



St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (YEAR B) - 24th 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
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

In November last year we got quotes for fixing the roof from two companies. Legacy Roofing and Plumbing Pty Ltd gave us the lower quote of \$35,000 and we decided to take up their offer. As the contractor took more time to complete the job than originally intended, he has given us a reduced rate of \$19,750.01. The amount raised for the roof was \$32,303.17. The amount paid to the contractor was \$19,750.01, so the balance is \$12,553.16.

The above balance from the church repairs was used to paint the Church. We received a community grant of 100 litres of paint from Dulux. We thank our parishioner Johannie Jayasinha for organising this donation. The cost of purchased paint was \$1715.65. Three parishioners contributed \$5500 (\$3000, \$2000 and \$500) towards the painting of the Church. We thank them for their generous contributions. The total contributions for the painting were \$18,053.16 (\$12,553.16+\$5,500). The costs paid to the painter was \$15,500. The balance left over after paying for the paint was \$837.51. Details breakdown provided below.

The sides of the Church, windows and beams have not yet been painted, as they were not part of this project. The cost of painting them will be taken from our Parish Maintenance budget. The front of the Church and foyer will be painted after the intended refurbishment is completed.

Church Roof Repairs and painting

Fundraising for roof repairs	\$ 32,303.17
Total cost of roof repairs	\$ 19,750.01
Balance after payment	\$ 12,553.16
Donations from parishioners	\$ 5,500.00
Total available for painting	\$ 18,053.16
Cost for paint	\$ 1,715.65
Payment to painter	\$ 15,500.00
Balance funds	\$ 837.51

PPC Update

I take this opportunity to congratulate our new Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) members Anne Joyce, Emeli Teofilo, Marie France Prosper and Ryan Martin. I wish our new PPC members every blessing and will be formally commissioning them at the 5pm mass on Saturday, 30th November. Going forward, we are going to follow a new structure for the PPC. The Quadrant structure will have two to three representatives in each quadrant. This enables the flow of information in the Parish. The quadrant structure chart can be viewed on the noticeboard. Elections for Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson positions were held at the PPC meeting on 14th November and Brian D'Souza was elected as Chairperson and Ryan Martin was elected as Deputy Chairperson. Congratulations to them on their new roles within the PPC. We would like to thank Damian Rodrigo, Kharece D'Souza, Nichola Jacob and Sunita D'Mello for their time served on the PPC. Our Parish Pastoral Council members are Ex-Officio: Fr Fabian Smith, Dcn. Graeme Pender, Christine White, Jason Micallef, Anacleto Jones (Deanery Rep.), Rozeta Ambrose (Minute Secretary), Brian D'Souza (Chairperson and Service Quadrant), Sherine Edwards and Anne Joyce (Service/Community Quadrant), Jude Rodrigo and Leith Sladen (Pastoral Care Quadrant) Briony D'Cruz and Emeli Teofilo (Worship Quadrant) Ryan Martin (Deputy Chairperson and Faith Formation Quadrant) and Marie France Prosper (Faith Formation Quadrant).

The following were the key areas discussed at the PPC meeting on 14th November:

- Elections in PPC for Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson took place.
- Proposed purchase of new Stations of the Cross for Parish
- Reviewed Quadrant Structure
- Discussion on Jubilee plans for Parish
- Proposed property development in the Parish

Rosters -30th Nov. & 1st Dec.

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

Church Cleaners

Team 2: Antonio, Samangi, Eileen, Joelle, Rennla

Counters

Team 1: Anne, Michael, Lyn, Nadine, Tyronie, Gerald

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$5208.80

Unpledged: \$1211.95

Presbytery: \$2082.00

This Sunday we pray

In Thanksgiving

Michael & Camlin Thompson Christopher Vaz Jude Ambrose Bernice Peters The Prosper Family

For Those who are Sick

Girlie Andres Yabut
Stella Marie Hookens
Andree Jeanne

For those who have died recently

David D'Cruz
Antonio Henrique Sousa-Silva
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

Monday, 25th November: St Catherine of Alexandria

Friday, 30th November: St Andrew

For those whose anniversaries we remember

All whose names are in the Book of Remembrance.

St Vincent De Paul Society Christmas Appeal

The members of the St Vincent De Paul society have been busy during the current year. With the increase in the cost of living we have a significant increase in requests for help. The help provided is close to \$48,000 this year up to the end of October. This includes food vouchers, rent assistance, and help with Utility bills and other help. The conference also provides educational scholarships to four needy primary school students who are transitioning from primary to secondary school. The principals of the respective schools nominate the needy students.

In the year 2023, we helped approx. 120 families with toys and food hampers. We were able to do this with the generous help of the St Kevin's Parish community and the two primary schools, St Kevin's, and St Francis De Sales.

Once again, we request your generous support to help a similar number of families during Christmas. This year the conference has decided to change what we request from parishioners. Rather than requesting toys, we request help with Christmas hampers. This change is to give the opportunity for the parishioners to help a family in need with food rather than giving toys. Also, there is a growing need for food in our community.

