



# St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) - 17th 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:

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

- Keeping in mind that we are looking at a proposal to open up the foyer into Church, the wall space between Church and the foyer will be glass. Therefore, the current Stations of the Cross will not be able to be accommodated with the refurbishment. Having removed the current Stations of the Cross from the walls of the Church has made the Church look more open. We are now considering the possibility of purchasing a new Stations of the Cross in a size appropriate for our Church. The cost of each new Station is \$2225. Images of the new Stations are displayed in the foyer. If there are parishioners (as a family or as a group) who would like to contribute towards a Station, please take the image of the Station off the wall, write your name on the back and hand it over to Fr Fabian or the sacristan this weekend.

- Memorial Mass** - I invite all parishioners who have lost loved ones in the last one year (November 2023 till date) to attend a memorial mass to remember and pray for your deceased loved ones. The mass will be held on Thursday, 28th November at 7.30pm followed by a light supper.
- Our Parish Consecration to Mary preparation began on 5th November. We will complete our Consecration to Mary on Sunday, 8th December at the 11am mass.
- There will be a third collection this Sunday for CatholicCare Prison Sunday appeal (previously known as Chaplaincy Appeal). Donations from our parish community will support the most vulnerable people in our community.

## 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 -23rd & 24th November

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

## Church Cleaners

**Team 1:** Sophia, Brian, Andre, Miriam, Veronique

## Counters

**Team 5:** Lorna, Mervyn, Anita, Howard, Jennifer, Cheryl, Owen

## Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes:\$5609.35

Unpledged:\$2008.70

Presbytery: \$2369.50

## This Sunday we pray

### In Thanksgiving

Sophie Conn  
Karena Karunakaran  
Karunakaran

## For Those who are Sick

Girlie Andres Yabut  
Stella Marie Hookens  
Andree Jeanne

## For those who have died recently

## 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, 18th November:** Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter and Paul

**Thursday, 21st November:** The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Friday, 22nd November:** St Cecilia

**Saturday, 23rd November:** St Columban, St Clement I

## For those whose anniversaries we remember

All whose names are in the Book of Remembrance.

## Friendship Group - Thanksgiving Mass - 29th November

Come one come all to celebrate the Friendship Group's annual thanksgiving Mass on Friday 29th November at 11.00 am. After mass, in the foyer there will be a fellowship, Please bring a plate to share, Come meet & greet, and enjoy the atmosphere with a raffle and prizes galore.

## Altar Servers Training - 24th November 2024

The Altar Server Committee invites you to attend the next altar server training on Sunday, 24th November from 3pm to 4.30pm in the Church.

## Novena of Reparation - 22nd November 2024

The Alliance of the Holy Family International invites the parishioners of St Kevin's to join in a novena of reparation to pray for peace in our world. In light of the current global challenges, Our Lord and Our Lady urge us to respond to their call to pray for peace and penance. The vigil will commence at 6.30pm on Friday, 22nd November and conclude with mass at midnight. Please see the notice board for the schedule.

## Thank you!

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who attended the fundraising dance for our Church! Your presence, enthusiasm, and generosity helped make the evening truly memorable.

A special thanks to those who donated food, raffle prizes, and financial support – your contributions made a big difference!

We also deeply appreciate the many volunteers who worked tirelessly to set up, pack up, and ensure the night ran smoothly. Your willingness to lend a hand, big or small, is invaluable.

A very special thank you to our amazing youth who helped out on both Friday and Saturday, without your support and help this event would not have been possible.

A special shout out to Adelle and Lynelle for being our MCs for the evening

We are also immensely grateful to RnB Events for providing their event styling services and to our official photographer Sel.

May we all continue to support and uplift each other in all our endeavors. Thank you, and God bless.

*The Social Group*

## Feast of the Immaculate Conception celebration - 8th December

Dear Parish Families,

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.

Details:

- Date: Friday, 8th December
- Time: 11am
- Location: St Kevins Parish Hampton Park

All children and families are encouraged to join us for this joyful celebration. We look forward to honoring Mary together and consecrating our parish to her loving care.

Blessings,

*Children's Ministry*

## THE MASS – THE LAMB OF GOD

As the Mass approaches its dramatic climax at Holy Communion the ritual connections to the ancient Passover grow ever stronger. Now, when the faithful are about to step forward for the sacrament, we proclaim Jesus repeatedly as the “Lamb of God”. In doing so, we echo the cry of St John the Baptist when he saw Jesus approaching. Twice he cried out: “Behold, the Lamb of God” (see John 1:29 and 1:36).

