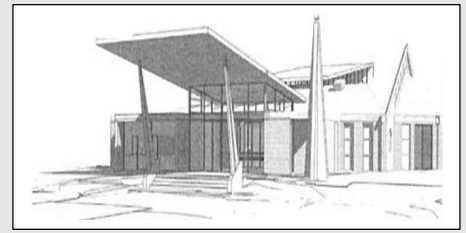


# St Kevin's Parish

Hampton Park

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – Year B

21<sup>st</sup> April 2024



## PARISH CENTRE

120 Hallam Road,  
Hampton Park, Vic. 3976  
Tel: 9799 2108  
Email: HamptonPark@cam.org.au

### Office Hours:

Tue to Fri 9.15am – 1:15pm

### Parish Website

<https://stkevins.org.au/> Support us' page.

St Kevin's Parish is committed to the care, safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people, and vulnerable people. **Safeguarding email:** [safeguarding.hamptonpark@cam.org.au](mailto:safeguarding.hamptonpark@cam.org.au)

**Parish Priest:** Fr. Fabian Smith

**Deacon:** Rev. Dr Graeme Pender

**Parish Secretary:** Mrs. Macrina Martin

**Admin Assistant:** Miss Nikita Ravi

### School Principals

**St. Kevin of Glendalough:**

Jason Micallef – 9709 8600

**St. Francis De Sales:**

Christine White – 8773 6700

## WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday  
Saturday – 9:15am

**Every Wednesday – 7:00pm** Mass

followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

## SUNDAY MASS TIMES

**Vigil Masses:**

**Saturday:** 05:00pm & 07:00pm

**Sunday:** 09:00am, 11:00am & 06:00pm

**Priest 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 97992108, email the Parish Office or drop off the mass intention envelope in the postal slot in the Parish Office door.

## Good Shepherd Sunday 2024

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Francis tells us:

*There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him.*

Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.

## Social Group fundraising update

Name of Event	Profit made
Christmas Carols 2023 (Incl. Raffle)	2289.97
Sausage Sizzle	2108.00
Valentines Dance	8912.58
South Indian Breakfast	2875.76
Indian food sales	8165.13
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>24,351.44</b>



We are overwhelmed with gratitude and joy as we reflect on the incredible success of our recent food sale event!

To those of you who donated food and cash, your kindness and willingness to contribute to our cause made all the difference.

To those of you who attended the event and purchased the delectable treats, your presence and participation truly made the day memorable.

Together, we have achieved something truly remarkable. Thanks to your collective efforts, we are thrilled to announce that we raised a total of **\$8165.13!**

Once again, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your generosity, kindness, and unwavering support. It is because of parishioners like you that we are able to make a meaningful impact in our community and beyond.

With sincere gratitude,

*The Social Group*

## ROSTERS for 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> April.

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

## CHURCH CLEANERS

Team 1: Brian D, Brian K, Sophia

## COUNTERS

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

## Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$5055.60

Unpledged: \$2167.45

Presbytery: \$2278.00

*Thank you!*

## THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

### In Thanksgiving:

Ashley Coates  
Warren and Philomena Peters  
Mirtza Iraheta  
Harsh Shah  
Ethan Elijah Eustace  
Mary Eustace

### For those who are sick:

Patrice Dumont  
Pam Giaquinta  
Roel Bautista  
Mary  
Danielle

### For those who have died recently:

Hazel Lazarus  
Lloyd D'Silva  
Thelma D'Silva  
Glenn Michael Romeo

### For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Joseph Fernandez  
Celine Rodrigues  
Pauline Flynn  
Louis Minerve  
Beryl D'Gama  
Dorothy D'Sa  
Donald and Mary Brace  
Marcus and Stella Pereira  
Linus Johnson  
Margaret Francis

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.

## Happy Birthday Fr Fabian

On behalf of St Kevin's Parish, we'd like to wish Fr Fabian a very Happy Birthday! May your special day (15<sup>th</sup> April) be filled with joy, blessings, and the warmth of God's love. Your dedication to guiding and uplifting our parish community in the faith is truly inspiring and we wish you abundant happiness today and, in the year, ahead!

## Social Group Event – Mother's Day brunch

Celebrate your mother or that special woman in your life with a seat at our Mother's Day Brunch Fundraiser 11th May 2024 11.30am - 2.30pm hosted by our St Kevin's Altar Servers and Social Group.

*\*Food\*Guest Speakers\*Entertainment\*Fun\*Fellowship.*

All proceeds will go towards the church roof repair.

Tickets on sale for 2 weeks from 20/04/2024 after all masses and donations of all kinds are welcome.

## Information Session – Permanent Diaconate

COME & SEE!

An Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on **4 May 2024 Saturday**, 10:00 -11.45 am at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), 278 Victorian Parade, East Melbourne.

For more information: <https://www.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate>

## A Vocation View

On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, pray for yourself. Pray to know if God is calling YOU to be a Priest, Sister, or Brother. Pray!

## Pledge to Pray

The Vocations Office in Melbourne has partnered with some others in a project, 'Pledge to Pray' - an on-line platform for individuals to pledge prayers for vocations. It is based upon the idea of the 'Invisible Monastery'. You are invited to 'pledge a prayer' for vocations at [www.pledgetoprayer.com.au](http://www.pledgetoprayer.com.au) this is a site dedicated to encouraging prayer for vocations in Australia.

