



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) – 16th 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

Parish Priest: Fr. Fabian Smith

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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**.

Thank you! – Archbishop's Campaign 2025

We are delighted to share the wonderful success of the Archbishop's Campaign and extend our heartfelt thanks for your generosity and support.

Together, parishes across the Archdiocese have raised over \$1.1 million, including **\$12,572.50** contributed by St Kevin's Parish, Hampton Park.

These funds will strengthen key mission areas across our Archdiocese, including the Priests Retirement Foundation, the John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, Corpus Christi College, Catholic Theological College, and the Archbishop's Evangelisation Initiatives. Thank you for your commitment to this important mission and for expressing your faith through your generous response

Friendship Group Mass – 28th November – 11am

The Friendship group is celebrating their Anointing and Thanksgiving mass on Friday, 28th November at 11.00 am, followed by fellowship in the foyer. Please bring a plate to share. All, including non-members, are welcome.

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 our dearly departed. Please bring a framed photo to be displayed. The mass will be held on Friday, 28th November at 7pm. Kindly join us for a light supper after the mass.

Mauritian Food Sale – 29th & 30th November

The Mauritian community are raising funds for the building of the new Grotto through a food sale after all the weekend masses on 29th and 30th November.

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 fill in the sign-up sheet in the foyer.

Baptisms at St Kevin's

The next baptism meeting will be held on Thursday, 4th December 2025. Please note that there is no scheduled meeting in January 2026. The first baptism meeting in 2026 will be held on 5th February.

What's On this week

Sunday, 16th November: 4pm: ACYF Briefing

Monday, 17th November: 5pm: Junior Legion of Mary

Tuesday, 18th November: 7pm: RCIA

Wednesday, 19th November: 9am: Two Hearts

5pm: Parish Reconciliation program

Thursday, 20th November: 4pm: Pre Confirmation Class

7pm: First Reconciliation

Friday, 21st November: 5pm: Parish Eucharist program

Saturday, 22nd November: 5pm: First Eucharist mass



ROSTERS for 22nd & 23rd November
Readers & Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion please see the Notice Board for Rosters.

CHURCH CLEANERS

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

COUNTERS

Team 2: Roland, Rosalia, Jackie M, Savio, John, Jackie, Shehan

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$5116.50

Unpledged: \$2358.30

Presbytery: \$2516.85

Thank you!

This Sunday we Pray

Thanksgiving

Deigo Barret
Karena Karunakaran
Mr Karunakaran
Marie Joseph Elsie Bestel
Leanne, Don and Lila
Alston, Ana, Adriana and Alina
Glen and Jackie
Arabelle Vaz
Dennis Vaz

For those who are sick:

Carla Maria Marques
Rosemary Jansz
Baby Sofia Taranto
Carla Maria Marques
Aurelie
Elcira Baez
Antonio Fortes Ratai
Alexander Ang
Oscar Francis

For those who have died recently:

Gerald Caszo
Ivania Dacosta Soares Pinto
Joao Paul da Silva

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, 17th November: St Elizabeth of Hungary

Tuesday, 18th November: Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter and Apostle

Friday, 21st November: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday, 22nd November: St Cecilia

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

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

Parish Christmas Carols

Join us on Sunday, **14th December 2025 at 6:00 PM** for a joyful evening of Christmas Carols at our parish.

Let's come together as a community to celebrate the season in song. Your voice matters—whether you sing loud and proud or hum along quietly, your presence will help make this event truly special.

Bring your family, invite your friends, and let's fill the air with music, joy, and the spirit of Christmas. The success of our carols evening depends on all of us joining in harmony!

We look forward to singing with you!



Children's Christmas Party

Date: 7th December 2025

Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Location: St Kevin's School Hall

Join us as we make this Christmas season unforgettable for our little ones (**Babies – Year 12**)!

This special celebration will feature games, delicious food, festive fun, and a visit from Santa himself.

Parents/carers are kindly asked to accompany their children.

Help us plan ahead- scan the QR code to confirm your child's /children's attendance

Let's create magical memories together—we can't wait to see your family there!

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

This week, children from our Parish Sacramental program will be receiving the sacraments of reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist. The Grade Two students from our Parish schools will be receiving the sacrament of reconciliation. Please keep them in your prayers.

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.

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 continued - Part II

As Christ teaches about the importance of forgiveness, He gives the example of a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. He brought in a man who owed a great deal of money and forgave him the debt. The forgiven man in turn went out and met one of his fellow slaves, who owed him but a fraction of the amount, and demanded repayment. The just king summoned his slave back and said: You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, till he should pay all his debt (Matthew 18:32-34).

