



Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) – 7th August 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

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Weekday Mass Times

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat – 9:15am

Every Wed – 7:00pm followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Sunday Mass Times

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.

New from Fr Fabian

It's good to be back and look forward to catching up with each of you at all the masses this weekend. On Saturday, 13th September I will be leading a Eucharistic and Marian pilgrimage. During this time, I'll be offering masses for all your intentions however if there are particular people you'd like me to pray for please put their names down on the sheets in the foyer. Wishing all fathers a very Happy Father's Day.

Monday, 8th September – The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary

We will have a 9.15am mass and 7pm mass on Monday, 8th September to celebrate the birthday of our Blessed Mother. The Legion of Mary Praesidiums will be leading a rosary at 6.30pm before the evening mass.

Happy Father's Day

We give thanks for all the dads in our Parish and pray that they will continue to guide, inspire and support their families through the intercession of St Joseph. *St. Joseph, guardian of Jesus and chaste husband of Mary, you passed your life in loving fulfillment of duty. You supported the holy family of Nazareth with the work of your hands. Kindly protect those who trustingly come to you. You know their aspirations, their hardships, their hopes. They look to you because they know you will understand and protect them. You too knew trial, labor and weariness. But amid the worries of material life your soul was full of deep peace and sang out in true joy through intimacy with God's Son entrusted to you and with Mary, his tender Mother. Assure those you protect that they do not labor alone. Teach them to find Jesus near them and to watch over him faithfully as you have done. Amen.*

Baptism Preparation Classes Schedule for 2025

The next baptism preparation class will be held on Thursday, 6th November 2025 at 7.15pm in the church. **Please note that a class will not be held in October.**

Pope's prayer intention for September

Pope Leo XIV's prayer intention for September 2025 is for "our relationship with all of creation. The Holy Father invites us to pray that "inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by

What's On this week

Monday, 8th September: 6.30pm – Rosary followed by Mass at 7pm

Tuesday, 9th September: 7pm: Search program

Wednesday, 10th September: 9.15am: Two Hearts devotion

4-5pm: First Communion preparation class

Thursday, 11th September: 7pm: Baptism preparation

Friday, 12th September: 7pm: Alpha program (School Hall)



ROSTERS for 13th & 14th September
Readers & Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion please see the Notice Board for Rosters.

CHURCH CLEANERS

Team 3: Jeneview, Khuram, Priscilla & Hayley, Michael, Maria, Doreen

COUNTERS

Team 2: Roland, Rosalia, Jackie, Savio, John, Jackie V.

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$5112.00

Unpledged: \$2251.35

Presbytery: \$2040.55

Thank you!

This Sunday we Pray

Thanksgiving

All pilgrims of the 2025 Marian pilgrimage

Jada Crasto

Antoinette Crasto

Maria Karunakaran

Cindy and Dexter Dubier

Winston D'Silva

Grace and Jonjon Pena

Francis family

Amelia and Darius Yates

Shelly Aledo

Shane and Michelle D'Rozario

Carlos and Maria Jeronimo

Mario and Amelia Carvalho

Milena, Prisca, Carlos and Maria

Jeronimo

For those who are sick:

Demosthenes Aledo

Fernando Maria Marques

Oscar Moniz de Jesus

Elena Laugalis

Robert Leo

Nazario Coutinho

Linda Bailey

Oscar Francis

Rosario Giaquinta

Viktorija Dovidavicius

Privacy legislation requires the written permission of an authorised person before any name can be printed. Any list of the sick in the parish bulletin will undergo renewal according to a four-week cycle. After four weeks a person's name on the sick list will be removed. However, once again based on written permission of an authorized person the name can be re-added to the list.