In speaking of the old Passover, St Luke reminds us of its association with the sacrificial lamb and with unleavened bread. He tells us “the day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread arrived, the day for sacrificing the Passover lamb” (Luke 22:7). St Paul carries that connection over to the new Passover, the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ: “Our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. Therefore let us celebrate the feast ... with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth” (1 Corinthians 5:7-8).

In the mystical visions of the Book of Revelation, we find the courts of heaven worshipping at an altar, and the object of their worship is the divine Lamb, Jesus Christ. Read chapter five of that book. The Lamb seems to have been slain, yet he is alive, and triumphant, and he rules both heaven and earth. Heaven and earth together worship him with hymns, prayers, blessings, readings, incense, and a Great Amen. Then turn to chapter 19, and you’ll see that the worship has become a “wedding feast of the Lamb” (Revelation 19:9).

The original Passover marked a new life for the chosen people, as they “passed over” from slavery to freedom, from Egypt to the promised land. Our new Passover, Jesus Christ, marks an even greater change to an even greater new life. Through this feast the Lamb accomplishes a marriage of heaven and earth, of God and the Church. This is the meaning of our Holy Communion.

We have returned to the Passover theme many times throughout the Mass. In the Gloria we addressed Jesus as “Lamb of God”. Here, however, he is called the Lamb four times in a very short period of time, three times in this prayer and once in the priest’s acclamation afterwards. The words of the Mass are drawing us deeply into the drama of our salvation. The prayers compress all of salvation history to a single point in our lives.

This is our Passover. It is your Passover. It is intensely personal. Nevertheless, it is intensely communal. We draw closer together as we draw closer to Jesus.

While we are praying or singing the “Lamb of God”, the priest breaks the host and mingles a small portion of it with the Precious Blood of Christ, which fills the chalice. The sacrificial action is complete, and all that is left is for the Victim, our “sacrificial Lamb”, to be consumed.

Like the words of St Luke and St Paul, the prayers of the Church identify the Lamb with the bread. In fact, in the Eastern Churches the Eucharistic bread is not called the “host”, but rather by the Greek and Slavonic words for “lamb”.

The “Lamb of God” prayer entered the Mass in the West through the efforts of a man from the East, St Sergius I, a Syrian who reigned in the seventh century.



We continue the Passover theme as the priest holds up the host and chalice and calls the congregation to “Behold the Lamb of God”. He adds: “Behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.”

Then, together with the people, he says: “Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.”

That is a powerful prayer. It is an honest prayer. If we have been following the Mass closely, by now we should have a clear view of who God is and who we are in relation to him. God is the Creator, and we are his creatures. He has no obligation to share his nature with us. He is eternal and infinite, and we are temporal and finite. What could he have to do with us? He is holy, and we are sinners. By our disobedience we have forfeited the privilege of living in his presence.

We are not worthy. This statement is simply our logical inference based on what we’ve seen so far.

The prayer is taken almost verbatim from the Gospel of St Matthew. It comes in a chapter that shows Jesus’ immense power as a healer. First he cured a leper just by declaring him “clean” (Matthew 8:2-3).

Then a Roman centurion approached him – a Roman, a Gentile, and so a man who had no claim to God’s promises to his chosen people. The man seeks help not for himself, but for a beloved employee: “Lord, my servant is lying at home paralysed, suffering dreadfully” (Matthew 8:6). Jesus consents to curing the young man. But the Roman protests: “Lord, I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof; say only the word and my servant will be healed” (Matthew 8:8).

Those words “amazed” Jesus, who extolled the faith of this Gentile. Like that long-ago centurion, we see Jesus and are moved to ask for mercy, for healing. We demonstrate our faith by our approach. Like the centurion, we plead our unworthiness. We can rest confident of Jesus’ response. It will be as we read in the Gospel. He has the power to cure our spiritual and moral ills, and he has the will to do so. If we ask him to heal us, he says the word and our souls “shall be healed”.

From The Mass by Cardinal Donald Wuerl and Mike Aquilina

## 1st Reading - Daniel 12:1-3

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## Responsorial Psalm-15(16):5,8-11

*Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.*  
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
it is you yourself who are my prize.  
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:

since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

*Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.*  
And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my body shall rest in safety.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay.

*Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.*  
You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness for ever.

*Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.*

## 2nd Reading - Hebrews 10:11-14,18

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. He, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place forever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and pray constantly,

that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.

Alleluia!

## Gospel –Mark 13:24-32

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.