



# St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) 9th FEBRUARY 2025

## Parish Centre

A: 120 Hallam Road,  
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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.

### 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

- Thank you to the parishioners who responded to the survey on Ash Wednesday mass timings. There were not enough responses to give us an idea about parishioner preference. As a result we will not have an additional morning mass. Ash Wednesday masses will be held at 9.15am, 5pm and 7.30pm on Wednesday 5th March.
- Please bring blessed palms from last year and place them in the basket on the first step of the sanctuary, so that they may be burnt for ash for the Ash Wednesday masses.

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

The Mauritian Community is excited to host our fundraising event this weekend to support the building of our chapel & grotto. The food sale will take place after the 5pm and 7pm masses on Saturday 8th February and the 9am and 11am masses on Sunday 9th February. 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. 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*

## St Vincent De Paul Society Christmas Appeal

The members of the St Vincent De Paul society would like to thank the St Kevin's Hampton Park church community for the generous support in providing hampers during Christmas.

A special thank you to the Students and Teachers of St Francis De Sales Primary School Lynbrook for the many hampers also to St Kevin's Primary School Hampton Park and for providing food and providing the hall.

A special thank you goes to the St Kevin's Youth Group. You were a great help to us to help with the coordination of moving the hampers to the hall.

Due to your generous donations, we were able to provide food hampers for 100 families in our community. All these families would have had a better Christmas due to your generous support. The members of the society with the help of St Kevin's Youth Group conducted a mighty effort in packing and handing over the hampers. All the packing of hampers was conducted on the 18 December in the parish hall. The hampers were handed over to all the families on the 19 December at the parish hall. This year, as with other years, the members and some members of their families gave up a significant amount of time and energy over two days to conduct this activity. A big thank you to all who helped.

## St Vincent De Paul Society Hampton Park

## 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.

## What's on this week

**Tuesday, 11th February - 7pm** Talk on Greed and Generosity  
by Fr Fabian Smith

**Friday, 14th February - 6-7pm** Adoration

**Sunday, 16th February - 4-6pm** - Junior Youth Faith  
formation (School Hall)



## Rosters - 15th & 16th February

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

## Church Cleaners

**Team 3:** Jeneview, Khuram, Priscilla & Hayley, Michael, Maria, Doreen

## Counters

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

## Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes:\$5167.35

Unpledged:\$2224.00

Presbytery: \$2410.65

## This Sunday wepray

### InThanksgiving

Noreen Balm  
Elisha Scurville  
Philip, Sandra and Nathan  
Cassandra and Michael  
Gaudencio Tamisin  
Avenido and Jao Family  
Rhea Fernandez  
Rylan  
Miriam, Dominic and  
Maddison Rozario  
Michelle and Shane  
D'Rozario and family  
Marcel Mannays  
Chevonne  
Leumaga Chan  
Tony Leumaga Chan

### For those whoare sick:

Deacon Graeme Pender  
Toilolo Fatu Sialau  
Maria C  
Lili Faoa  
Suzy Hagley  
Alroy Francis Jacob Maria  
Angela Inzillo  
Gaudencio Tamisin

## 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,10thFebruary:**St Scholastica

**Tuesday,11th February:**Our Lady of Lourdes

**Friday,14th February:**Sts Cyril & Methodius

## For those who died recently

Maria Ludovana Exposto, Genecel Pascual-Garcia

## For those whose anniversariesweremember

Noela Lebrasse, Rolland Tellis, Garth Henricus, Hernane Pena, Filomena Claracay, Jorge Alejandro Leiva, John Louis Jacob, Gerard Sheppards, Jose, Jr. and Adelfo Lontok, Donald Gunasekara, Ajit, Marie Archiebald Merandez, Dean Moses, Souls of Collins and Rozario Family, Camilo Cardozo, John and Gladys Rodricks

## Parish Sacramental Program 2025

The 2025 Sacramental program schedule for children attending non-Catholic schools who wish to receive sacraments this year will be as follows:

Term 2 : Reconciliation preparation classes

Term 3: Eucharist preparation classes

Term 4: Confirmation preparation classes

An email with the start dates and times will be sent to all those who have enrolled. If you have not yet enrolled your child, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

## Senior Youth Group meeting - Friday 21st February

All youth aged 18 and above are welcome to attend the next senior youth group meeting on Friday 21st February at 7.30pm in the Church foyer.

