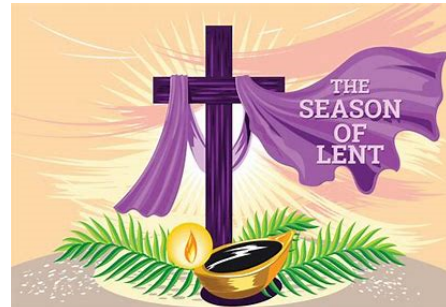




# St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



2nd SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C) 16th MARCH 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**.

## Passion Play practice

Passion Play practice will be running this Sunday (16/03) in the School Hall from 4pm - 6pm. All children from Grade 5 to Year 12, and youth from 18 to 35 years old are welcome to join as an actor, narrator or choir member. All children under the age of 18 will need to be signed in and out by an adult.

## Liturgy Ministers Training - Sunday 23rd March at 4pm

We invite parishioners who are interested in serving as readers and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to attend the next training session being held on Sunday, 23rd March at 4pm in the Church. Please note, this session is only for new readers and extraordinary ministers.

## Parish Office Closure - Tuesday, 18th March 2025

The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, 18th March 2025.

## Project Compassion

Toefuata'iga - (Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah) is a 13-year-old primary school student from Samoa. Samoa may be a country surrounded by water, but access to clean drinking water is scarce in some areas, with many families facing extreme hardship as a result.

Toefuata'iga's school community struggled without reliable access to clean water, which impacted students' education and hygiene. Teachers often had to leave the school to fetch water from nearby homes, disrupting lessons and adding strain to the community. When the water ran out at the school, students were sent home which meant they missed out on valuable learning time. Thanks to the support of Caritas Australia in partnership with Caritas Samoa, Toefuata'iga's school now has a 10,000 L water tank through a Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) program. Teachers and students now have access to clean drinking water at their school and are able to focus on education. "Now that we have the water tank, things are so much better, we can stay at school all day, and I get to spend more time learning and playing with my friends. I'm happy that we don't have to go home early anymore." – said Toefuata'iga. This transformative story is just one example of how Caritas Australia's Project Compassion creates waves of change around the world. Will you stand with students like Toefuata'iga this Lent?

Please donate today. You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at: [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we Unite Against Poverty this Lent.

## What's On this Week

**Sunday, 16th March-4-6pm** - Passion Play practice (School Hall)

**Tuesday, 18th March** - Talk by Fr Fabian

**Friday, 20th March-6-6:50pm** - Holy Hour and Confession

**7pm** - Stations of the Cross followed by Mass



### Rosters -22nd & 23rd March

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

### Church Cleaners

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

### Counters

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

### Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$5812.00

Unpledged: \$2365.45

Presbytery: \$22485.30

### This Sunday we pray In thanksgiving

Leonard Fernandes  
Jude Abraham  
Irene Taylor  
Fr Fabian's ministry  
Maria Karunakaran  
Natalia Ramanan  
Sandra Wills  
Warren Peters  
Philomena Peters  
Aaron Peters  
Alana Peters

### For those who are sick

Reneir Noel Sr.  
Alroy Francis Jacob  
Andree Jeanne  
Jean Lazaro  
Maria Morales  
Lily Faoa  
Arun D'Souza

### For those who died recently

Hilton D'Silva  
Javier Olivares Zelaba  
Sujith De Fonseka  
Esther Smart  
Errol Michael

### 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, 17th March:** St Patrick

**Tuesday, 18th March:** St Cyril of Jerusalem

**Wednesday, 19th March:** St Joseph

### For those whose anniversaries we remember

Joseph Crasto, Tyrone Rosayro, Anthony Xavier, Noela Lebrasse, Lucette Brabant, Rodelio and Teresita Alzona, Carmonians in Melbourne, Anthony Francis, Margaret Francis, Joze and Marija Juntez, Stansilav Schafer, Jozica Kastelic, Joinez Kastelic, Rezi Broder, Family Medved, Joze Klement, Adolf Marcen, Iva Strous, Frank Koncina, Joseph Anthony Rogers, Zita Rogers, Hyacinth Weston, Oscar Weston, Baptist Abeydeera, Zenobia Symss, R.L. D'Souza, Francisco Bernardes, Cardinal George Pell, Stanley Arockiaraj, Victor Creado

### St Kevin's Food Sale – March 15 & 16, 2025

Organised by the Social Group

Join us for a delicious Food Sale on March 15 & 16, 2025, right after each mass! Enjoy a variety of homemade dishes while supporting our church community.

**Menu:** •Veg Korma with Yellow Rice/Pea Rice – \$12

•Chicken Curry with Yellow Rice/Pea Rice – \$12

•Biryani (Chicken, Beef, Lamb) – \$15

•Bake Sale Items – \$2

### Save the Date! Fundraising Dance for the church

Saturday, April 26, 7:30 pm onwards

Band: No Limit

DJ: Ravi

Food on Sale

BYO Drinks

Ticket Prices

Adults: \$25

Child under 12: \$15

Child under 5: Free (no seat) Tickets on sale after every mass, from next weekend.