Feast Days for the Week:

Monday, 8th September: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, 9th September: St Peter Claver

Friday, 12th September: The Most Holy Name of Mary

Saturday, 13th September: St John Chrysostom

For those who have died recently:

Hissath, Anu Kumar

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Reneir Noel Snr., Lester Johnstone, Shane Isaacson, Amanda Mangang, Camilo Cardozo, Joseph Crasto, Kenneth Paris, Amelia Pinto, Ernest and Geoffrey Atkinson, Brendan and Ian Parnell, Walter Lockwood, Dean Moses, Kris Clarke, Lilian Mary Hookens, Douglas Nunes, Ermelinda Pereira Araujo, Lamberto and Emerencia Boavida, Nikita Araujo Boavida

Dandenong Deanery Council - Listening to the Voices that Echo Solidarity

DATE: Wed 10th Sept 2025

VENUE: St John's Regional College, Graduate's Restaurant Caroline Street, Dandenong

New start time: 5.45pm for 6pm start.

COST: \$48 per person

3 course meal Wine & Beer.

Guest Speakers: Fr Brian Collins & Vicki Russel

RSVP: by Friday 5th Sept at the latest

Phone Paddy 0422 296 961 or email: Dandenongdeanery@live.com.au

Caritas Australia – Season of Creation

The Season of Creation's call for Peace with Creation aligns powerfully with the Turn Debt into Hope campaign, as communities burdened by debt are often those facing the worst environmental challenges.

This Season of Creation (1 September – 4 October), Caritas Australia is inviting parishes to stand in solidarity with vulnerable communities in need of sustainable development and ecological renewal by:

- signing the Turn Debt into Hope petition – caritas.org.au/debt
- committing to practical, everyday actions that promote ecological sustainability and care for creation by registering to become a Catholic Earthcare Household - caritas.org.au/catholic-earthcare/

ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION ON THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

The permanent diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. The information session is open to everyone interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate.

Online Diaconate information meeting

Tuesday, 24 September 2025 beginning 19:00 – 20:00

Location: via ZOOM

Attendance will be by invitation. Express your interest by emailing Deacon Kevin Pattison

Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au

In the week before the session the ZOOM link will be sent to those who have expressed interest.

The Basic forms of Prayer: Vocal Prayer

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says of

Vocal Prayer that it is:

an essential element of the Christian life. To his disciples, drawn by their Master's silent prayer, Jesus teaches a vocal prayer, the Our Father. He not only prayed aloud the liturgical prayers of the synagogue but, as the Gospels show, he raised his voice to express his personal prayer, from exultant blessing of the Father to the agony of Gethsemane. (§2701)

Vocal prayer is useful to everyone

Vocal prayer is recited with the lips, and usually according to some formula. Although in itself vocal prayer is not so excellent as mental prayer, we should, nevertheless, beware of underrating its usefulness or necessity. All true Christians frequently recite vocal prayers, such as the Our Father, the Hail Mary, the Apostles' Creed, the acts of faith, hope, charity, and contrition. The Church prescribes vocal prayer very strictly to her priests and religious, in the Mass and in the Divine Office. She has enriched many vocal prayers with numerous indulgences, and has approved of many prayer books filled with prayers suited to every want and devotion. Vocal prayer, then, is both useful and necessary for all without exception -- even for those who are soaring in the heights of contemplation.

In reciting vocal prayers, we should strive to attend to the meaning of the words. A few short vocal prayers well said are far more acceptable to God than a great many long ones recited without attention or fervour.

One of the best forms of vocal prayer is the frequent recitation during the day of some favourite aspiration or ejaculatory prayer, especially if we do so in time of trial and temptation. This commendable practice gradually imparts a habit of recollection, and renders all other prayers comparatively easy and free of distraction. We should, as far as practicable, prefer reciting those vocal prayers which the Church has enriched with indulgences, for we thereby gain a twofold advantage -- the benefit of the beautiful and devout prayers themselves, and the indulgences, which help us to acquit ourselves of the great temporal debt which we have contracted towards the divine justice on account of our numerous sins. Or we may also apply said indulgences, when so applicable, to the souls in Purgatory, who will be relieved thereby and will not fail to intercede for us in our wants.

It would be well to join, to a certain extent, mental prayer with our vocal prayers, for the merit of the latter would be thereby greatly increased. During the recitation of our vocal prayers, we pause at short intervals to reflect either on their meaning or on some supernatural truth.