## Support our Parish.

For contributions to support our Parish:

A/c Name: St Kevin's Parish Church Account  
BSB 083 347, Account number: 643 962 991

For contributions to support our priests and the Archdiocese:

A/c Name: St Kevin's Catholic Presbytery Account  
BSB 083 347 Account number: 643 962 334

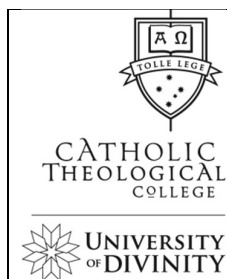
During the season of Easter, let us remember those in our community who need our support and assistance. The Parish has set up a dedicated bank account into which contributions can be made towards those in need. The bank account details are:

**Account name:** St Kevin's Special Needs Account

**BSB:** 083 347

**Account number:** 897 567 262

Parishioners who are in need, please see Fr Fabian for assistance.



## **Catholic Theological College**

*Sign up for one of 9 short, online sessions.*

## **Engaging Your Faith: May 2024**

*Theology, Scripture, Meditation,  
Spirituality, Science & Faith.*

Choose what interests you from \$25 per session.

For more information and to register:

[ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/](http://ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/)

## The Mass – The Alleluia Verse

**Alleluia** is one of two Hebrews words that have endured untranslated for use in the Mass. (The other is Amen.)

*Alleluia* (sometimes spelled *Hallelujah*) mean “Praise the Lord”. That is what we do when we rise to hear the proclamation of the Gospel.

*Praise is the purest form of prayer, because it seeks nothing for itself, but only God’s glory. We ask God for good things. We thank God for graces we have received. Our gratitude, however, moves us to consider not just what God has done for us, but who God is. And so we praise the Lord.*

*The Hebrew word Hallelujah has, since ancient times, been an important part of the Passover celebration of the Jews. It is a key word in certain Psalms, called Hallel or “Praise” Psalms. In the time of Jesus, when the Jerusalem Temple was still standing, the assisting priests (the Levites) would chant a group of these Psalms (113-118) continuously during the sacrifice of the Passover lambs. Families would chant two of these Psalms (113-114) during the Passover meal at home. This was probably the “hymn” that Jesus and his disciples sang at the end of the Last Supper (see Matthew 26:30 and Mark 14:26). Thus, this classic expression of praise—Alleluia!—has always been integral to the Passover, and so it became an important part of the Christian celebration of the Paschal Mystery.*

*Consider the reasons devout Jews have given for their praise. In the Talmud (from about AD 200) we can find the oldest account of the rites of the Passover meal: “In every generation a man must so regard himself as if he came forth himself out of Egypt ... He brought us out from bondage to freedom, from sorrow to gladness, and from mourning to a festival day, and from darkness to great light, and from servitude to redemption; so, let us say before him the Hallelujah.”*

*This is what Jesus was celebrating with his closest friends at the Last Supper. It is what he continues to celebrate with us at every Mass. Now he delivers us—out from bondage to freedom, from sorrow to gladness, from*

*mourning to joy, from darkness to light, from slavery to redemption. This is the meaning of our salvation. This is the gift we have received with the Gospel. And so when we stand to receive the Gospel, we raise our own great Hallel. We say or sing Alleluia.*

The Book of Revelation depicts heavenly worship as the “Marriage Supper of the Lamb”, replete with many Passover images and prayers. Chapter 19 shows heaven and earth chanting praise irrepressibly—with four Hallelujahs in just six verses. It is a great festival of praise, as is our experience of Mass.

After this I heard, as it seemed, the voices of countless multitudes crying out in heaven, **Alleluia**; salvation and glory and power belong to our God; his sentence is ever true and just, and now he has given sentence against the great harlot, who poisoned the earth with her harlot’s ways; now he has called her to account for the blood of his servants. And again, they cried, **Alleluia**, the smoke of her burning goes up everlastingly. Then the twenty-four elders and the four living figures fell down and worshipped God, where he sits enthroned, crying, Amen, **Alleluia**. And a voice came from the throne, which said, Praise our God, all you that are his servants, and all you that fear him, little and great alike; whereupon I heard, as it seemed, the noise of a great multitude, like the noise of water in flood, or the noise of deep thunder, as they cried out, **Alleluia**, the Lord our God, the Almighty, has claimed his kingdom; let us rejoice and triumph and give him the praise; the time has come for the wedding feast of the Lamb. (Revelation 19:1-7)

The Church omits the Alleluia during the season of Lent, for reasons that should be obvious. During Lent we cultivate a longing to celebrate the Passover of Jesus Christ, his Paschal Mystery: his Easter. As we wait, we look forward to the time of the *Hallel*, the season of *Alleluia*. At Easter Vigil, we restore the *Alleluia*, and the churches ring out with praise at the good news.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – Year B

### 1st Reading – Acts 4:8-12

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### Responsorial Psalm 117(118):1,8-9,21-23,26,28-29

***The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.***

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in men;  
it is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in princes.

***The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.***

I will thank you for you have answered  
and you are my saviour.

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.

***The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.***

Blessed in the name of the Lord  
is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;  
You are my God, I thank you.

My God, I praise you.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;  
for his love has no end.

***The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.***

### 2nd Reading - 1 John 3:1-2

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed; we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

### Gospel – John 10:11-18

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep.

'I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd.

'The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.