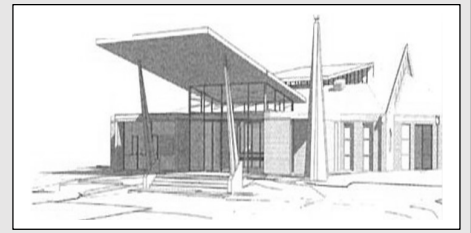


St Kevin's Parish

Hampton Park

6th Sunday of Easter – Year B

5th May 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

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**.

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal (previously held during the month of August). CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families, and communities to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential. Your generous donation will help the most vulnerable members of our community – those facing unemployment and homelessness, those experiencing mental health challenges, families struggling with relationship problems, people in hospitals and prisons, newly arrived refugees, and those experiencing grief and trauma. Please donate to CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your compassion and generosity will help the most vulnerable and marginalised in our community. You can donate using the appeal envelope available, donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513. All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible.

Social Group Event – Mother's Day brunch

Replace those bouquets of flowers this year with tickets to a memorable experience, at our delightful St Kevin's Mother's Day brunch. Hosted by our Altar Servers and Social Group.

Let's come together to honour the amazing mothers and women in our lives while supporting a great cause - the repair of our church roof!

Indulge the Mother-figures in your life to a scrumptious 2-course menu featuring savory and sweet delights, accompanied by unlimited cold beverages. 🍷❤️

Plus, enjoy fantastic entertainment and enlightening guest speakers throughout the event!

Let's make this Mother's Day unforgettable as we celebrate the remarkable women who brighten our lives!

Held: Saturday 11th May (day before Mother's Day) 11.30am - 2.30pm

Location: St Kevin's School Hall, 120 Hallam Road, Hampton Park



Thank you! - Holy Week collection

Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2024.

St Kevin's parishioners have contributed \$10,505.85 towards this year's appeal.

Thank you for supporting the Good Friday Holy Land collection. St Kevin's parishioners have contributed \$4370.10 towards this year's appeal.

St. Kevin's Senior Youth

Senior youth group will be held this Friday 10th May at 7:30pm in the church foyer. All youth aged 18 to 35 are welcome.

ROSTERS for 11th & 12th May

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

CHURCH CLEANERS

Team 3: Jeneview, Khuram, Maria, Michael

COUNTERS

Team 2: Roland, Rosalia, Gordon, Savio, John, Jackie

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$5082.70

Unpledged: \$1878.75

Presbytery: \$2162.70

Thank you!

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

In Thanksgiving:

Candida Pereira and family
William Francis and family
Victor De Souza (Jr)
F Rosario
Dwayne Pinto
Chris and Lorna Raberts
Justin Jeremiah Faoa-Harris
Philip and Merilla Gonsalves and family
Ligia Boavida
Francis Family
Subramaniam Family
Dennis Aledo, Shelly Aledo and family
Ferdinand, Maddison and Augustine Joseph

For those who are sick:

Roel Bautista
Chomingo Chavez
Ligia Boavida

For those who have died recently:

Rita Vincent
Cynthia D'Costa
Neville Denzil Cleur
Karen Tracey
Maria Fatima Fonseca

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Roland, Rita and Ruth Peterson
Dougy Nunes
Leslie and Vera Francis
Davis Thomas
Alistair Rouse
Maria Teresa Kalan
Paskoela Boavida
Nikita Araujo Boavida
Antonio Aguilar
Ignacio Sab
Cai-Buti
Joquim Antonio Li
Hector Pereira
Claudia Fernandes
John and Gladys Rodricks
Maxi and Pamela Gonsalvez
Rudy and Tony Dennis
Marie Ireland
Jose Guitunga
Cai-dau Cai-Guru
Filomena Boavida
Carmelina Aledo
Boy Tiu
Rowena Tangarorang
Janfil Enriquez
Domingo Ciencia
Yolanda Ciencia
George Burdette

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 this week

Friday 10th May: St John of Avila

Junior Legion of Mary

The Senior Legion of Mary of St Kevin's are starting a junior Legion Praesidium and warmly invite children aged 7 - 17 to join.

The spirit of the Legion of Mary is that of Mary herself. Especially does the Legion aspire after her profound humility, her self-sacrificing courageous love of God and above all her faith.

The children will learn to pray the rosary & legion prayers, serve and grow in holiness, giving all glory to God. Joining in Mary and the Church's work of crushing the head of the serpent and advancing the reign of Christ

The Juniors will meet every Monday from 5pm - 6pm in the church foyer, starting 13th May. If you would like to sign your children up there will be a sheet in the foyer and enrolment forms you can complete and send into the parish office.

If you would like to know more about either the Senior or Junior Legion please contact:
Nancy 0421 790 194/Sita 0434 010 580

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.