On the Christmas tree in the foyer there are cards with the makeup of families. E.g.: Two adults and two children (due to privacy reasons we are not able to give names of families). Within the card there is a list of items to be included in the hamper. There are two types of hampers, large and small. We estimate the large hamper to cost \$68 and the small hamper to cost \$40 (the smaller hamper will be, to families, which include two adults or a single person). With the large hamper you might be able to share among two parishioners and donate one hamper towards a needy family. Please take a card and help us by donating a hamper. 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

Memorial Mass - Thursday 28th November at 7.30pm

Friendship Group's Annual Thanksgiving Mass -

Friday 29th November at 11.00 am. Mass followed by fellowship. Bring a plate.

Weekend Food Sale- Savour the Flavour

Dates: Saturday, November 30 & Sunday, December 1

See the noticeboard for the menu and other details.

Children's Christmas Party

Date: 8th December Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM (Face painting starts at 2:00 PM)

Location: Church Hall

Children's Catechism and Junior Youth Formation - 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd December

Time: 12.15-1.15pm See poster for details.

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

See the noticeboard for details.

8th December 2024 at 11am - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception - Mass animated by Children's Ministry

PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Of all the gestures, actions, decisions, operations, motions in the life of the human person, by far the greatest (beyond comparison) is to receive Jesus, the Lord and God into the very depths of your soul in the greatest of all Sacraments: Holy Communion.

The Bread of Life, the Bread of Angels, Corpus Christi, food for the journey, strength on the Highway to holiness, Our Comfort, Friend, Guide, Light, Spiritual Manna, Our Eternal Life—all of these and many more are titles or descriptions for Jesus, truly present in Mass in Holy Communion.

Reflect on this: the entire created universe, from the stars, planets, immense oceans and lofty mountains, to all the fish in the seas and animals on the land, cannot equal even just one Holy Communion.

The reason is simple but sublime: Holy Communion is God himself.

By Mary's "Yes" the second Person of the Holy Trinity became like us; He became man. He became like us in all things except sin. Still more, Jesus the Son of Mary, after leaving this earth in His glorified Body, wanted to stay with us always even until the end of time.

The last words of Jesus in the Gospel Matthew were: "And behold I will be with you always even until the end of time" (Matthew 28: 20). If Jesus went up to heaven, how can He still be with us and even until the end of time, until the end of the world? The response: in His Mystical Body, which is the Church that He established as the primary Sacrament of salvation.

However, of all the Sacraments the greatest is the most Holy Eucharist. Why? Because the most Holy Eucharist is really God; it is really Jesus Christ, the Bread of life. The Holy Eucharist is truly and substantially the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ. Even the smallest consecrated Host, even a small particle of the consecrated Host is still Jesus the Lord, King and God of the universe.

We should be overflowing with joy and gratitude for the most sublime gift of the Holy Eucharist.

There is no greater action we can possibly do while we live on earth than to receive the Eucharist worthily. Jesus' promise for receiving Him frequently and worthily should fill all of us with immense joy. Jesus consoles us with these words: "I am the Bread of life. Whoever eats my Body and drinks my Blood will have everlasting life and I will raise him up on the last day."

Heaven is ours if we receive Jesus here on earth with faith and burning love.

Prayer before Communion

O Lord, I believe and profess that you are truly Christ, the Son of the living God, who came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the first. Accept me as a partaker of your mystical supper, O Son of God; for I will not reveal your mystery to your enemies, nor will I give you a kiss as did Judas, but like the thief I confess to you: Remember me, O Lord, when you shall come into your kingdom. Remember me,

O Master, when you shall come into your kingdom. Remember me, O Holy One, when you shall come into your kingdom. May the partaking of your Holy Mysteries, O Lord, be not for my judgment or condemnation, but for the healing of soul and body. O Lord, I also believe and profess that this, which I am about to receive, is truly your most precious Body and your life-giving Blood, which, I pray, make me worthy to receive for the remission of all my sins and for life everlasting. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Lord, Father all-powerful and ever-living God, I thank you, for even though I am a sinner, your unprofitable servant, not because of my worth but in the kindness of your mercy, you have fed me with the precious Body and Blood of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

I pray that this holy communion may not bring me condemnation and punishment but forgiveness and salvation. May it be a helmet of faith and a shield of good will. May it purify me from evil ways and put an end to my evil passions. May it bring me charity and patience, humility and obedience, and growth in the power to do good. May it be my strong defense against all my enemies, visible and invisible, and the perfect calming of all my evil impulses, bodily and spiritual. May it unite me more closely to you, the

one true God, and lead me safely through death to everlasting happiness with you. And I pray that you will lead me, a sinner, to the banquet where you, with your Son and Holy Spirit, are true and perfect light, total fulfillment, everlasting joy, gladness without end, and perfect happiness to your saints. Grant this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

From The Mass by Cardinal Donald Wuerl and Mike Aquilina

1st Reading - Daniel 7:13-14

I gazed into the visions of the night.
And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,
one like a son of man.
He came to the one of great age
and was led into his presence.
On him was conferred sovereignty,
glory and kingship,
and men of all peoples, nations and languages
became his servants.
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty
which shall never pass away,
nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm-92(93):1-2,5

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;
the Lord has robed himself with might,
he has girded himself with power.

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

The world you made firm, not to be moved;
your throne has stood firm from of old.
From all eternity, O Lord, you are.

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Truly your decrees are to be trusted.
Holiness is fitting to your house,
O Lord, until the end of time.

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

2nd Reading - Apocalypse 1:5-8

Grace and peace to you from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the First-Born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel –John 18:33-37

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.