



St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) 23rd 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.

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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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

- Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,
On the 25th of January at the age of 45, my best friend for over 30 years passed away in his sleep. Stanley and I, at the age of 13, became friends as altar servers at the Sacred Heart Parish church in Madurai. I will be celebrating his 30th Day Mass in the same church and will be returning on the 3rd of March. Please keep me in your prayers. May I ask for your prayers for Stanley's soul. May he Rest In Peace.
- 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 28th February 2025.

Friendship Group anointing mass - 6th March at 11am

'On Thursday 6th March, The Friendship group has organized an Anointing Mass at 11.00 am, followed by a fellowship in the foyer, please bring a plate to share. All are welcome.

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.

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.

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.

What's on this week

Sunday, 23rd February - 12.4pm - Altar Server

Fun Day (School Hall)

Monday 24th February - 5-6pm - Junior Legion of Mary

Friday, 28th February - 6-7pm Adoration



Rosters -1st & 2nd March

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

Church Cleaners

Team 5: Tyrone, Tyronie, Emeli, Pelenato, Susanne

Counters

Team 4: Gerard, Margaret, Ashley, Linda, Sydney, Vera

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$4907.50

Unpledged: \$2530.70

Presbytery: \$2198.25

This Sunday we pray

In Thanksgiving

Mary Frantz

Karunakaran and Andrea

R & W Abraham and family

Guilhermina Albino

DaSilva Li Hau

Cassy Thaddaus

Chester, Shirlene and

Corey Jansz

Cameron & Nicole Jansz

Ronith Chatterji

Sunaina Chatterji

William Henricus

Hinauri Leumaga Chan

For those who are sick:

Alroy Francis Jacob

Maria Angela Inzillo

Gaudencio Tamisin

Andree Jeanne

Arun D'Souza

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

Thursday, 27th February : St Gregory of Narek

For those who died recently

Walter Lockwood, Jaylan Angel Isaiah Leung Kai

For those whose anniversaries we remember

Noela Lebrasse, Albert Britto, All souls in purgatory, Petty Fassioms, Joel Braganza, Marie Maglita Fernandopulle, Edgar George, Mildred and Peter George, Simeon and Maria Ambayec, Robert Alan Armstrong, Tyrone Rosayro, Whitby Dubier, Clement and Annie Philogene, Mr & Mrs Swaminathan, Teresa Joan Anthony

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:

Sacrament of Reconciliation – 20th November 2025 at 7pm

Classes begin: Wednesday 23rd April until 4th July 2025

Classes: Wednesday from 4-5pm

Reconciliation Parent Information Evening: 23rd April 4-5pm

Sacrament of First Holy Communion - 22nd November at 5pm mass

Classes begin: Wednesday 6th August until 17th September 2025

Classes: Wednesday 4-5pm

Communion Parent Information Evening: 25th March 2025

Sacrament of Confirmation – 2026 Date To be announced

Classes begin: 8th October 2025 until 26th November 2025

Classes: Wednesday 4-5pm

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 February 2025.



Parish Pastoral Council (PPC Update)

PPC met on Thursday, 13th February. The following were discussed:

- PPC Charter draft was reviewed by members
- The draft will be available for parishioners to review. Please submit any suggestions through the 'Suggestion Box'.
- Thank You to Marie-France Prosper for organising the Mauritian Food Sale Fundraiser towards the Parish Grotto on Sunday, 3rd February.

Total amount raised - \$6222.24

6. The faithful also have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to his abilities.

We are obliged to contribute to the support of our pastors, and to bear our share in the expenses of the Church and school and any charitable institution connected with the Church.

The Holy Land was divided among the tribes of Israel, who were the descendants of the 12 sons of Jacob. Now, one of these 12 tribes was made up entirely of priests and persons who served in the temple of God, called Levites. They received none of the land, but were to be supported by the other 11 tribes. All the people were obliged by the law to give what they called first fruits and tithes — that is, a 10th of their income in goods or money — each year to the temple for its support and the support of those who served it.

In the New Law no definite amount is assigned, but each Christian is left free to give what he can to God's Church according to his generosity.

But if God left you free, should you therefore be stingy with him? Remember, all that we have comes from God. For every alms you give for God's sake he can send you a hundred blessings; and what you refuse to give to his Church or poor he can take from you in a thousand ways, by sending misfortunes.

We read in the Bible (Genesis 4) that Adam's sons, Cain and Abel, both offered sacrifice to God. Abel's sacrifice was pleasing, but Cain's was not. Why? Because, as we are told, Cain did not offer to God the best he had, but likely the worst; or at least, he offered his sacrifice with a bad disposition. Then, when he saw that his brother's sacrifice was pleasing to God, being filled with jealousy, he killed him; and in punishment God marked him and condemned him to be a wanderer on the face of the earth. We are told he was always afraid of being killed by everyone he saw. See, then, what comes of being unwilling to be generous with God.

What we give him he does not need, but by giving, we worship and thank him. Do not people in the world often give presents to those who have done them a favour, that they may thus show their gratitude? Now, God is always doing us favours, and why should we not show our gratitude to him by giving generously in his honour?

When we give to the orphans, the poor and so on, we give to him; for he says: "Whatsoever you give to these little ones you give to me." Again, when Our Lord tells what will happen on the Day of Judgement (Matthew 25:31ff), he says, the Judge will divide all the people of the world into two bodies; the good he will place on his right hand and the wicked on his left. Then he will praise the good for what they did and welcome them to Heaven; but to the wicked he will say, "Depart from me, because when I was hungry you gave me not to eat; when I was thirsty you gave me not to drink; you clothed me not" etc. And then the wicked shall ask, "When did we see you in want and not relieve you? He will tell them that he considered the poor just the same as himself; and as they did nothing for his poor, they did nothing for him.

Perhaps a family has trouble making ends meet. What does the Church teaches regarding using a portion of our tithe for the Catholic education of our children?

Section 222 of the Code of Canon Law describes our obligation to support the Church as follows: "The Christian faithful are obliged to assist with the needs of the Church so that the Church has what is necessary for divine worship, for apostolic works and works of charity and for the decent sustenance of ministers. They are also obliged to promote social justice and, mindful of the precept of the Lord, to assist the poor from their own resources." The Church also teaches that parents are the primary educators of their children and providing them with a proper formation certainly falls within the activities described in section 222.

Remembering that the primary reason we tithe is to increase our love for God and neighbour, we should strive to have our sacrifices be used for the good of others. When, due to a lack of resources, a family is faced with not being able to provide an authentic Catholic formation for their children, certainly it would be permissible to use a portion of the tithe for that purpose.

Source: Catholic.net

1st Reading-1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,11-13,22-23

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

In the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul lying asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him. Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt? The Lord forbid that I should raise my hand against the Lord's anointed! But now take the spear beside his head and the pitcher of water and let us go away.' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them. David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. He called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 102(103):1-4,8,10,12-13

The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord

 all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord

 and never forget all his blessings.

The Lord is kind and merciful.

It is he who forgives all your guilt,

 who heals every one of your ills,
 who redeems your life from the grave,
 who crowns you with love and compassion.

The Lord is kind and merciful.

The Lord is compassion and love,

 slow to anger and rich in mercy.

He does not treat us according to our sins
 nor repay us according to our faults.

The Lord is kind and merciful.

As far as the east is from the west
 so far does he remove our sins.

As a father has compassion on his sons,
 the Lord has pity on those who fear him.

The Lord is kind and merciful.

2nd Reading - 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia!

I give you a new commandment;
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Gospel - Luke 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.'

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.