Pentecost Vigil

St Kevin's Youth would like to invite all parishioners to join us for Eucharist Adoration following the 7pm Mass on Saturday 18th May till midnight

Receive the Holy Spirit
John 20



The Mass – The Gospel of St Matthew Part I

The scepticism of the past century or so has put practically every aspect of the Bible and its contents to the test. However, scholars are slowly returning to the older view of these things as their own scholarship as it has deepened has served to vindicate more often than not and certainly weaken any doubts about the traditional interpretation of things. It was in this atmosphere of comprehensive and sometimes extreme scepticism that the Biblical Commission offered this guidance on 19 June, 1911: 1. The Apostle Matthew is truly author of the Gospel that bears his name. 2. Tradition amply shows that Matthew wrote before the other Evangelists and in the language of the Palestinian Jews. 3. The date of the original Matthew is not later than the fall of Jerusalem (AD 70) and tradition is best satisfied if we place it before St Paul's coming to Rome (about AD 60). 4. Matthew did not compose merely a collection of our Lord's discourses, but a Gospel in the strict sense. 5. Our Greek Matthew is substantially identical with the original. This is the legitimate conclusion from the fact that the Greek text was treated as canonical by the Church Fathers and ecclesiastical writers and by the early Church herself. That Matthew was the first of the four to write his Gospel was the firm persuasion of antiquity. This puts the Aramaic Matthew before AD 62 (the date of Luke). The Greek translation of Matthew was probably completed several years before AD 70. If therefore we allow 20 years or so for the development of our Greek Matthew from its Aramaic original, AD 40-50 would be an appropriate date for the latter.

Structure of the Gospel It has been truly said that "if any passage or section is to be found in our Gospel [Matthew] as well as in another, our Gospel is the one in which it may most easily be found". This is testimony to Matthew's highly systematic arrangement. Leaving aside the prologue (the Infancy narrative of chapters 1-2) and the epilogue (the Passion and Resurrection account of chapters 26-28) the Gospel falls naturally into five great parts. The Evangelist marks these divisions with the repetition of a formula (or its near equivalent) used nowhere else in the Gospel: "And it came to pass when Jesus had ended these words ...", 7:28; 11: 1; 13:53; 19:1; 26:1. Each part has a mostly narrative section followed by a long discourse for which the narrative forms a preparation: 1. i. Narrative chapters 3-4 (The indispensable preliminary scene placing).

ii. Discourse chapters 5-7 (Inaugural Discourse: the "Sermon").

2. i. Narrative chapters 8-9 (Opening of our Lord's ministry; miracles).

ii. Discourse chapter 10 (Instruction for the Apostles' ministry).

3. i. Narrative chapters 11-12 (Opposition to the "Kingdom").

ii. Discourse chapter 13 (Kingdom's mysterious nature explains opposition).

4. i. Narrative chapters 14-17 (Formation of disciples and of Peter).

ii. Discourse chapter 18 (Duties of the disciples).

5. i. Narrative chapters 19-23 (Mounting opposition of Judaism).

ii. Discourse chapters 24-25 (Messianic Judgement on Judaism, etc).

The Gospel of Fulfillment Matthew's Gospel has two possible titles: the "Gospel of Fulfillment" or the "Gospel of the Kingdom" but these are but two aspects of the one theme. The coming of the Kingdom is a fulfillment of the old promises and the Kingdom itself is not an entirely new thing, but a perfecting of the old. Matthew sees both Kingdom and King not as unforeseen and unprepared phenomena, but as the supernatural climax of a divine plan announced and developing in the history of Israel. On 12 occasions the Evangelist formally asserts that the old Scriptures were "fulfilled" in Jesus and his work (1:22; 2:15, 17, 23; 4:14; 8:17; 12:17; 13:35; 21:4; 26:54; 27:9; cf 3:1.5). From the first verses of the Gospel this is evident. The descent of Jesus from Abraham, not traced back to Adam as in Luke, implicitly links our Lord with the promise of Genesis (Genesis 13:15; 17-18) and the Infancy narrative is punctuated with Old Testament references eagerly sought out to reduce the surprise of the early opposition to the Messiah, 2:15, 17, 23. Alone among the Evangelists Matthew, 4:15, sees the opening of our Lord's public preaching as the shining of the great Messianic light already spoken of by Isaiah (9:1), and the first works of healing as the prophesied function of Isaiah's "Servant of God", 8:16-17. This second passage with its hint of suffering prepares the reader for the remaining Old Testament citations chosen for circumstances more sombre: our Lord's withdrawal from the opposition of his people's leaders, the blindness of the people themselves, the flight of his own disciples, the mortal treachery of one of them—even these are not the frustration of the divine plan, but its fulfillment. As for the new order itself, it too is a fulfillment of the old and not its destruction, 5:17; ritual laws may pass, but the ancient moral code is protected, 15:3-6, and reinforced with a strong inner spirit, 5:20-48. Though the new era is on a higher plane, the old had looked towards it, 11:11-13. The message of the new Kingdom is addressed first to the subjects of the old, 10:5f; if it passes from Israel it is through Israel's fault, 21:28-44, and even our Lord's farewell words to his people hold a hint of hope for the nation elect of old (23:39). The very refusal of its Messiah by Israel is no break with the past, but rather the climax of its melancholy history: Israel's response to God's invitations was never generous, 23:35, and Matthew's readers, largely converts from Judaism, need not be surprised nor scandalised that their own nation as a body has rejected the new offer, 23:34.

6th Sunday of Easter – Year B

1st Reading – Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm - 97(98):1-4

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.

His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation.

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel.

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth,
ring out your joy.

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

2nd Reading - 1 John 4:7-10

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel – John - 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you.
Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments
you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my
Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have
told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your
joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one
another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater
love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my
friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call
you servants any more, because a servant does not
know his master's business; I call you friends, because I
have made known to you everything I have learnt from
my Father. You did not choose me: no, I chose you; and
I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that
will last; and then the Father will give you anything you
ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one
another.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.