



# St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (YEAR C) 27th APRIL 2025

## Parish Centre

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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  
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**School Principals:**  
**St. Kevin of Glendalough**  
Jason Micallef - (03) 9709 8600  
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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 for your Easter prayers and wishes.

Every ten years priests get time off called a **sabbatical** which is like long service leave. Priests use this time to re-energise themselves for ministry. The Archbishop has approved my sabbatical time and I will be away from **Monday, 28th April till Thursday, 4th September 2025**. I will be returning on 21st July to celebrate my 20th ordination anniversary in the parish and will resume my sabbatical on 28th July.

**Fr Antony Santhiyagu** will take up his appointment on **1st May**. He will be formally welcomed to the parish on 3rd and 4th May with a cuppa following all the masses. We will have various priests helping Fr Antony while I am away. If I need to be contacted, please contact me via the Parish Office.

**Thank you** to everyone involved in helping us prepare and celebrate our beautiful Holy Week liturgies. I would like to thank Curtis for making the frame for the canopy of the altar of repose and the stand for the veneration of the cross. Thank you to Sandy from Curtain Ideas, who is a long standing parishioner, she has been very generous with her time and talent. Thank you Briony from RnB Events for the beautiful set up of the altar of repose. Thank you to all the parishioners who helped to set up the school hall. Thank you Helen for ironing all the altar linen and for all the good work you do in the parish. Special thanks to Francis who is ever ready to help out with anything that needs to be done in the parish. Thank you Santina and Mary for stitching the sashes for the ushers. Thank you to the Social Group members who are always committed to supporting every parish activity.

## CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

Next weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal (previously held during the month of August).

As the Catholic Church's mission in action, CatholicCare Victoria delivers programs and services to support families, children, young people and individuals to help everyone reach their full potential. The services include counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. Donations from our parish community help CatholicCare Victoria support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community and empower everyone to live life to the full. Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families in our community. You can donate using the appeal envelope available in our parish, donate online at [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au) or call (03) 9967 2515.

## What's On

**Friday, 2nd May - 6pm-6:50pm** - Holy Hour and Confession  
**7pm** - Sacred Heart Devotion followed by Mass  
Mass is followed by First Friday Vigil



## Rosters - 3rd & 4th May

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

## Church Cleaners

Team 4: Samoan Choir  
Counters

Team 3: Sumith, Samantha, Ransiri, Michael, Gilbert, Marilyn

## Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes:\$6715.70  
Unpledged:\$7108.55  
Presbytery:\$4803.90

## This Sunday We Pray

### Thanksgiving

Martha Pastorpile  
Harsha Shah  
Subramaniam Family  
Francis Family  
Sefo Tuala  
Ashley and Linda Franklin

### For the Sick

Belinda Murat Claité  
Dennis El Salvador  
Toilolo Fatu Sialau  
Philip Aguilar  
Stu Kuhlman  
Teri Nichols  
Deacon Graeme  
Kelly Jennings  
Reneir Noel Sr.  
Joey Pitogo  
Sebastien Emile  
Olivia Leung Pew

## For those who died recently

Walter Lockwood

## 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

## For those whose anniversaries were remembered

Rita Vincent, Gertrude Hyacinth Abraham, Lucy Mary Anthony, Maxwell and Azudina De Souza, Pauline Flynn, Diosdado Pansoy and Renecito Pansoy, Floryse Maingard, Maurice Dubier, Ruth Dubier, David Martinz, Baps Magee, Sancia D'Souza, Davis Thomas, Roland, Rita and Ruth Peterson, Veera and Leslie Francis, Alister Rouse, Ian Dorilag, Conrado Cabildo Sr., Bonifacio Cabildo, Edward Cutinha, Carmen Mabel Wilson

## Celebrate Mum with Us!

This Mother's Day, let's show our mums just how much they mean to us! The Social group invites you to join us for a Mother's Day Brunch filled with love, laughter, and delicious food.

## Saturday 10th May 2025

11:00 am onwards

St Kevin's Hall

Tickets - \$20 each

Family of 4 \$60 ( 2 Adults and 2 kids)

Children under 5 are free

For Tickets contact:

Ryan Martin - 0429 913 434, Ashley Franklin - 0469 346 009

Warren Peters - 0423 247 093

Bring your mum, your grandma, or someone who's been like a mum to you—and let's celebrate the amazing women in our lives together. Good vibes, great food, and special moments guaranteed. We'd love to see you there!

## Thank you! from Caritas

Caritas Australia would like to express our heartfelt thanks for your incredible support of Project Compassion this Lent.

If you still have your Project Compassion box or donation envelope at home, please return them next week at Mass.

Your generosity is helping to empower the world's most vulnerable communities, enabling them to overcome challenges and lift themselves out of poverty.

Together, we are creating a better tomorrow, helping vulnerable communities build stronger futures for themselves and empowering them to break free from the cycle of poverty. Thank you for standing with us!