Donations Needed: We're looking for items for raffle prizes!

If you can help, please contact one of the following or any Social Group member:

Contact: Warren Peters - 0423 247 093

• Florence D'Costa - 0433 851 662

• Anita Fernandez - 0402 505 676

Let's come together for a night of fun and support our parish.

### Working Bee - Volunteers Needed

In preparation for the Easter Season, our church requires volunteers for the working bee on Saturday, 29th March 2025.

We are a diverse group of volunteers who come together to clean the interior and exterior of the Church. The timings are flexible, from 7.30am onwards and we anticipate a more structured approach with your cooperation. Volunteers can choose the times and tasks most convenient to them.

In this regard we are looking for parishioners who can spare some time for this endeavour. It is our Parish!

Please scan the QR code to volunteer.

Or

Please contact:

Brian D'Souza on 0414363725, Parish office on 9799 2108 or email HamptonPark@cam.org.au



**Mercy received must become mercy given.**

Another reason we need to practice the works of mercy towards our needy brothers and sisters in Christ is because God himself deals mercifully with us. In one of the weekday prefaces used at Mass, we proclaim: “In love you [God] created us; in justice you condemned us; but in mercy you redeemed us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

What this means is that God created our first parents out of pure love to have them (and every other man and woman as well) share his eternal happiness with him. But when he put them to the test to see if they would accept his love, they sinned against him by pride and disobedience. Therefore, in his justice which is as infinite as his love, he had to condemn them, barring the gates of heaven against them.

Because of Original Sin, the consequences of which we all share, and because of our own personal sins, we all are under the same condemnation of God’s justice. But God was moved by his divine compassion to redeem us by his infinite mercy. As St Francis was known to say, “Everything God gave us before the Fall, he gave us out of love; everything God gives us after the Fall, he gives us out of his mercy!”

Mercy adds two qualities to love. First, mercy often involves a need for forgiveness. For God to show us mercy after we sinned against him, he needed to forgive us our sins. When we, in turn, do a work of mercy for a needy brother or sister, there is often no sin on their part against us. But we must be ready to do these works of mercy for anyone who is in need, even someone who may have offended us. The unique love Jesus taught us to have for our neighbour includes reaching out to our enemies, to sinners, to strangers, and to the poor.

The second quality mercy adds to love is compassion. Compassion comes from two Latin words meaning ‘to suffer with’ or ‘to feel the pain or deprivation that our neighbour feels’. In the Gospels, Jesus gives us many examples of compassion. He felt pity when he preached at great length to the crowds, who were like “sheep without a shepherd” (Mark 6:34). He multiplied the loaves and fishes because he was concerned that the crowd, who had been with him for so long a time and were now quite hungry, would faint along their way home (Mark 8:3; Matthew 15:32). Jesus was likewise compassionate in his mercy toward sinners, in his miracles for the sick and infirm, and in his raising of the dead to console their grieving family members and friends.

The Good Samaritan is one of the most beautiful images of Jesus’ compassion (Luke 10:30-37). Moved by our helplessness after sin, much like the helplessness of the man who had fallen prey to thieves who beat him, robbed him and left him to die, Jesus cared for us in our needs when he went to the Cross. Like the Samaritan in the Gospel parable who set aside concerns for his own time, convenience and even safety, Jesus reached out and provided for us in all our needs without counting the cost to himself. By our very baptism which unites us to Christ and gives us a share in his own life, we are called to imitate his compassionate love. This calling is especially critical in our time if the Church is to fulfill her mission as God’s instrument of peace and unity in the world.

Pope Paul VI, at the end of Vatican II, said that the council’s deliberations and documents gave us the image of “the Church of the Good Samaritan”. In other words, the Holy Spirit spoke to the Church, calling her to give greater service to the poor.

The council declared that the Church must have a “preferential option for the poor”, thus fulfilling one of the desires of Pope John XXIII, who convoked the council. Before opening the council, Pope John XXIII made a pilgrimage to Assisi, where he placed the council under St Francis’ special patronage and prayed that he who was called ‘the father of the poor’ in his own time would intercede for the Church so she would recognise herself once again as a Church “of the poor and for the poor”.

From *What To Do When Jesus Is Hungry: A Practical Guide to the Works of Mercy* by Fr Andrew Apostoli CFR.  
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**1st Reading-Genesis 15:5-12,17-18**

Taking Abram outside, the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can.' 'Such will be your descendants,' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord,' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**Responsorial Psalm-Psalm 26(27):1,7-9,13-14**

***The Lord is my light and my salvation.***

The Lord is my light and my help;  
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
before whom shall I shrink?

***The Lord is my light and my salvation.***

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;  
have mercy and answer.

Of you my heart has spoken:  
'Seek his face.'

***The Lord is my light and my salvation.***

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
hide not your face.

Dismiss not your servant in anger;  
you have been my help.

***The Lord is my light and my salvation.***

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord!

***The Lord is my light and my salvation.***

**2nd Reading-Philippians 3:17-4:1**

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Gospel-Luke 9:28-36**

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.