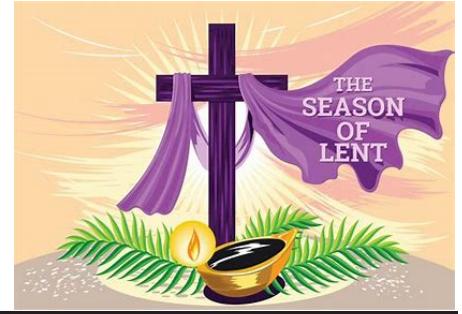




# St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



5th SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C) 6th APRIL 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](mailto: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 Brian D'Souza and our dedicated parishioners who worked very hard during the Parish working bee last Saturday to clean the Church and surrounds for Easter. The commitment and care you have shown are a true testament to the strength and unity of our community. Thank you for your invaluable support and devotion.

During the Parish working bee, the tree nearest to the adoration chapel was removed as it served as an access point for possums entering the Church roof. Unfortunately, the possums had caused some damage by eating through the roof sealant. This necessary step will help prevent further harm and protect the integrity of the Church structure.

We would like to welcome into our Parish community through the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend: Abigail, Achok, Athian, Eliana, Eloise, Miles, Otis and Rory.

## Project Compassion

The life-changing work of Caritas Australia is only made possible by the unwavering generosity of our supporters. 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](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) Or by calling: 1800 024 413

## Palms Required

If you have palms that you would like to contribute for the Church's Palm Sunday celebrations, we kindly ask that you reach out to Warren 0423247093 or the Parish Office by Thursday 10th April. Your generosity will help enhance this important occasion for our parish community. Thank you!

## Fundraising Dance - Postponed

Due to unavoidable circumstances, we regret to inform you that our Fundraising Dance will need to be postponed. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and truly appreciate your understanding.

For those who have already purchased tickets, a full refund will be provided. Please contact the person you got tickets from to arrange your refund. We are working on setting a new date and will share the details with you as soon as possible. Thank you for your support and patience.

The Social Group

## What's On This Week

**Tuesday, 8th April - 7pm** - Talk by Fr Fabian  
**Friday, 11th April - 9.15am** - Mass followed by Stations of the Cross  
**6-7pm** - Holy Hour and Confession  
**7pm** - Stations of the Cross followed by Mass  
**8.15pm** - Senior Youth group meeting



## Rosters -12th & 13th April

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

## Church Cleaners

Team1 : Sophia, Brian, Andre, Veronique, Miriam,

## Counters

Team5: Mervyn, Lorna, Anita, Howard, Jennifer, Cheryl, Owen

## Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes:\$5453.00

Unpledged:\$2320.60

Presbytery:\$2254.35

## This Sunday We Pray

### Thanksgiving

Conrad and Millette Alzona and Family

Lauren Fernandez

Luc Michaud

Pastorpile family

Khuram Jawad and family

### For the Sick

Belinda Murat Claité

Reneir Noel Sr.

Jean Lazaro

Maria Morales

Dennis El Salvador

Toilolo Fatu Sialau

Philip Aguilar

Stu Kuhlman

Teri Nichols

Deacon Graeme

## For those who died recently

Dhiraj Puri

Walter Lockwood

Garry Holbrook

## 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, 7th April: St John Baptist de la Salle

Friday, 11th April :St Stanislaus

## For those whose anniversaries we remember

Jose, Jr and Adelfo Lontor, Lindsay Philogene, Charles Coates, Karen Tracey, Ernesto Montecillo, Julieta Labata, A.J. Ambrose, Andre Leung Pew, Catharine Pereira, Sebastian Pereira, Margaret and Norman Dubier, Maria Gloria Pastorpile, Romulo Pansoy, Sarah Josephine Hunter

## Bottle and Can Collection Update

Thank you for contributing your cans and bottles for the fundraising towards our grotto and chapel building works. Together we have raised \$1422.30.

Please find below the amount raised each month:

January - \$554.50, February - \$474.30, March - \$393.50

If parishioners would like to match these amounts, please use the envelopes marked 'Special Appeal' in the foyer and place the envelopes in the collection.

If using the Eftpos machine, place the receipt in the collection.

## Special Collection - 5th & 6th April

This weekend we will have a third collection which will go towards fundraising for the building of the Grotto.

## Senior Youth Group meeting - Friday, 11th April at 8.15pm

We invite all youth aged 18-35 to attend the youth group meeting in the Church foyer on Friday, 11th April at 8.15pm.

## Palm Procession - 12th April - Cancelled

The Palm Sunday procession scheduled for 12th April has been cancelled.

## Pope Francis' monthly prayer intention for April

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

## Holy Week Schedule

### Palm Sunday

12th April - Saturday - Vigil masses at 5pm and 7pm

Procession before each mass begins from the School Hall

13th April - Sunday - 9am, 11am and 6pm

Procession before each mass begins from the School Hall

April - Monday - 9.15am Mass

6-7.30pm - Parish Reconciliation

15th April - Tuesday - 9.15am Mass

16th April - Wednesday - 7pm Mass

17th April - Holy Thursday - 8pm Mass followed Adoration

Adoration (In School Hall till 11pm),

No morning mass

18th April - Good Friday - 8.30am Divine Mercy Novena commences

(continues daily at 8.30am till 27th April)

9am Passion Play

3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

6-7pm Veneration of the Cross

19th April - Holy Saturday - 8pm Easter Vigil

20th April - Easter Sunday - 9am Mass

11am Mass

No evening mass



### Give Food to the Hungry

Of all human sufferings, hunger and thirst rank among the greatest. They are also among the most widespread. Countless people in the world go to bed hungry each night. Many people also daily face a critical shortage of drinking water. It is no wonder that Jesus mentions these two human needs, these two tragic sufferings, first among all the ways we may serve him by attending to the neediest of his brothers and sisters: "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink . . . as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Matthew 25:35, 40). In this chapter, we shall focus on Jesus' hunger.