## Divine Mercy Sunday

We would like to form a team to coordinate the Divine Mercy novena and Divine Mercy Sunday 2026. If you are interested in being part of the team, please contact the Parish Office.

## Good Shepherd Sunday - 4th May

Next Sunday we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday – the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. During this coming week, perhaps you may like to make a prayer each day for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

## Prayer for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis

Eternal Father, In Your infinite mercy, You called home Your faithful servant, Pope Francis, during the radiant joy of the Easter Octave — a sign of the Risen Christ's triumph over death.

We give You thanks for his life of humble service, his unwavering commitment to the poor, his courage in seeking peace and justice, and his gentle witness to the mercy of Your Son.

Receive him now into the fullness of Your glory. May he rest in the peace promised by Christ, whom he served as the Vicar on earth.

May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

### Christian love demands awareness of others' needs

Remember the parable of the rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31), in which Jesus describes two men in sharp contrast. The rich man was “clothed in purple and fine linen and . . . feasted sumptuously every day”. Lazarus, meanwhile, was “full of sores” and “desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table”.

Eventually, when both died, Lazarus was brought to the joys of Paradise, while the rich man suffered the torments of Hell. Why was the rich man lost? Not because he dressed lavishly or ate well, but because he completely lacked compassion for someone suffering so obviously right in front of him.

Sharing generously with the hungry what God has shared with us is the wisest investment we can ever make. We will realise this when we hear those words of Jesus at the Last Judgement: “Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food.” And when the just ask our Lord when they did this for him, he will answer: “As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me” (Matthew 25:34-35,40). Blessed Pope John Paul II, in referring to these words of our Lord, said that they would mark the end of human history as we know it. At that supreme moment, how blessed we will be for having fed Jesus in the hungry.

### Blessed are they who hunger for holiness

Not all hunger is bad. There is a spiritual hunger that Jesus honours: “Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied” (Matthew 5:6). This hunger, this longing for something good is not the physical agony of the starving. Rather, it can be compared to the hunger for a good meal.

In our spiritual lives, we need this hunger. Physical hunger must be satisfied so the hunger will be removed. When it comes to spiritual hunger, we satisfy it not to take it away but to make it grow. As we look at the spiritual hungers that Jesus blesses, this point will become clear. Hunger for the Word of God After his 40 days of fasting in the desert, our Lord was tempted by the devil to change stones into loaves of bread. He answered his tempter by saying there was far more important food than the bread that feeds the body: “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God” (Matthew 4:4; cf Deuteronomy 8:3).

God’s word becomes a nourishment that satisfies the hunger of the soul for truth so that we might know and fulfill the very purpose for which God has created us. Jesus himself said: “It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh is of no avail; the words that I have spoken to you are Spirit and life” (John 6:63). St Francis taught his friars that they should respect theologians who taught authentic Church teaching as those who minister to them “spirit and life”.

Hungering for the word of God means desiring to hear that word. It is a longing and a welcoming of the word of God into our minds and hearts. Anyone who comes to love God’s word has a certain relish for it. Hearing the word of God gives them comfort and consolation, courage and guidance. In this way the word of God becomes a source of light and love to do our Heavenly Father’s will. In this sense we need that word to sustain us in our spirit. One who cherishes and lives God’s word can echo the words of Jesus in his own life: “My food is to do the will of him who sent me” (John 4:34).

Being deprived of the word of God leaves us with a great hunger for it. We spiritually fulfill this work of mercy to feed the hungry by sharing the word of God with those who long to hear it. When priests preach their sermons, when catechists instruct the young in the faith or when sponsors help prepare converts for entrance into the Church, in each instance someone is ministering the word of God to others who are hungering to receive it. This hunger is not something we wish to eliminate. Rather, we satisfy it only to increase the intensity of desire. Like St Peter we come to realise that Jesus is the source of the Father’s word coming to us: “You have the words of eternal life” (John 6:68).

For people who love God, being deprived of hearing the word of God would become a suffering like a great spiritual famine. The prophet Amos foretold that such a suffering would come upon the people of the Northern Kingdom of Israel because of their unfaithfulness to God: “ ‘Behold, the days are coming,’ says the Lord GOD, ‘when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD’ ” (Amos 8:11). Amos was prophesying that because of the people’s idolatry and immorality, there would not be anyone who could preach or teach the truth of God’s message to his people. Such a deprivation would be a terrible hunger of the spirit.

**1st Reading- Acts 5:12-16**

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

**Responsorial Psalm- Psalm 117(118):2-4,22-27**

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.*

Let the sons of Israel say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let the sons of Aaron say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let those who fear the Lord say:

‘His love has no end.’

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.*

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,

a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad.

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.*

O Lord, grant us salvation;

O Lord, grant success.

Blessed in the name of the Lord  
is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;  
the Lord God is our light.

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.*

**2nd Reading - Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19**

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me,

shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle. When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One, I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

**Gospel - John 20:19-31**

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.'

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.