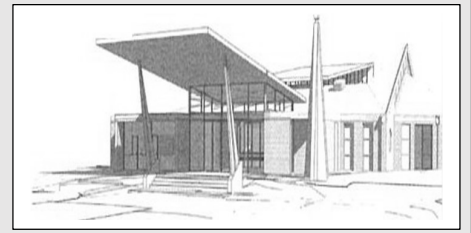


# St Kevin's Parish

Hampton Park

The Ascension of the Lord – Year B

12<sup>th</sup> 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](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.**

## News from Fr Fabian

Thank you for all your prayers. I had a very restful three weeks of holidays in India and had a wonderful week on retreat in Velankanni. I prayed for all of you to Our Lady of Good Health. I am back to Parish life and I can't believe that it's been one year that I have been Parish Priest.

## 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

## St. Kevin's Senior Youth

St Kevin's Youth would like to invite all parishioners to join us for Eucharistic adoration following the 7pm mass on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May till midnight.

## Altar Servers Training

The next altar servers training will be held on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May from 3-4.30pm.

Save the date!

this time we celebrate!

ST KEVIN'S FEAST

SUN | 09 | JUNE

twenty-twenty-four

DETAILS TO FOLLOW

The Social Group

### ROSTERS for 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> May

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

### CHURCH CLEANERS

Team 4: Samoan choir

### COUNTERS

Team 3: Sumith, Samantha, Ransiri, Michael, Gilbert, Marilyn

### Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$5104.50

Unpledged: \$1885.92

Presbytery: \$2312.70

*Thank you!*

### THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

#### In Thanksgiving:

Jason Large  
Dylan Aledo  
Dean Aledo  
Matthew Hall  
Shantal Hayden  
Dineri Kariyawasam  
Pauline D'Souza  
Cordeiro Family

#### For those who are sick:

Ligia Boavida

#### For those who have died recently:

Karen Tracey  
Chomingo Chavez  
Wijaya Yapa  
Brenda Jennings  
Fatima Fonseca  
Benjamin Tappy

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

Maria Teresa Kalau  
Paskoela Boavida  
Nikita Araujo Boavida  
Joan Bourne  
Joseph Malowney  
Mylina Lagrada  
Marissa Venus Lagrada  
Marcus and Stella Pereira  
Tony and Rudy Dennis  
Souls in purgatory  
Mema Domenica Pisano  
Deceased members of Pereira Family  
Rosina Furfaro  
Leslie Borthwick  
Meena Cordeiro  
Gerty Fernandez  
George and Margie Taylor  
Allen King  
Everard Paris  
Joseph Crasto  
Philomena and Kenneth Paris  
Placida and Johnson Gomes  
Dorothy and Martin Braz  
Marie Coulon  
Prospero Cabanayan

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

**Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> May:** Our Lady of Fatima

**Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> May:** St Mathias

**Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> May:** St John I

### 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.

**God and Beer in May** – Fr Geoff McIlroy will be speaking on 13<sup>th</sup> May, Topic: *The Bikie Priest* Time: 7.30pm at Notting Hill Hotel. Register at [Godandbeer.com.au](http://Godandbeer.com.au) Cost: Free

### Sale of Bethlehem olive wood items next weekend

On the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> of May there will be handcrafted olivewood biblical items for sale. These items are hand crafted in Bethlehem the Holy Land by the Catholic families there. Any purchase will help support the Catholic community in the Holy Land and improve their livelihood and also support maintaining the Holy sites there.

### Mother's Day message from Archbishop Peter Comensoli

Dear friends, during this month of May ... traditionally a month that we take up this particular devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary, who comes under so many different titles: *Our Mother, Our Lady, Queen of Peace, Help of Christians*, and so on. But most particularly in this month, we have the opportunity to just reflect a little on the great prayer that involves our Blessed Mother, and that is the Hail Mary. The Hail Mary, as you might know, is basically a prayer of praise and petition. The first part, 'Hail Mary full of grace', is the praise part, and the second part, the 'Holy Mary, Mother of God', is the petition part to that prayer. So it's an old, old, prayer in our tradition. Its current form as we know it, traces back to the 16th century, when particularly that petition part, 'pray for us sinners', was incorporated into the prayer. It's the basis also of other prayers that are really treasures of our Christian and Catholic faith. Think of the Angelus, which is a reflection with the prayer of petition that is also a reflection on the incarnation of our Lord. And there is of course the Rosary, so much a favourite of families and of individuals. That devotional prayer where the story of our faith, our salvation, is incorporated into the prayer with the repeating of the petitions.