What was Jesus talking about? Scripture clearly teaches: "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:1). And yet Our Lord himself gives the example of a man who had been forgiven, afterward acted unjustly, and finally was handed over to repay all that he owed. Again in St Luke's Gospel, Our Lord challenges his followers to make peace with one another, so that they will not be handed over to the magistrate who would throw them into prison: "I tell you, you will never get out till you have paid the very last copper" (Luke 12:59; cf Matthew 5:26).

Christ calls the believer, who has passed out of condemnation — the sentence of Hell — to live a life of justice which will be exacted to the last cent. If this is not the case, then the teachings of Jesus make no sense. The Catholic teaching about purgatory is that if, at the end of a Christian's earthly life, this debt of justice was not satisfied, he shall be purified in Purgatory before entering Heaven.

In St Matthew's Gospel there is a tremendous confrontation between Christ and the Pharisees, in which they accuse him of exercising authority over demons by the power of Beelzebul, the "prince of demons" (Matthew 12:24). Jesus then warns them of the sin against the Holy Spirit and states: Therefore I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. And whoever says a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come (Matthew 12:31-32).

If this sin cannot be forgiven either in this age or in the age to come, some sins may be able to be forgiven in the age to come. Without using the word "Purgatory", Jesus is presenting teachings that seem in harmony with the Catholic teaching on Purgatory. This "forgiveness of sins" and "the age to come", the reference to a prison in which we would not be released until we had "paid the last cent" — this is certainly not Heaven or Hell. We never get out of Hell, and Heaven is no prison.

There is a passage in the New Testament that is very surprising. While addressing the very issue of sin within the Christian community — those who were believers and had accepted the Lordship of Jesus Christ — St Paul writes: For no other foundation can any one lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble — each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire (1 Corinthians 3:11-15). The passage is quite clear: Gold and silver, when placed into a furnace, would be purified; wood and hay would be burned away. As this is done, Scripture says we will suffer loss, but be saved "as through fire". What else could St Paul be referring to? He can't be referring to Hell, because it is clear that the people who undergo this "purifying fire" will be saved, while those who are in Hell are lost forever. And yet he cannot be referring to Heaven, because he mentions the suffering of loss, while in Heaven every tear will be wiped away (cf Revelation 21:4). Scripture teaches that God is a "consuming fire" (Hebrews 12:29). The point St Paul seems to make is that, as God draws us to himself after death, there is a process of purification in the fire of God's holy presence. God himself purifies us of those imperfect deeds: the wood, hay, and stubble. And those works that are performed in faithfulness and obedience to Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, those of gold and silver, are purified. This purification is necessary because, as Scripture teaches of Heaven — the new Jerusalem — and the temple within it, "nothing unclean shall enter it" (Revelation 21:27). The biblical images of the purifying fire, through which the believer is saved while suffering loss, sound very like Purgatory.

But where is the word "Purgatory" in the Old or New Testament? The Scriptures were written in Hebrew and Greek. "Purgatory" comes from the Latin word *purgatorium*. In Scripture, we do find references to an afterlife that is neither the Hell of the damned nor Heaven. In the Old Testament, the Hebrew word *Sheol* is used to describe this condition; in the New Testament, the Greek term is *Hades*. Many readers assume that *Hades* is Hell, but Scripture teaches very clearly that *Hades* is not Hell; it is distinct from *Gehenna*, or the lake of fire which is the Hell of the damned. In fact, the Book of Revelation describes how, at the end of time, death and *Hades* are thrown into Hell (*Gehenna*). This is the second death, the lake of fire. So, Scripture teaches that at the end of time, there is no more death; and once the purification of all souls has taken place, there is no more need for *Hades*. This same concept of *Sheol* (in Hebrew), *Hades* (in Greek), and *Purgatorium* (in Latin) is Purgatory as we have come to know it today (cf Catechism, nos 1030-32).

Curtis Martin.

The Burning Truth About Purgatory.

Lay Witness magazine.

First Reading - Malachi 3:19-20

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of Hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

Responsorial Psalm 97(98):5-9

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp
with the sound of music.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord.

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Let the sea and all within it, thunder;
the world, and all its peoples.

Let the rivers clap their hands
and the hills ring out their joy
at the presence of the Lord.

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

For the Lord comes,
he comes to rule the earth.

He will rule the world with justice
and the peoples with fairness.

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Second Reading - 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: do not let anyone have any food if he refuses to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.
Alleluia!

Gospel - Luke 21:5-19

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not so soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'