



St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) 16th FEBRUARY 2025

Parish Centre

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H: Tue to Fri 9.15am - 1:15pm
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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
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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

- To celebrate the Jubilee year, I am organising a Marian and Eucharistic pilgrimage to Europe leaving Melbourne on 13th September this year and returning on 2nd October. Five spots are available. Please go to the Parish website <https://stkevins.org.au/> to check the itinerary and associated cost. If you are interested, please fill in the registration forms and send them to the travel agent by Friday 21st February 2025.
- Thank you to Marie-France Prosper and her team of dedicated volunteers who cooked, cleaned, served and donated food for the Mauritian food sale and for all who supported the food sale. May the Lord bless you for your selflessness and generosity. The total amount raised towards the building of the Chapel and Grotto was \$6222.24
- Last month we announced that to make our fundraising efforts fun, we are asking that a parishioner or two match the collection amount raised each month and the Parish will put in a similar amount. The amount collected through the can and bottle refund scheme was \$672. Thanks you to your loose change contributions, we collected \$186.50. If one or more parishioners would like to match the amounts, please use the green Appeals envelopes available in the foyer. Please place your envelope in the bowl kept on the first step of the sanctuary.

Thank you!

On behalf of the Mauritian community, I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for your incredible support during our recent fundraising efforts. Your generosity, food donations, time, and effort have played a pivotal role in helping us reach our goal. Whether you contributed financially, spread the word, or volunteered your time, your involvement has made a significant impact in bringing our vision to life and making a meaningful difference in our community. We are deeply grateful for your unwavering dedication and the kindness you have shown. A special thank you to all the other nationalities who supported us, as well as to those from non-Christian backgrounds who contributed food. Thanks to you, we are one step closer to achieving our mission. We truly couldn't have done it without you.

Warmest Regards - Marie France

Senior Youth Group meeting - Friday 21st February

All youth aged 18 and above are welcome to attend the next senior youth group meeting on Friday 21st February at 7.30pm in the Church foyer.

Altar Server Fun Day - Sunday 23rd February 2025 - after the 11am mass

The altar Server Committee invites all altar servers to attend the Altar Server Fun Day on Sunday, 23rd February from 12noon to 4pm in the School Hall.

What's on this week

Sunday, 16th February - 4-6pm - Junior Youth Faith formation (School Hall)

Tuesday, 18th February - 7pm Talk by Fr Fabian Smith

Friday, 21st February - 6-7pm Adoration

7.30-9pm Senior Youth Group
Sunday, 23rd February 12-4pm Altar Server Fun Day



Rosters - 22nd & 23rd February

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

Church Cleaners

Team 4: Samoan Choir

Counters

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

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$5282.90

Unpledged: \$2148.45

Presbytery: \$2400.60

This Sunday we pray

In Thanksgiving

Kristine Musiut
Jayden Scurville
Troy and Anna Yates
Stephen and Anita
D'Souza
Britto Family
Lera Lucille Yerrick
Pastorpile Family
Viktoria
Lisa Napit
Miya Napit
Marilou Cabildo
Mary and Johan Hanekom

For those who are sick:

Deacon Graeme Pender
Toilolo Fatu Sialau
Maria C
Lili Faoa
Suzy Hagley
Alroy Francis Jacob
Maria Angela Inzillo
Gaudencio Tamisin
Arun D'Souza
Walter Lockwood

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 17th February: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Friday, 21st February: St Peter Damian

Saturday, 22nd February: The Chair of St Peter, Apostle

For those who died recently

Roxanne Pickering

For those whose anniversaries we remember

Noela Lebrasse, Brenda and George Jackson, Luiza Yerrick, Kevin Green, John and Antoinette Crasto, Desmond Joseph Hookens, O'Dath and D'Cruz family, Theja Iddama Igoda, Rodelio and Teresita Alzona, Michael Raveche, Hera Devi, Conrado Cabildo Jr, Sugath Olagama, Alcina Albino Da Silva, Sylvia and Herman D'Souza, Mrs Rita Tauro

Liturgy Ministers Training - Sunday 23rd March at 4pm

We invite parishioners who are interested in serving as readers and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to attend the next training session being held on Sunday, 23rd March at 4pm in the Church. Please note, this session is only for new readers and extraordinary ministers.

Palms

Please bring blessed palms from last year and place them in the basket on the first step of the sanctuary, so that they may be burnt for ash for the Ash Wednesday masses.

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.

Liturgy Ministers - Preferences for Lent and Holy Week

All readers and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion who wish to serve at the Ash Wednesday and Holy Week liturgies are invited to state their preferences. Please use the QR code to record your preferences by Monday, 3rd March 2025. If you are not able to use the QR code, please call the Parish Office to state your preferences.

