



The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed – 2nd November 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.

Praying for the Holy Souls in November

The month of November has traditionally been the month we pray for and remember all those who have gone before us. The Parish Book of Remembrance will be placed on the sanctuary during every mass, whilst we pray for our loved ones. The Book contains all the names that were entered till November last year. **If you would like to include the name of someone who has passed away in the last one year, please fill in the sheets in the foyer.**

November Mass Intentions

If you would like to offer masses for your departed loved ones, please use the November mass intention envelope in your envelope set. For parishioners who require additional November mass intention envelopes, please use the ones available in the foyer.

Anniversary masses for deceased members

This year, for those wishing to offer masses for their loved ones whose anniversaries occur in the month of November, their names will be displayed on the screen but not printed in the bulletin.

Memorial mass on Friday, 28th November at 7pm

All parishioners who have lost loved ones in the last one year (November 2024 till date) are invited to attend a memorial mass to remember and pray for your deceased loved ones. The mass will be held on Friday, 28th November at 7.00pm followed by a light supper.

Sri Lankan Food Sale – 15th & 16th November

The Sri Lankan community intend to host a food sale to contribute towards the construction of the Grotto. This week there will be lists provided in the church foyer requesting for people to sign up to provide food donations.

We would like to kindly request your help by donating food packets to make this fund raiser a success. Please contact the following people for further information.

Sumith Olagama – 0419 233 629

Indra De Kauwe – 0422 617 044

Sherine Edwards – 0414 496 246

Every small contribution makes a difference.

Altar servers Training – Sunday, 9th November, 3-4.30pm

All current altar servers and those wishing to join this ministry are invited to attend the next altar server training on Sunday, 9th November at 3pm in the Church. Please inform the Parish office if you are not able to attend.

What's On this week

Monday, 3rd November: 5pm: Junior Legion of Mary

Tuesday, 4th November: 7pm: RCIA

Wednesday, 5th November: 9am: Two Hearts devotion

Thursday, 6th November: Pre Confirmation Class

Friday, 7th November: 5pm: Mothers who pray (Office)

6.30pm onwards: Rosary, Adoration

7pm Sacred Heart Devotion followed by Mass and Vigil



ROSTERS for 8th & 9th November

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

CHURCH CLEANERS

Team 1: Sophia, Brian, Andre, Miriam, Veronique

COUNTERS

Team 5: Lorna, Mervyn, Anita, Howard, Jennifer, Cheryl, Owen, Ian

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$5754.00

Unpledged: \$2015.35

Presbytery: \$1647.70

Thank you!

This Sunday we Pray**Thanksgiving**

Linda and Ashley Franklin

Douglas Isaacs

Lovey Isaacs

Chandra Subramaniam

Rosario Giaquinta

For those who are sick:

Baby Sofia Taranto

Carla Maria Marques

Aurelie

Elcira Baez

Antonio Fortes Ratai

Alexander Ang

Oscar Francis

For those who have died recently:

Marilou Pacot

Ivania DaCosta Soares Pinto

Joao Paul Dasilva

William Michael Turner

If you would like to donate towards the building of the Grotto:

St Kevin's Building Appeals A/c

BSB 083 347

Account No.:851452646

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, 3rd November: St Martin de Porres

Tuesday, 4th November: St Charles Borromeo

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

All whose names are in the Book of Remembrance and all the souls in purgatory.

Parish Office Closure – 4th November 2025

The Parish office will be closed on Tuesday, 4th November for the public holiday.

Update on the Parish Building Plans

The plans and projected costs of the Parish building project have been uploaded to the Parish website and are available in the foyer.

Pastoral Letter to the Catholics of Victoria on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide

The State Government is seeking to amend Victoria's euthanasia and assisted suicide laws. If passed, the Government's Bill would further weaken protections for vulnerable patients and reduce protections for medical practitioners who conscientiously object to euthanasia and assisted suicide. In response to the Government's plans, the Bishops of Victoria have written to Catholics in Victoria to ask that they contact their local Members of Parliament to urge them to vote against the proposed laws. You can read the letter online and find out more www.bit.ly/EuthanasiaBill

Parish Medical Registry - The Parish would like to maintain a registry of all trained medical professionals (doctors, nurses, paramedics etc...) who may be able to assist in the event of a medical emergency. Please contact the Parish office to register your details.

Cleaning ministry

The Cleaning ministry is in need of parishioners to help keep our Church and surroundings clean. We have five teams who currently carry out this ministry for two hours every weekend on a rotating roster. Please make time to assist in this ministry. If you are interested in joining the cleaning ministry, please contact the Parish Office.

Working Bee – Saturday, 22nd November 7.30am onwards

In preparation for the festive season, we ask for your assistance with the cleaning and tidying of the church at a working bee held on Saturday, 22nd November from 7.30am. The timings are flexible, and we ask for your cooperation in choosing an hour or more to contribute to this endeavour. Please scan the QR code or contact the Parish Office to sign up.

