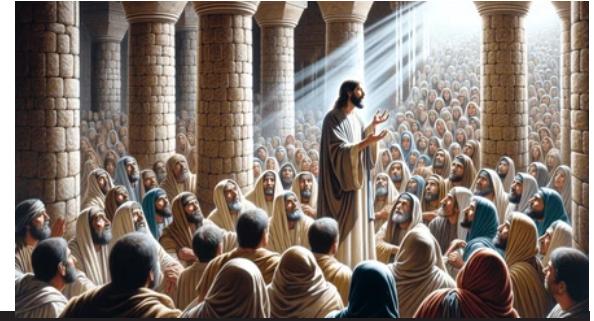




# St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) 26th JANUARY 2025

## Parish Centre

A: 120 Hallam Road,  
Hampton Park, Vic. 3976  
T: (03) 9799 2108  
E: hamptonpark@cam.org.au  
H: Tue to Fri 9.15am - 1:15pm  
W: stkevins.org.au

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

## Team

**Parish Priest:** Fr. Fabian Smith  
**Deacon:** Rev. Dr Graeme Pender  
**Parish Coordinator:** Mrs. Macrina Martin  
**Admin Assistant:** Miss Nikita Ravi

### School Principals:

**St. Kevin of Glendalough**  
Jason Micallef - (03) 9709 8600

**St. Francis De Sales**  
Christine White - (03) 8773 6700

## Mass Times

### Weekdays

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat – 9:15am  
Every Wed – **7:00pm** followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

### Sunday (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**.

## News from Fr Fabian

- To celebrate the Jubilee year, I am organising a Marian and Eucharistic pilgrimage to Europe leaving Melbourne on 13th September this year and returning on 2nd October. Limited spots are available. Please go to the Parish website <https://stkevins.org.au/> to check the itinerary and associated cost. If you are interested, please fill in the registration forms and send them to the travel agent by Friday 31st January 2025.
- Next Sunday, 2nd February, the Church celebrates The Presentation of The Lord also known as Candlemas. If you would like to have candles blessed, please bring them as they will be blessed at all the masses next weekend.
- Ash Wednesday is on 5th March this year.

We generally have two masses on Ash Wednesday - 9.15am and 7pm.

We are thinking of having an additional mass in the morning and would like your feedback regarding a preferred time.

Please scan the QR code to state your preferences.



## Special Collection - 2nd February 2025

As it will cost us \$200,000 for the building of the Chapel and \$100,000 for the grotto we are trying every effort to raise funds through your generous contributions. To this end, we will have a special collection on the first weekend of every month towards fundraising for the Grotto. On the third weekend of every month, we will have a special collection for the Chapel. Next weekend, we will have a special collection for the Chapel. The Eftpos machine in the foyer may also be used. Thank you once again for your generosity.

## Fundraising Event - 8th and 9th February 2025

The Mauritian Community is excited to host our upcoming fundraising event, to support the building of our chapel & grotto which is scheduled for on **Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th of February 2025** after the masses at St Kevin's.

This event will bring our community together to make a meaningful impact, and we are seeking your kind support in any way to make it a success.

We are currently in need of food donations to sell during the event. Your generous contribution of prepared Mauritian dishes, snacks & sweets will be much appreciated and will also demonstrate the incredible spirit of generosity within our community.

If you're interested in contributing in any way, please complete the form in the foyer. All donations should be delivered at least an hour before mass.

Thank you for considering this request. Your generosity will directly contribute to the success of this event and support a cause that truly matters.

