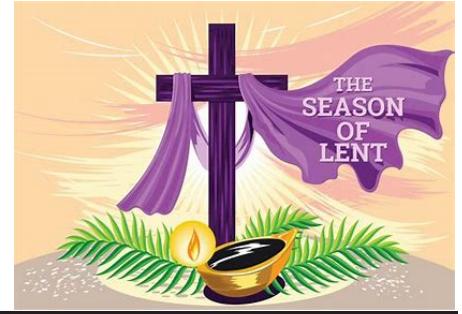




St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



3rd SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C) 23rd 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.

Vision Team update

This weekend the Parish Vision Team would like to address you regarding the proposed building works to take place in our Parish. We would like to gain a consensus of the whole Parish on the way to proceed. To that end, we will be having a vote after every mass this weekend, to give parishioners an opportunity to have a say.

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.

Sacramental Program 2025 enrolments

Enrolments for the Parish Sacramental preparation program for this year will end on 31st March. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to enrol your child.

Project Compassion

Lam is 27 years old from a small village in rural Vietnam who faced significant challenges due to his short stature. Through the I-SHINE program Lam completed a six-month course developing his graphic design skills. He now runs a successful freelance graphic design business from home, serving clients worldwide and earning a steady income.

Please donate today. You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.
Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion
Or by calling: 1800 024 413

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

Passion Play practice - Sunday, 23rd March

Passion Play practice will be running this Sunday (23/03) 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.

What's On this Week

Sunday, 23rd March 4-6pm - Passion Play practice (School Hall)

Thursday, 27th March - 7pm - Commitment mass for Sacramental candidates

Friday, 28th March 6-6:50pm - Holy Hour and Confession
7pm - Stations of the Cross followed by Mass



Rosters -29th & 30th March

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

Church Cleaners

Team4: Samoan Choir

Counters

Team3: Sumith, Samantha, Ransiri, Michael, Gilbert, Marilyn

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$5310.70

Unpledged: \$2133.05

Presbytery: \$1992.60

This Sunday We Pray

Thanksgiving

Kristine Musnit

Andre Michaud

Avellino Jones

Lorenzo Napit

Rebner Baran

Zenith Noel-Baran

For the Sick

Belinda Murat Claité

Reneir Noel Sr.

Jean Lazaro

Maria Morales

For those who died recently

Francisco Lause Jr.

Feast Days this Week

Tuesday, 25th March: The Annunciation of the Lord

For those whose anniversaries we remember

Bienvenido Noel Sr, Noela Lebrasse, All souls in purgatory, Zenobia Symss, Lancelot Janes, Patricio Sr. and Genoveva Ambayec, Epifanio Sr. and Milagros Ambayec, Gertrudes Maria Duarte Lay, Dorothy Braz, Maizie Creado, Maureen Anderson

Thank You!

The Social Group would like to thank all those that contributed to the food sale last weekend, either through a donation of food or cash or time volunteering. We raised a total of \$6,269.30, thanks once again for your support and God Bless.

Presbytery Collection - 16th March

There was a typing error in last week's bulletin. The correct amount is \$2485.30

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.

Lenten Walking Pilgrimage to Divine Mercy Shrine, Keysborough

Starting Venue: St. Mary's Church, Car park, 29-03-2025, at 7 AM.

Holy Mass at 10.30 at Divine Mercy Shrine, Keysborough

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

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

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.



Jesus is still hungry and thirsty

A fourth reason for the works of mercy is quite simply that Jesus is still in need in the neediest of his brothers and sisters. He tells us that he is still hungry, thirsty, naked, homeless, sick, and in prison in his disciples. He suffered these things in his own lifetime on earth and continues to suffer them through the members of his Mystical Body.

We need to reach out to alleviate the needs Jesus is still experiencing by ministering to his least brothers and sisters. Not only do they depend on us to relieve their needs of hunger and thirst and the like, but we depend on them for opportunities to serve. Without such opportunities, our lives would be the poorer spiritually.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta once told me: "We will only know in heaven how much good has come to us through all those who are in need, such as the sick, the hungry, and the homeless. This is because we cannot do anything for God in heaven! In heaven God is perfectly happy! He has everything he wants! So, what did God do? God became man! Now we can do something for him because he said, 'I was hungry and you fed me! I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink!'"

What Mother Teresa was saying in her profound simplicity and wisdom was that we have as much need to give to Jesus in the poor as the poor have need to receive from us as Jesus' disciples!

Mother Teresa frequently emphasised the sublime dignity we have of serving Jesus in the distressing disguise of the poorest of the poor through whom Jesus so often approaches us. As she once put it, "We should not serve the poor like they were Jesus. We should serve the poor because they are Jesus."

The corporal and spiritual works of mercy are our ways to serve Jesus even now.

Civilisation of love and truth'

One of the themes that Pope John Paul II frequently emphasised is that we need to build what we call a 'civilisation of love and truth'. When the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost, he created a community of love and truth among the very first disciples of Jesus gathered in Jerusalem on the occasion of that great feast. Despite their ethnic, cultural, and language differences the effect of his coming was to restore a unity of peace and charity that had suffered greatly because of Original Sin and personal sin.

In these critical times, we are well aware of the danger of violence and terrorism and the whole culture of death. Prayer, sacrifice, and reparation are essential to countering the negative effects of selfishness and sin in the world. But we must also reach out in a very concrete way to those who are in need. Practising the works of mercy helps us to move out of a self-centredness which emphasises and focuses only on one's own personal needs and concerns, and directs us out towards the needs and concerns of others. It is through the daily living of these works of mercy and love that we will heal the ravages of war, of hatred, of violence, and ultimately of sinfulness. If we are to build a kingdom of God, we must do the works of mercy the Lord has taught us.

Pope John Paul II also emphasised that peace requires the recognition of the dignity of each person. The works of mercy provide us with the opportunity to let every person know that they are children of God and brothers and sisters in Christ. What will emerge from this will be a community of love and peace centred on Christ. As St Augustine said, "In the end, there will be only one Christ loving himself."

*From **What To Do When Jesus Is Hungry: A Practical Guide to the Works of Mercy**
by Fr Andrew Apostoli CFR. Ignatius Press,
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1st Reading Exodus 3:1-8,13-15

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am,' Moses answered. 'Come no nearer,' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your fathers,' he said, 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow, the home of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites and the Jebusites.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "I Am has sent me to you." And God also said to Moses, 'You are to say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

Responsorial Psalm-Psalm 102(103):1-4,6-8,11

The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.

The Lord is kind and merciful.

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion,

The Lord is kind and merciful.

The Lord does deeds of justice,
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons.

The Lord is kind and merciful.

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.

The Lord is kind and merciful.

2nd Reading - 1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Repent, says the Lord;

the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel - Luke 13:1-9

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."