#### Jesus endured hunger

Sacred Scripture tells us that Jesus was like us in all things except sin. He shared our human joys and pleasures as well as our sorrows and our pains, sin excepted. He wanted to experience all that we experience, including hunger. So he voluntarily "fasted 40 days and 40 nights, and afterward he was hungry" (Matthew 4:2). He sanctified our experience of hunger by his own hunger.

Jesus was greatly concerned about those who suffered to feed the hungry crowds who had followed him for days while he was preaching: "Then Jesus called his disciples to him and said, 'I have compassion on the crowd, because they have been with me now three days, and have nothing to eat; and I am unwilling to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way'" (Matthew 15:32-38; cf also Mark 6:32-44; Luke 9:10-17; John 6:1-13). On these occasions, Jesus worked great miracles by multiplying loaves of bread to feed the thousands who had followed him. Once a young boy offered Jesus all he had—five barley loaves and two fish—which did not seem very much in the face of such a great need. In fact, St Andrew the Apostle who had presented the boy to Jesus, remarked: "What are they among so many?" (John 6:9) The young boy generously gave all he had; Jesus responded by generously multiplying what he had given with such unselfish love.

In our own reaching out to those in need, we may feel we do not have sufficient resources. But if we start giving to the needy what we have, even when it costs us dearly, we often experience God's providence to replenish what we are giving away. In the Old Testament, the prophet Elijah asked a widow with an only son for a piece of bread to eat and a cup of water to drink. Due to a prolonged and severe drought, the woman had only a handful of flour and a tiny bit of oil left in her home. She was going to bake one last bread for her son and herself and then, without any more food, face the prospect of starvation. But the woman generously shared with Elijah what little she had left, and God rewarded her abundantly. The flour did not run out, and the oil did not run dry until the drought ended and the people could provide for themselves again. (cf 1 Kings 17:7-16).

#### The first Christians fed the hungry

The first generation of Christians, no doubt moved by the example of the Lord, were very concerned to meet the physical needs of the poor. St Luke writes of the very earliest Christian community: "And all who believed were together and had all things in common; and they sold their possessions and goods and distributed them to all, as any had need" (Acts 2:44-45). As the community grew, new needs emerged, and so poor widows received a daily distribution of food (Acts 6:1). So important was this service that when the Apostles themselves could no longer personally provide it because of the growing demands on them for prayer and evangelisation, the first deacons were selected to carry out this ministry (cf Acts 6:2ff.).

The attitude of the early Church towards feeding the hungry and caring for the needy was summed up by St James. "What does it profit, my brethren, if a man says he has faith but has not works? Can his faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, be warmed and filled' without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead" (2:14-17).

#### The hunger that needs to be fed

Hunger can arise from different causes, including scarcity of food due to crop failures, drought or natural disasters. Sometimes it is caused by man's failures, such as deprivation or neglect. Deprivation occurs when those who have the resources do not share them with those who are less fortunate. Lacking the necessary resources, these poor depend on the generosity of others, which may or may not be forthcoming. At other times, the suffering of hunger is caused by neglect, when people fail to provide in a responsible way for their own needs. Perhaps they do not take advantage of opportunities to acquire a modest income for themselves, or they spend their money unwisely. They, too, must depend on others.

The hunger Jesus suffered during his life on earth differs significantly from the hunger of the poor. He freely chose his hunger, while many of his poor brothers and sisters do not. However, Jesus chose to suffer hunger in order to suffer with and for mankind. In his passion and death, he took upon himself all the sufferings of men, including the persecution of his disciples by Saul of Tarsus. Jesus said to him on the road to Damascus: "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" Notice that Jesus did not say: "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute my disciples?" This is why the future Apostle of the Gentiles had to ask: "Who are you, Lord?" The voice answered, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting" (Acts 9:4-5). In a very real way, then, what we do to others, we do to Christ. When we feed the hungry, it is Jesus whom we satisfy.

**1st Reading- Isaiah 43:16-21**

Thus says the Lord,  
who made a way through the sea,  
a path in the great waters;  
who put chariots and horse in the field  
and a powerful army  
which lay there never to rise again,  
snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past,  
no need to think about what was done before.  
See, I am doing a new deed,  
even now it comes to light; can you not see it?  
Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,  
paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour me,  
jackals and ostriches,  
because I am putting water in the wilderness  
(rivers in the wild)  
to give my chosen people drink.  
The people I have formed for myself  
will sing my praises.

**Responsorial Psalm-Psalm 126(126)**

***The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.***

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,  
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs.

***The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.***

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels  
the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad.

***The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.***

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap.

***The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.***

They go out, they go out, full of tears,  
carrying seed for the sowing:  
they come back, they come back, full of song,  
carrying their sheaves.

***The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.***

**2nd Reading- Philippians 3:8-14**

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! With all your heart turn to me,  
for I am tender and compassionate.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**Gospel- John 8:1-11**

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and do not sin any more.'