On behalf of the Mauritian Community: "Merci Beaucoup"  
Marie France Prosper

## What's on this week

Monday, 27th January - 7pm Talk on Lust by Fr Nicholas Pearce

Friday, 31st January - 6-7pm Holy Hour

Sunday, 2nd February - 4-6pm Junior Youth Faith Formation



## Rosters -1st & 2nd February

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

## Church Cleaners

Team 1: Sophia, Brian, Andre, Miriam, Veronique

## Counters

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

## Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes:\$5080.80

Unpledged:\$1355.00

Presbytery: \$1997.00

## This Sunday we pray

### In Thanksgiving

Darryl and Louella

D'Souza

Kevin and Sunita D'Mello

Timothy DeSouza

Kevin and Michelle Vaz

Charistina and Aloysius

Shiara and Suresh

Yahanpath

Naomi Senanayake

Ava Scharenguivel

Sonny and Priscilla

Cunningham

Kenneth Peters

David and Lynelle

Sinclair

Lorraine Frederick

Lynette, Karen and

Loretta and Families

Christopher and Nikita

Vaz

Ashely and Linda

Franklin

Wayne and Anna Paris

Patricia Fernandez

## For contributions to support our Parish:

Name St Kevin's Parish Church Account

BSB: 083 347

Account : 643 962 991

## For contributions to support our Bishops and priests and the Archdiocese:

Name: St Kevin's Catholic Presbytery Account

BSB: 083 347

Account: 643 962 334

## For contributions to support the needy in our Parish:

Name: St Kevin's Special Needs Account

BSB: 083-347

Account: 897567262

## Feast days this week

**Monday, 27th January:** Sts Timothy & Titus, St Angela Merici

**Tuesday, 28th January:** St Thomas Aquinas

**Friday, 31st January:** St John Bosco

## For those who are sick

Maria C

## For those who died recently

Petsy Fassioms, Shirley Peters, Paulina Manuel, Jim Masson

## For those whose anniversaries we remember

Noela Lebrasse, Zander D'Souza, Vincent D'Rozario, Mignoune Yates, Dino Fernandez, Cletus (Dickie) Schwallie, Guillermo Enrique Baes, Felinda Romero, Jose Augustine Fernandes, Llewellyn Moses, Benjamin and Herminio Ambayec, Vernon Francis, Mark Francis, Edward Cutinha, Joseph Crasto, Philomena and Kenneth Paris

## Altar Servers Training - 9th February 2025

The next altar server training session will take place on Sunday 9th February from 3pm to 4.30pm in the Church. All altar servers must attend the training session.

## First Friday Vigil - 7th February 2025

We invite you to attend the First Friday vigil which begins at 6.30pm with holy rosary, followed by adoration, devotion to the Sacred Heart and mass. The vigil concludes with mass at midnight.

## 2025 Out of this World Father Son Camp - 14th - 16th February - Year 2 to Year 6

Shake out your space suit and test your Star Trek phasers. The Empire has teamed up with the Klingons and is about to strike back. We need to be ready! The countdown has started. Blast off from Safety Beach at 7.30pm on Friday 14 February. Be there or be left behind. For more details, check the poster on the noticeboard.

## Mothers who Pray for their Children - 2nd National Conference

Date: Saturday, 15th February 2025

Venue: Catholic Leadership Centre, 576 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne

Time: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

The theme of this year's conference titled, '*On the Cross: Reconciliation*', reflects our commitment to fostering healing and unity within families and communities through the grace of forgiveness. The program will feature a series of spiritually enriching addresses, prayerful reflections, and opportunities for dialogue, all aimed at equipping Catholic mothers with tools to nurture faith and reconciliation within their homes.

## The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,

may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us

into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within

both humanity and the whole cosmos

in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth,

when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,

your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,

a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God,

eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

Over the centuries, the Church has numbered the Precepts of the Church slightly differently, although their content has remained essentially the same.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (§§2041-43) presents them as five plus the duty to support our pastors; so, six in fact.

The relevant sections read as follows:

2041 The precepts of the Church are set in the context of a moral life bound to and nourished by liturgical life. The obligatory character of these positive laws decreed by the pastoral authorities is meant to guarantee to the faithful the indispensable minimum in the spirit of prayer and moral effort, in the growth in love of God and neighbour:

2042 The first precept ("You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation.") requires the faithful to participate in the Eucharistic celebration when the Christian community gathers together on the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord.

The second precept ("You shall confess your sins at least once a year.") ensures preparation for the Eucharist by the reception of the sacrament of reconciliation, which continues Baptism's work of conversion and forgiveness.

The third precept ("You shall humbly receive your Creator in Holy Communion at least during the Easter season.") guarantees as a minimum the reception of the Lord's Body and Blood in connection with the Paschal feasts, the origin and centre of the Christian liturgy.

