father, then we must be brothers and sisters. This truth is at the heart of the Christian community – the Church. We are one with each other because we are one with Jesus the Lord. While there are many ways that we might identify with other groups – our blood ties, ethnic origins, cultural interests – there is one reality that supersedes all these other bonds: union with each other in Christ.

To pray to God as "our Father" is to recognise that we have responsibilities to each other as members of the same family. We are not merely components of a cultural, political, economic or social entity. We are a faith community. If our faith is strong enough, we'll recognise how deep our spiritual bonds are; and then we can accomplish that communion, that family life, that manifestation of the kingdom of God the Jesus calls for when he urges us to name God as "our Father".

We call God our Father, but still we recognise his utter transcendence. We pray, "Our Father, who art in heaven", and we "hallow" his name. We proclaim his name to be "Holy", that is, "set apart". As close as we can now draw to the divine life – through the Holy Spirit and in Jesus Christ – God is still utterly beyond us, transcendent, all-holy and infinite, with limitless power and majesty. In the Creed we have professed our belief in the "Father almighty". In the Gloria we have sung about the grandeur of that truth. At the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer, we hallowed God's name three times over: Holy, holy, holy! The Church unceasingly proclaims the glory of God.

No creature is worthy by nature to draw near to such glory, never mind speak in its presence. But the same divine perfection is also the root of perfect mercy, which heals sinners and calls them to communion to be divinised (see 2 Peter 1:4).

When we pray to "our Father" we recognise that it is God's holiness that attracts the human heart. It attracts us because of the goodness it implies, a goodness of such intensity that it dispels any servile fear and touches the sinful heart with awe and reverence. The splendour and holiness of God must be taken seriously. God is holy and requires holiness and will judge us on how well we correspond to the holiness he has shared with us. Thus the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom (see Proverbs 1:7). Still, that "fear" is not the cowering of a slave, but rather the awe of a child before a parent who can do so much, be so much, give so much. The disciples just wanted guidance in prayer, maybe a tip on technique. Imagine their excitement when Jesus gave them not words of encouragement or mere methods, but the actual words of the prayer itself – perfect words that themselves reveal a new relationship – words that beg a familial communion that comes, very soon, through the grace of "our daily bread", the Holy Eucharist.

1st Reading –1 Kings 17:10-16

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring me a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel: "Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm- 145(146):7-10

Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger.

Praise the Lord, my soul!

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked.

The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age.

Praise the Lord, my soul!

2nd Reading - Hebrews 9:24-28

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Alleluia!

Gospel –Mark 12:38-44

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.