It is also useful, in using the prayers of our prayer book, to read them slowly and deliberately, making, practical reflections on their contents, or pausing from time to time to meditate a little and apply the words of the prayers to our own needs. If we accustom ourselves to recite our vocal prayers in this way, we shall not only make them our own and pray well, but we shall also gradually acquire the habit of making mental prayer, which tends to unite us more closely to God.

Why pray?

We have the formal and solemn promise of Our Lord that God will hear our prayers and grant us all we ask, for he says: 'If you ask the Father anything in my name, he will give it to you. ... Ask, and you shall receive' (John 16:23,24). God is faithful and just, and will, therefore, keep his promise to grant us all we pray for. Moreover, He is bound to grant us the graces we need; because we have a claim to them. They are the price of the blood and merits of Jesus Christ, for he died to save us. His merits are, then, ours; and, when we claim by our prayers a share in them or in their fruits, God cannot refuse to grant us what we ask.

Scripture is full of examples of the efficacy of prayer as a means of obtaining whatever we need to secure our salvation. It was by his prayer that the publican was justified, by her prayer that the Samaritan woman was converted; it was by his prayer that David obtained the forgiveness of his sin, and that the good thief on the cross was converted and received the promise of paradise. We find in Holy Writ also many examples of prayer as an efficacious means of obtaining even temporal favours. It was by prayer that Moses obtained the victory over the Amalekites; Elias obtained rain after three years' drought; Susanna, the proof of her innocence; Daniel, his deliverance from the lions, the blind man, his sight; and the Church, St Peter's deliverance from prison.

'He who prays,' says St Alphonsus Liguori, 'is certainly saved; he who prays not is certainly lost. All the blessed (except infants) have been saved by prayer. All the damned have been lost by not praying; had they prayed, they would not have been lost.'

St Alphonsus repeatedly insists that in all our prayers, at all the Masses we hear, at all our Holy Communions, and in all our visits to the Blessed Sacrament, we should pray for these four graces: the forgiveness of our sins, the love of God, the love of prayer, and final perseverance. If we obtain these, our salvation will be assured.

Prayers for temporal needs

When our prayers for temporal favours, either for ourselves or in behalf of others, are not granted, we should consider God's refusal a real benefit rather than a misfortune. In beseeching God for temporal needs we should be equally ready to accept a refusal as a favourable hearing from him. If such should be our disposition, God, when refusing our request, will not fail to compensate us by bestowing on us more excellent favours which we do not think of asking. We have no reason to hope that God will hear our prayers for temporal favours that may prove hurtful to our salvation, or that he will exempt us from certain corporal pains and trials, if such an exemption would endanger our salvation. The granting of such prayers would be not a favour, but a terrible punishment. We should, then, ask for temporal favours under the condition that they may promote our salvation, or at least not hinder it. Remember our Lord's words: 'What does it profit a man, if he gain the whole world, and lose his soul?'

First Reading - Wisdom 9:13-18

What man indeed can know the intentions of God?
 Who can divine the will of the Lord?
 The reasonings of mortals are unsure
 and our intentions unstable;
 for a perishable body presses down the soul,
 and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.
 It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,
 laborious to know what lies within our reach;
 who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?
 As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had
 you not granted Wisdom
 and sent your holy spirit from above?
 Thus have the paths of those on earth been
 straightened
 and men been taught what pleases you,
 and saved, by Wisdom.

Responsorial Psalm - 89(90):3-6,12-14,17***In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.***

You turn men back to dust
 and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
 To your eyes a thousand years
 are like yesterday, come and gone,
 no more than a watch in the night.
In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.
 You sweep men away like a dream,
 like the grass which springs up in the morning.
 In the morning it springs up and flowers:
 by evening it withers and fades.

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Make us know the shortness of our life
 that we may gain wisdom of heart.
 Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
 Show pity to your servants.

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

In the morning, fill us with your love;
 we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
 Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
 give success to the work of our hands.

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**Second Reading - Philemon 9-10,12-17**

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is
 more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing
 to you for a child of mine, whose father I became
 while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus.

I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant,

and teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

Gospel - Luke 14:25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'