## Consecration oftwo newbishopsin Melbourne

On Saturday 1st February, Archbishop Peter Comensoli welcomed two new auxiliary bishops to the Archdiocese of Melbourne. The episcopal Consecration of the Most Rev Thinh Nguyen and Most Rev Rene Ramirez RCJ was held in St Patrick's Cathedral. Mass ended with Archbishop Comensoli exhorting the faithful to pray for the new bishops: 'Pray for these new bishops, Thinh and Rene, just as Paul prayed for Timothy. Pray that they may know this grace in Christ that is to be theirs, that it will sustain and nurture them.'

## 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.

## Pope Francis' monthly prayer intention - February

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

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.

This week, we shall take a look at the second and third precepts of the Church in more detail.

### **2. You shall confess your sins in individual reconciliation at least once a year.**

This means that we are obliged, under pain of mortal sin, to go to reconciliation within the year.

“Within the year.” That is, the time between your reconciliations must never be longer than a year, or, at least not longer than the period between the beginning of one Easter season and the end of the next. All persons who have attained the age of reason are bound to comply with this precept, and parents should remind their children of it.

The command to confess and be reconciled once a year is the bare minimum. We should go to reconciliation frequently if we truly wish to lead a good life.

Some seem to think that they need not go to reconciliation if they have not committed any sins since their last reconciliation. However, two graces are given in penance, as you already know: one, to take away the sins confessed; and the other, to strengthen us against temptation and enable us to keep our good resolutions. Now, as we are always tempted, we should go frequently to reconciliation.

Fr Christopher Walshe writes in *The Untapped Power of the Sacrament of Penance*: “The humble acknowledgment of moral unworthiness before the throne of God’s infinite goodness is the normative starting point not only for the sacrament of Penance [reconciliation] (‘Bless me, Father, for I have sinned...’) but also for the rite of Baptism (the rejection of ‘Satan and all his works’) and for the celebration of the Eucharist (‘Before we celebrate these sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins...’).”

The saints used to go to reconciliation very frequently, some of them every day. They used to go when tempted, to obtain the grace to resist and to expose their temptations to their confessor and ask his advice.

Again the Holy Scriptures tell us that the just man falls seven times; and the “just man” in Holy Scripture means a very good man; that is, one doing for God, his neighbour and himself what he ought to do. St Joseph is called in the Scriptures a “just man” and he was the foster-father of Our Lord. Now, if the good man falls seven times, he must rise after each fall; for if he did not get up after the first fall, he could not fall the second time.

This teaches us that we all commit some kind of sin, at least, and have always something to confess if we only examine our conscience closely. It teaches us also that when we have the misfortune to fall into sin, we should rise as quickly as possible.

Should children go to reconciliation? Yes, child usually taken to be at about seven or eight years of age. The “age of reason” refers to that age at which a child comes to know the difference between good and evil, which means they are capable of committing sin.

### **3. You shall humbly receive your Creator in Holy Communion at least during the Easter season.**

This precept is meant to guarantee the reception of the Eucharist at least in connection with the celebration of the Paschal feasts. Anyone who neglects to receive Holy Communion during the Easter season commits a mortal sin.

The Easter season is, in Australia, the time between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday, the Sunday after Pentecost, inclusive.

Trinity Sunday is the eighth Sunday after Easter. Therefore, the whole Easter season is from Ash Wednesday – that is, nearly six weeks before Easter – to Trinity Sunday, eight weeks after it, or nearly 14 weeks in all; and anyone who does not go to Holy Communion sometime during these 14 weeks commits mortal sin.

Source [Catholic.net](http://Catholic.net)

*Fr Christopher Walshe, The Untapped Power of the Sacrament of Penance*

**1st Reading - Isaiah 6:1-2,3-8**

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord of Hosts seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out to one another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts.

His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said:

'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of Hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:

'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:

'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?'

I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 137(138):1-5,7-8**

*In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.*

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart:

you have heard the words of my mouth.

In the presence of the angels I will bless you.

I will adore before your holy temple.

*In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.*

I thank you for your faithfulness and love,

which excel all we ever knew of you.

On the day I called, you answered;

you increased the strength of my soul.

*In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.*

All earth's kings shall thank you

when they hear the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the Lord's ways:

'How great is the glory of the Lord!'

*In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.*

You stretch out your hand and save me,

your hand will do all things for me.

Your love, O Lord, is eternal,

discard not the work of your hands.

*In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.*

**2nd Reading - 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins,

in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord,

and I will make you fishers of my people.

Alleluia!

**Gospel - Luke 5:1-11**

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied, 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.