Parish Pilgrimage to St Macartan's - Saturday, 8th March

Our Parish is planning a pilgrimage to St Macartan's, Mornington which is a local Place of Pilgrimage, declared by Archbishop Comensoli. We are planning to organise a bus at the cost of approximately \$20 per head. Please scan the QR code to express your interest by Monday, 24th March 2025.



St Kevin's Parish Rosary - New Zoom link St Kevin's Rosary Group prays the rosary together on Zoom at 6pm daily. The Parish has updated the Zoom rosary link. Please use the new link available on the website to join the rosary.

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 detailed look at the fifth precept of the Church.

5. You shall observe the prescribed days of fasting and abstinence.

Fasting is a form of self-denial that is commended to us by the Church — based on the example Jesus gives us when he fasts for 40 days and then is tempted by the devil, whom he vanquishes on our behalf — as a means of penance, that we may mortify our passions and satisfy for our sins.

“Mortify our passions” — keep our bodies under control, do bodily penance. Remember it is our bodies that generally lead us into sin; so, if we punish the body by fasting and mortification, we atone for the sin, and thus God wipes out a part of the temporal punishment due to it.

The Catechism has this to say:

“1434 The interior penance of the Christian can be expressed in many and various ways. Scripture and the Fathers insist above all on three forms, fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, which express conversion in relation to oneself, to God, and to others. Alongside the radical purification brought about by Baptism or martyrdom they cite as means of obtaining forgiveness of sins: effort at reconciliation with one’s neighbour, tears of repentance, concern for the salvation of one’s neighbour, the intercession of the saints, and the practice of charity, ‘which covers a multitude of sins.’”

Days of abstinence are days on which we are forbidden to eat flesh meat, but are allowed the usual amount of food.

The Church commands us to abstain, from flesh meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent and to abstain from flesh meat or do some other chosen penance on the other Fridays of the year in honour of the day on which Our Saviour died.

Fast days are days on which we are allowed just one full meal.

According to the traditional Catholic method of fasting, one may eat one full meal each day with meat included, plus two smaller meatless meals, both of which together do not equal the one full meal. No eating between meals is allowed, although drinking beverages such as coffee and tea are allowed and are not considered to break the fast. (Milk, juice, and soft drinks are also considered not to break the fast, although they are in fact foods and mitigate the effects of the fast and work contrary to its intent because they satisfy one’s hunger to some extent, since they have food value.)

They, therefore, who follow the above regulations obey the Catholic method of fasting. Today the prescribed days of fast for the whole Church are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday (these are also days of abstinence). However, the Church today says that the meaning of the law of fasting during Lent remains, although the extent of the obligation has been changed. In other words, Lent remains as a season of penance in the Church, but how it is to be observed is greatly up to the individual, though no one may think himself excused from all penance whatsoever, and those who are in the fasting age group should still practice the Church’s form of fasting, since fasting is a primary and very efficacious form of penance.

Those who, for sufficient reasons, are excused from the obligation of fasting, are not on that account freed from the law of abstinence, for all who have reached their 14th birthday are bound to abstain from flesh meat on days when it is forbidden — Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent.

The following persons are excused from fasting:

1. Those who are not yet 18 or who have begun their 60th year (from their 59th birthday onward);
2. Those whose infirmity, condition, or occupation renders it impossible or dangerous for them to fast.

If you think you should be excused from fasting or abstaining, state your reasons to your confessor and ask his advice. On a fast day, therefore, you have to look both to the quantity and the kind of food, while on a day of abstinence — as the Fridays in Lent other than Good Friday — you have to look only to the kind.

1st Reading-Jeremiah 17:5-8

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,
who relies on things of flesh,
whose heart turns from the Lord.

He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,
he settles in the parched places of the wilderness,
a salt land, uninhabited.

'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord,
with the Lord for his hope.

He is like a tree by the waterside
that thrusts its roots to the stream:
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,
its foliage stays green;
it has no worries in a year of drought,
and never ceases to bear fruit.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm-Psalm 1:1-4,6

Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Happy indeed is the man
who follows not the counsel of the wicked;
nor lingers in the way of sinners
nor sits in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord
and who ponders his law day and night.

Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

He is like a tree that is planted
beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper.

Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Not so are the wicked, not so!

For they like winnowed chaff
shall be driven away by the wind:
for the Lord guards the way of the just
but the way of the wicked leads to doom.

Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

2nd Reading - 1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached,
how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection
of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not
been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still
in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in
Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this
life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-
fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad;
your reward is great in heaven.
Alleluia!

Gospel - Luke 6:17,20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece
of level ground where there was a large gathering of his
disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of
Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of
Tyre and Sidon. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he
said:

'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of
God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.
Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse
you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the
Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for
joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was
the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your
consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.
Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was
the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.