

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

22nd & 23rd March 2025

For some months now I have been discerning with the help of the Vision Team, Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Committee about the proposed building works in parish. After consulting with these members and last weekend with all those who were at the five parish weekend masses, the consensus of the Parish was to go ahead with the project. 79% of parishioners voted **YES** to the proposed building work to go ahead and 21% voted **NO**. The results are:

Total Votes 1222

Total YES's 960 (79%)

Total NO's 262 (21%)

Mass Time	5pm Mass	7pm Mass	9am Mass	11am Mass	6pm Mass
YES	169	114	242	276	159
NO	60	50	34	54	64
INVALID		1	1		

Given that the majority of the Parish is in favour of proceeding with the proposed works, I ask for your continued prayer and support as we move forward.

I would like to take this opportunity to reach out to the 21% of our parishioners who voted NO why it is important that we proceed with our proposed works in the new location.

We are currently in a good financial position to make these proposed works a reality. The primary reason for us to construct the new parish office and the gathering space for 50-70 people to be carried out in the new location next to the church was that the current site where the parish house is located can be preserved for future development that would **bring in an income stream that will assist our parish in the future to be viable and to continue the Mission of the Church in Hampton Park.**

If you had missed out on the presentation made by the Vision Team Members at all the masses last weekend (22nd & 23rd March 2025) I am printing their presentation.

Good Evening / Morning, Everyone.

My name is ..., and I am part of the Vision Team, which was established in May 2019 by Fr. Des. After much consultation, we developed a proposal to construct a new Parish Office on its current site, along with a gathering space for 50–70 people. This proposal was approved by the Parishioners, and a formal plan was drawn up.

When Fr. Fabian was appointed as the new Parish Priest of St. Kevin's, he requested the Vision Team to explore alternative ideas—**not to change the original purpose, but to ensure we make the best use of our parish resources.** The intention was to preserve the current Parish House so it could serve another purpose and potentially generate income to support our Parish in the future.

After consulting with a private architect and the archdiocese, and after discussions with the Vision Team, Parish Council, and Finance Committee, Fr. Fabian presented to all of you a proposal for the future of our Parish.

What would these changes bring?

1. Preserving Land for the Parish's Future

- Keeping the current Parish Office site available for future development, which could generate income for the Parish.

2. Relocating the Grotto

- Moving it to a more visible and accessible location.

- The Grotto also has maintenance issues that can be fixed, but if we are to preserve the present Parish House for future development the new office would be situated in a place where the Grotto will not be accessible.

3. A New Chapel Space

- The current Chapel is small and lacks basic amenities like toilets.
- The proposed Chapel would be brighter, easier to access, and include necessary facilities.

We understand that there are mixed opinions on these proposals, some Parishioners are in favor and others are not. That's why we are seeking your input. This is a **complete package**—either we move forward with the changes, or we leave everything as it is.

To ensure every Parishioner has a voice, we are distributing voting slips. The question is simple:

Are you in favor of the proposed plans for the Parish? 'Yes' or 'No'.

Votes will be counted after each Mass, and results will be shared at the next Mass. If the majority supports the changes, we will proceed with construction. If not, the project will be put on hold.

Please keep in mind: **this is about the future of our Parish, not personal preferences.**

Thank you for listening, and God bless.

As part of the new proposal the Adoration Chapel and the Grotto will need to be relocated. I have heard the voices of the those who have spoken with me about the disappointment of the relocation of the Grotto in particular. I understand that there is much sentiment, memories and miracles that has been had and obtained from prayers offered in the Grotto. The current Grotto had been constructed by faith-filled and passionate people that has assisted many in its time. Thank you for your contribution to the life of the parish for the past years. As we plan for the next 20 years of Parish life.