**Friday, 7th November: First Friday Vigil from 6.30pm onwards****Pope Leo's prayer intention for November****For the prevention of suicide**

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

Prayer for the Holy souls

O Lord, who art ever merciful and bounteous with your gifts, look down upon the suffering souls in purgatory. Remember not their offenses and negligences, but be mindful of your loving mercy, which is from all eternity. Cleanse them of their sins and fulfil their ardent desires that they may be made worthy to behold you face to face in your glory. May they soon be united with you in Heaven.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

PURGATORY

Mere reason suggests there must be a Purgatory. So many people seem to be good, but not so greatly good that they should be fit for heaven at once. Again, not nearly all are so evil as to deserve hell. So there should be a means of purification and paying the debt of temporal punishment for those not fit for hell, nor for heaven at once. (Of course Luther would say we can sin all we want and still go to heaven at once, if only we believe it is all covered by Christ's merits: Epistle 501 to Melanchthon).

There is not much in Scripture on Purgatory except that in Second Maccabees 12:45, Judas sends a collection to the Temple for those fallen in battle, found with amulets on, "that they might be freed from this sin." Luther saw so clearly that this referred to Purgatory--which he rejected--that he rejected this book too, declaring it not part of Scripture. Some have tried to see an implication of Purgatory in Matthew 12:32. There Jesus speaks of the sin against the Holy Spirit that will be forgiven "neither in this world nor in the next." But the expression quoted is known in Rabbinic literature, where it means merely "never." Still less could we deduce purgatory from First Corinthians 3:11-15. Paul means if the work of some Christian worker has been of such low quality that it burns down, he himself will be saved "as through fire." But the fire seems to mean the apocalyptic fire of the last day, not a fire of purgatory.

But our belief in Purgatory rests on the tradition and definitions of the Church, at the Councils of Lyons II, Florence, and Trent.

The essential, perhaps the only suffering of Purgatory is the loss of God--it is like what we described in speaking of hell, except that in Purgatory there is no despair, rather, great consolation from assurance of salvation. Is there also something like fire in Purgatory? A host of private apparitions say there is; the Church has never pronounced on it. In fact the Eastern part of the Catholic Church has no such tradition. Many theologians say the suffering is greater than anything on earth. Neither Scripture nor Tradition tells us if that be so.

We do know that the souls there cannot merit or help themselves in any way anymore, they can only suffer. We know we can by prayers and penances relieve them, and somehow, they are enabled to know it when we do that, and they pray for us. How long should we pray and sacrifice for a particular soul? We do not know. St. Augustine in his Confessions (9:13), written 10 to 15 years after the death of his mother, St. Monica, still asked for prayers for her. If we can believe the private apparitions, Purgatory may last the equivalent of many years (we speak thus, for there is no time in Purgatory). For certain, it is terribly wrong to virtually canonize a person at the funeral, as Protestants do under the influence of Luther's sad mistake. Sadly not a few Catholics are imitating them.

Taken from The Basic Catholic Catechism PART FOUR: The Apostle's Creed VI-VIII

Seventh Article: "From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead"

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What is Purgatory like?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church clearly affirms the Church's belief in Purgatory and the purification of the soul after death: "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but, after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of Heaven. The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned." (Cf No 1030-32).

From this teaching, we see that: (1) a person's stay in Purgatory is temporary' (2) purgatory is different from Hell; and (3) a person in Purgatory undergoes purification for venial sin and the hurts caused by sins.

What does this purification entail? Like Hell, there is the pain of loss and the pain of sense: however, the severity of these pains between Hell and Purgatory is vastly different. The pain of loss for those in Purgatory is the temporary deprivation of the Beatific Vision. Each of us longs to be with God, see him, and be enwrapped in his love. The Apostolic Constitution Benedictus Deus (1336) promulgated by Pope Benedict XII, defined that the souls of the just "see the divine essence with an intuitive vision and even face to face, without the mediation of any creature by way of object of vision; rather, the divine essence immediately manifests itself to them, plainly, clearly, and openly, and in this vision they enjoy the divine essence". Therefore, the souls in Purgatory long for this vision. That longing and deprivation is what torments their soul.

Source: Rev William P. Saunders.

What Is Purgatory Like?

Arlington Catholic Herald.

First Reading - Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us.

Responsorial Psalm - 33(34):2-3,17-19,23

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink?

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple.

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face.

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord!

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second Reading - Romans 5:1-11

Hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is the will of my Father, says the Lord,
that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to
me,
and that I should raise it up on the last day.
Alleluia!

Gospel - Luke 7:11-17

Jesus went to a town called Nain, accompanied by his disciples and a great number of people. When he was near the gate of the town it happened that a dead man was being carried out for burial, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a considerable number of the townspeople were with her. When the Lord saw her he felt sorry for her. 'Do not cry' he said. Then he went up and put his hand on the bier and the bearers stood still, and he said, 'Young man, I tell you to get up.' And the dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Everyone was filled with awe and praised God saying, 'A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.' And this opinion of him spread throughout Judaea and all over the countryside.