But in this month of Mary, this prayer of the Hail Mary is, in a sense, the foundation of our devotion, and I encourage you to take it up within your families at home, or for those of you who might be in one of our schools, you can do it in your classroom. Anywhere ... we can take up this prayer of praise and petition to our Blessed Mother. And so, let's do so together now:

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.*

*Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.*

*Holy Mary, mother of God pray for us sinners now,  
and at the hour of our death.*

*Amen*

## The Mass – The Gospel of St Matthew Part II

### **The Gospel of the Kingdom**

Fifty-one times (as against 14 in Mark and 39 in Luke) Matthew speaks of “the Kingdom”, but whereas Mark and Luke consistently use the expression ‘Kingdom of God’, Matthew uses it, at most, five times only and prefers (32 or 33 times) “Kingdom of the Heavens”.

This last is almost certainly the formula used by our Lord himself, the plural form of “heavens” reproducing Aramaic (and Hebrew) usage and the term itself being the contemporary respectful equivalent for “God” (See 1 Maccabees 3:60; 4:24).

Since the two expressions are in practice synonymous, it follows that the phrase “Kingdom of the Heavens” does not necessarily imply a kingdom in another world than this. Nevertheless the expression lends itself of its very nature to a certain ambiguity and the context determines the exact formality of its use in any given passage. Sometimes it is the Messianic Kingdom of God on earth, sometimes the apotheosis of that kingdom in heaven, sometimes the recognition of God’s royal rights by the individual soul. The perspectives will often merge since the kingdom on earth is designed as the antechamber to the kingdom in heaven (eg, 8:11-12).

In some cases the distinction will be clear, as when the kingdom of the Son (the kingdom on earth) is distinguished from the kingdom of the Father, which is in heaven (cf. 1 Corinthians 15:28); this is most deliberately done in Matthew 13:41-43. Thus to the kingdom of the Son refer 13:41; 16:28; 20:21, and cf. 19:28; to the kingdom of the Father: 13:43; 25:34; 26:29.

On occasions the characteristics of the kingdom are such as to exclude a formal reference to heaven; thus, in the case of the parables of chapter 13, the coexistence in the kingdom of good and bad, the hidden nature of the kingdom, its slow and secret growth. Similarly, the disciples’ ambition in 18:1-4 clearly has an earthly kingdom for its object; the same may be said of the request of the sons of Zebedee at 20:21. Likewise, when the kingdom is said to have come, 12:28, or when it is given a human authority, 16:17-19, the aspect of a kingdom on earth is foremost.

It is upon this aspect that Matthew’s emphasis lies because, for him, the kingdom is successor to God’s ancient kingdom, which was Israel, a kingdom of God upon this earth.

The kingdom is on the threshold when the Baptist speaks, 3:2, and his words are echoed by our Lord, 4:17, with whose ministry the day of Zion’s kingdom had dawned (11:5; cf. Isaiah 35:5 and 61:1). It has manifestly come with the great work of exorcism, 12:28, and is a matter of present experience, 13:16-19.

But its ‘coming’, though hidden and constant like the great works of nature, may break through into observable history in spectacular fashion from time to time; in this sense it may have many ‘comings’. Such a thrust is said to be near at hand, 16:28; 24:34; when the old temple falls the new kingdom will be known for its excelling successor (chapter 24).

Matthew’s Gospel is therefore in some way a theology of history, a sustained reflection upon the origin and nature and fortune and final destiny of the permanent and permeating force that God, through Christ, has infused into the affairs of the world. The Epistle to the Romans sees this revolutionary thing as the saving justice of God manifested in his Son; the Gospel sees it as God’s kingdom established by the Son; its theology is less elaborate than St Paul’s, but it is no less profound and its arrangement admirable.

The skillful synthesis and distribution of our Lord’s discourses provides the reader with a growing understanding of the kingdom which is Matthew’s central theme. His first discourse describes the true subjects of the kingdom and their spirit; his second instructs its missionaries; the third illustrates its hidden but irresistible power; the fourth the mutual obligations of its citizens; the fifth its establishment in power upon the ruins of Judaism—nor does this last discourse end until the king ushers his faithful subjects into the lasting Kingdom of his Father. It is small wonder that the marked preference for the Gospel of Matthew in the early Church has remained to this day, because it is the Gospel of God’s kingdom on earth, the “ecclesiastical Gospel”, the Gospel of “the Church”.

## The Ascension of the Lord – Year B

### 1st Reading – Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

### Responsorial Psalm - 46(47):2-3,6-9

***God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.***

All peoples, clap your hands,  
cry to God with shouts of joy!

For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,  
great king over all the earth.

***God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.***

God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

Sing praise for God, sing praise,  
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

***God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.***

God is king of all the earth,  
sing praise with all your skill.

God is king over the nations;

God reigns on his holy throne.

***God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.***

### 2nd Reading - Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

### Gospel – Mark 16:15-20

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them:

'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned.

These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.