After having spoken to those who were very involved in the construction of the Grotto, I have assured them that there is no intention to destroy and discard the existing grotto. As our old worship space had beautifully been incorporated in the new and existing church I propose that we do our very best to incorporate the stones and the Statue of our Blessed Mother from the current Grotto in the construction of the new Grotto in the New Location in front of the Church. I pray that this halfway meeting point can help us as a parish to plan and journey forward in unity for the life and mission of the Church.

St Kevin's Parish Hampton Park January to December 2024			
Income	2024	Expenditure	2024
Thanksgiving income	\$ 452,621	Administration costs (Staff costs, stationery, telephone, office expenses)	\$ 132,342
Donations	\$ 19,573	Property costs (Utilities, Rates & taxes, repairs, etc)	\$ 75,007
Bank interest	\$ 97,705	Insurance	\$ 30,401
ATO refund	\$ 19,205	Pastoral & Liturgical costs (Church requisites, Liturgical expenses)	\$ 67,518
Other income	\$ 850	Archdiocesan levies	\$ 33,712
Total Operating Income	\$ 589,954	Total Operating Expenses	\$ 338,980
		Net Operating Surplus	\$250,974
Capital donations		Capital works	
Stations of the Cross	\$ 29,138	Stations of the Cross	\$ 29,171
Social Group	\$ 32,000	Security cameras	\$ 24,893
Total Capital Donations	\$ 61,138	Sound system upgrade	\$ 5,667
		Total Capital Spending	\$ 59,731
Total Income including Capital donations	\$ 651,092	Total Expenses including capital works	\$ 398,711
		TOTAL Net Surplus for the Year	\$252,381
Points of interest:			
Thanksgiving contributions have increased 8.52% from 2023			
Operating expenses are 9.32% higher than 2023			
Operating surplus has risen 172% from last year.			
As cash has improved this has been transferred to term deposits to earn better rates. These deposits will be used on future capital projects.			



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Opinion of Probable Cost - Option 5

Project: Chapel and Parish Facilities **28-Nov-24**

Job No: 09.037

Client: St Kevin's Parish
120 Hallam Road, Hampton Park

	works	area	rate	costs
New Build				
24 Hour Chapel	construct	46	\$ 4,200	\$ 193,200
DDA Toilet	construct	6	\$ 4,200	\$ 25,200
Meeting Room 1	construct	30	\$ 4,200	\$ 126,000
Waiting Foyer	construct	14	\$ 4,200	\$ 58,800
Kitchenette	construct	10	\$ 4,200	\$ 42,000
DDA Toilet	construct	6	\$ 4,200	\$ 25,200
Female Toilets	construct	14	\$ 4,200	\$ 58,800
Male Toilets	construct	14	\$ 4,200	\$ 58,800
Cleaners Cupboard	construct	4	\$ 4,200	\$ 16,800
Reception	construct	32	\$ 4,200	\$ 134,400
Office - Secretary	construct	12	\$ 4,200	\$ 50,400
Office - Parish Priest	construct	20	\$ 4,200	\$ 84,000
Office - Secondary Priest	construct	20	\$ 4,200	\$ 84,000
Small Meeting	construct	17	\$ 4,200	\$ 71,400
Large Meeting Room	construct	65	\$ 4,200	\$ 273,000
Store 1	construct	22	\$ 4,200	\$ 92,400
Store 2	construct	14	\$ 4,200	\$ 58,800
Store 3	construct	14	\$ 4,200	\$ 58,800
enclosed travel	construct	20	\$ 4,200	\$ 84,000
Refurbishment				
Meeting Room	refurbishment	33	\$ 3,200	\$ 105,600
Reconciliation				\$ -
Vestry				\$ -
Altar Server				\$ -
Piety				\$ -
Multi purpose Hall	refurbishment	87	\$ 3,200	\$ 278,400
Construction total				\$ 1,980,000
Grotto / external works				\$ 100,000
contingency 7.5%				\$ 150,000
other (planning permit and statutory authority fees)				\$ 10,000
architectural / project management fees (10%)				\$ 202,120
FF&E	excluded			
total project cost (ex GST)				\$ 2,442,120