



St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (YEAR C) 2nd FEBRUARY 2025

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.

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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

Ash Wednesday is on 5th March this year. We generally have two masses on Ash Wednesday

- 9.15am and 7pm.

We are thinking of having an additional mass in the morning and would like your feedback regarding a preferred time.

Please scan the QR code to state your preferences.



Special Collection - 2nd February 2025

As it will cost us \$200,000 for the building of the Chapel and \$100,000 for the grotto we are trying every effort to raise funds through your generous contributions. To this end, we will have a special collection on the first weekend of every month towards fundraising for the Grotto. On the third weekend of every month, we will have a special collection for the Chapel. This weekend, being the first weekend, we will have a special collection for the Grotto. The Eftpos machine in the foyer may also be used. Thank you once again for your generosity.

Fundraising Event - 8th and 9th February 2025

The Mauritian Community is excited to host our upcoming fundraising event, to support the building of our chapel & grotto which is scheduled for on **Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th of February 2025** after the masses at St Kevin's.

This event will bring our community together to make a meaningful impact, and we are seeking your kind support in any way to make it a success. Your generosity will directly contribute to the success of this event and support a cause that truly matters. On behalf of the Mauritian Community: "Merci Beaucoup"

Marie France Prosper

Altar Servers Training - 9th February 2025

The next altar server training session will take place on Sunday 9th February from 3pm to 4.30pm in the Church. All altar servers must attend the training session.

Parish Sacramental Program 2025

The 2025 Sacramental program schedule for children attending non-Catholic schools who wish to receive sacraments this year will be as follows:

Term 2 : Reconciliation preparation classes

Term 3: Eucharist preparation classes

Term 4: Confirmation preparation classes

An email with the start dates and times will be sent to all those who have enrolled. If you have not yet enrolled your child, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

What's on this week

Monday, 3rd February - 7pm Talk on Chastity by Fr Nicholas Pearce

Thursday, 6th February - 7.15pm Baptism Preparation class

Friday, 7th February - 6-7pm Adoration

Friday, 7th February - 7pm onwards Mass, followed by Vigil



Rosters - 8th & 9th February

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

Church Cleaners

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

Counters

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

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$4964.00

Unpledged: \$2275.20

Presbytery: \$2034.80

This Sunday we pray

In Thanksgiving

Ashley DeSouza
Damien Ruttun
Joshua D'Couto
Ashley Coates

For those who are sick:

Deacon Graeme Pender
Toilolo Fatu Sialau
Maria C
Lili Faoa
Suzy Hagley

For those who died recently

Stanley
May Assumpta
Natalia Large
Jean Paul Ventura
Danny Roussel De St.
Remy
Paulina Manuel

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, 3rd February: St Blaise, St Ansgar

Wednesday, 5th February: St Agatha

Thursday, 6th February: St Paul Miki & Companions

Saturday, 8th February: St Josephine Bakhita, St Jerome Emiliani

For those whose anniversaries we remember

Noela Lebrasse, Derrick Bertram Simmons, Priam Diaz, Walton Narcis, Mr & Mrs T.J. Starr, Mick Hunter, Coral Adie, Candelaria and Flora Loyola

First Friday Vigil - 7th February 2025

We invite you to attend the First Friday vigil which begins at 6.00pm and includes holy rosary, adoration, devotion to the Sacred Heart and mass. The vigil concludes with First Saturday devotions and mass at midnight.

Lourdes Day Mass - Saturday 8 February 2025

10.30am–12.00pm

The Order of Malta invites you to the annual Lourdes Day Mass—an opportunity to pray for the sick and infirm, particularly those who are not able to visit Lourdes.

The Mass will take place at St Patrick's Cathedral, with Archbishop Peter A Comensoli as the principal celebrant.

2025 Out of this World Father Son Camp - 14th - 16th February - Year 2 to Year 6

Shake out your space suit and test your Star Trek phasers. The Empire has teamed up with the Klingons and is about to strike back. We need to be ready! The countdown has started. Blast off from Safety Beach at 7.30pm on Friday 14 February. Be there or be left behind. For more details, check the poster on the noticeboard.