2043 The fourth precept ("You shall keep holy the holy days of obligation.") completes the Sunday observance by participation in the principal liturgical feasts which honour the mysteries of the Lord, the Virgin Mary, and the saints.

The fifth precept ("You shall observe the prescribed days of fasting and abstinence.") ensures the times of asceticism [self-denial] and penance which prepare us for the liturgical feasts; they help us acquire mastery over our instincts and freedom of heart.

[Sixth,] the faithful also have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to his abilities.

This week, we shall take a look at the first precept in a little more detail.

### 1. You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation.

It is a mortal sin not to hear Mass on a Sunday or a holy day of obligation, unless we are excused for a serious reason. They also commit a mortal sin, who, having others under their charge, hinder them from hearing Mass, without good reason.

"Serious reason" — that is, a very good reason, such as sickness, necessity of taking care of the sick, great danger of death, etc. Some persons when they go on holiday believe themselves excused from hearing Mass because the church is a little further from them or the Mass at more inconvenient times than at home. When they are away they are bound by the same obligations as the Catholics who live in that parish the whole year round, and they must go to Mass as these do, even if it is more inconvenient than at home.

Some excuse themselves from going to Mass because they are too tired to rise in the morning. They should be ashamed to give such an excuse. Was our Blessed Lord not tired when he carried his Cross? He was tired, for he fell under it several times. And where was he going? To Calvary, to offer up the bloody sacrifice of the Cross for you. Will you plead fatigue as an excuse when you come to be judged by him?

Others again have a great habit of coming late for Mass. No matter at what hour the Mass may be, they will always be late. By coming late they show disrespect to Our Lord and distract others; to avoid doing so, they should, when late, take a place in the rear of the church. When you are very late for one Mass, you should wait for the next — at least, for as much of the next as you did not hear in the first. To hear Mass properly, you should be in your place a few minutes before the priest comes out, and make up your mind what blessing you will ask or for what intention you desire to hear the Mass.

"Having others under their charge." Some parents are very careless about their children attending Mass, especially on holy days. Now, they must remember that in such neglect the sin will be theirs as well as the children's. Catholics having in their employ others must make some arrangement by which their employees will be able to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days.

Sources: *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, *Catholic.net*

**1st Reading - Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10**

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, ‘Amen! Amen!’ Then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe, and the Levites who were instructing the people, said to all the people, ‘This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.’ For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, ‘Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.’

**Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 18(19):8-10,15**

*Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.*

The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple.

*Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.*

The precepts of the Lord are right,  
they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,  
it gives light to the eyes.

*Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.*

The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just.

*Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.*

May the spoken words of my mouth,  
the thoughts of my heart,  
win favour in your sight, O Lord,  
my rescuer, my rock!

*Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.*

**2nd Reading - 1 Corinthians 12:12-30**

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink. Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts.

If the foot were to say, ‘I am not a hand and so I do not belong to the body’, would that mean that it stopped being part of the body? If the ear were to say, ‘I am not an eye, and so I do not belong to the body’, would that mean that it was not a part of the body? If your whole body was just one eye, how would you hear anything? If it was just one ear, how would you smell anything? Instead of that, God put all the separate parts into the body on purpose. If all the parts were the same, how could it be a body? As it is, the parts are many but the body is one. The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I do not need you’, nor can the head say to the feet, ‘I do not need you.’ What is more, it is precisely the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest which are the indispensable ones; and it is the least honourable parts of the body that we clothe with the greatest care. So our more improper parts get decorated in a way that our more proper parts do not need. God has arranged the body so that more dignity is given to the parts which are without it, and that there may not be disagreements inside the body, but that each part may be equally concerned for all the others. If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt with it. If one part is given special honour, all parts enjoy it. Now you together are Christ’s body; but each of you is a different part of it. In the Church, God has given the first place to apostles, the second to prophets, the third to teachers; after them, miracles, and after them the gift of healing; helpers, good leaders, those with many languages. Are all of them apostles, or all of them prophets, or all of them teachers? Do they all have the gift of miracles, or all have the gift of healing? Do all speak strange languages, and all interpret them.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor  
and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

**Gospel Luke 1:1-4,4:14-21**

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received. Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him. He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written: The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord’s year of favour. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, ‘This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.’