Mothers who Pray for their Children - 2nd National Conference

Date: Saturday, 15th February 2025

Venue: Catholic Leadership Centre, 576 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne

Time: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

The theme of this year's conference titled, *'On the Cross: Reconciliation'*, reflects our commitment to fostering healing and unity within families and communities through the grace of forgiveness. The program will feature a series of spiritually enriching addresses, prayerful reflections, and opportunities for dialogue, all aimed at equipping Catholic mothers with tools to nurture faith and reconciliation within their homes.

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,

may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us

into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within

both humanity and the whole cosmos

in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth,

when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,

your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God,

eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

Pope Francis' monthly prayer intention - February

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

This week, we shall take a look at the first and fourth precepts in a little more detail.

1. You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation.

Holy days were instituted by the Church to recall to our minds the great mysteries of religion and the virtues and rewards of the saints.

For just the same reason the government has instituted civic holidays. What would the people of this country know or think at the present time about the First Fleet and the settlement of Australia, and all connected with it, if they did not celebrate Australia Day every year? And Anzac Day keeps alive in our memory the sacrifices of our forebears of nearly a hundred years ago — their great battles, their sufferings and triumph, the security they won for us.

In like manner, the feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord keeps us in mind of the sad condition in which we were before Our Lord redeemed us, and how he liberated us from the slavery of the devil and secured for us so many blessings. So, too, when we celebrate every year the feast of a saint in the Church, it keeps before our minds his works and all that he did for God and the Church, and makes us anxious to imitate his virtues.

On every day in the year the Church honours some mystery of our holy faith or some saint by saying Mass all over the world in honour of the feast, and by obliging the priests and bishops to say the Divine Office for the same purpose. The feast day of a saint is generally the day on which he died; because that is considered the day on which he entered into Heaven — the day on which he was born into the new world.

The Divine Office is a collection of prayers, hymns, lessons, and psalms which every priest and bishop must read every day of his life. As it is said each day in honour of some particular mystery or saint, the greater part of it differs for each day. The prayers are to God, asking some grace or blessing in honour of the saint — generally such graces as were granted to the saint. The hymns are in the saint's honour; the lessons are excerpts from Holy Scripture, or an account of the saint's life; and the psalms are those beautiful poems that King David composed and sang to God.

The Divine Office is the prayer of the universal Church for its children, and if a priest neglects to say it he commits a mortal sin.

It takes about an hour to say the Divine Office in its entirety, but it is not intended to be said all at once. It is so divided that it is said at three times in the day. The part called Matins and Lauds is said very early in the morning and before Mass. The part called Little Hours is said later in the day; and the part called Vespers and Compline is said in the afternoon.

See, therefore, how anxious the Church is for the good of its children, when it makes its bishops, priests, and religious pray daily for all the faithful, and send up in one voice the same prayer to the throne of God.

4. You shall keep holy the holy days of obligation.

We should keep the holy days of obligation as we should keep Sunday.

In Australia, in addition to every Sunday, there are two holy days of obligation:

1: the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Christmas Day — December 25

2: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary — August 15

The number of holy days of obligation was once much greater. In 1911, St Pope Pius X reduced the number of such non-Sunday holy days from 36 to eight. Since then they have been reduced to two for Australia.

Non-Sunday holy days of obligation all have the rank of solemnity. Accordingly, if in Ordinary Time one of them falls on a Sunday, the Sunday celebration gives way to it; but the Sundays of Advent, Lent and Eastertide take precedence over all solemnities, which are then transferred to another day.

Moreover, these two holy days of obligation are to be observed annually, regardless of the day of the week on which they fall.

The Decree of Promulgation became effective on 16 September, 2001.

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1st Reading - Malachi 3:1-4

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his Temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of Hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fullers' alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 23(24):7-10

Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

Who is the king of glory?

The Lord, the mighty, the valiant,
the Lord, the valiant in war.

Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

Who is he, the king of glory?
He, the Lord of armies,
he is the king of glory.

Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

2nd Reading - Hebrews 2:14-18

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Christ too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia!

This is the light of revelation to the nations,
and the glory of your people, Israel.

Alleluia!

Gospel - Luke 2:22-40

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.

Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said:

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace,
just as you promised;
because my eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared for all the nations to see,
a light to enlighten the pagans
and the glory of your people Israel.'

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.