



St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



PALM SUNDAY (YEAR C) 13th APRIL 2025

Parish Centre

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H: Tue to Fri 9.15am - 1:15pm
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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
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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 all the parishioners who generously contributed to the Stations of the Cross. We are excited to share that the new stations, imported from Italy, have arrived. Thanks to our parishioners who installed them.

There will be eight priests available for **reconciliation on Monday, 14th April** from 6pm to 7.30pm. Please use the opportunity to avail of the sacrament.

With regard to **weekend mass intentions**, just a reminder that they need to be given in the Parish Office no later than Wednesday night. Any offerings that are given after Wednesday night will not be included in the bulletin or displayed on the PowerPoint slides during mass. The only exceptions are if mass is offered for someone who is seriously ill or recently deceased. In such cases, please see the priest before mass and ask him to pray for your intention.

I would like to wish each of you a grace-filled Holy Week and invite you to participate in the Holy Week liturgical celebrations to receive every grace that the Lord desires to give you.

Assistant Priest Appointment

We would like to thank Archbishop Peter Comensoli for appointing Fr Antony Santhiyagu as our Assistant Priest. We look forward to welcoming him formally on 1st May. We will have a cuppa on the first weekend of May to welcome him.

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

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14th April - Monday - 9.15am Mass

6pm to 7.30pm - Parish Reconciliation

15th April - Tuesday - 9.15am Mass

16th April - Wednesday - 7pm Mass

17th April - Holy Thursday - 8pm Mass

followed by Adoration

Adoration (In School Hall till 11pm), No morning mass

18th April - Good Friday - 8.30am Divine Mercy Novena commences and continues daily at 8.30am till 27th April
9am Passion Play

3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

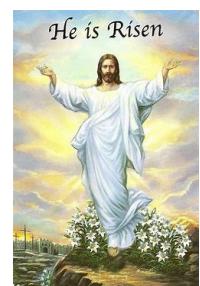
6-7pm Veneration of the Cross

19th April - Holy Saturday - 8pm Easter Vigil

20th April - Easter Sunday - 9am Mass, 11am Mass No evening mass

27th April - Divine Mercy Sunday

9am, 11am and 3pm masses. No 6pm mass



Rosters -19th & 20th April

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

Church Cleaners

Team2: Antonio, Samangi, Eileen, Joelle, Rennla

Counters

Team1: Anne, Michael, Lyn, Nadine, Tyronie, Rene

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes:\$4852.20

Unpledged:\$1965.15

Presbytery:\$2034.60

This Sunday We Pray

Thanksgiving

D'Netto Family

Kayden Dias

Stanley and Charmaine Grey

Clara D'Moss and family

Greer and Ramesh-Kumar families

Santa Napit

George, Annemarie and Abigayle

Taylor

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.

For those who died recently

Lionel Henderson

Walter Lockwood

Ponciano Ayson

Doris Foulstone

Queenie Jayasinghe

Vinette Moucein

Careena Mannays

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

Dorothy Mould, Eugene King, Jabamalai Mary, Onofre De Leon, Vincent Mariadoss, Rosemund Dubier, Regina Vincent, Max Mortimer, Edwin D'Moss, Fatima Simons, Epifanio and Milagros Ambayec, Rodelio and Teresita Alzona

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.

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!

Good Friday – Stations of the Cross

Please scan the QR code displayed in the foyer to download your copy of the Good Friday Stations of the Cross booklet.



Special Collections this week - Holy Thursday and Good Friday Collections

Holy Thursday – A collection will be taken up at mass to add to the Caritas appeal. Please return your Caritas boxes and envelopes during the Holy Thursday collection.

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, April 18th. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing.

Parishes, and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Due to the ongoing war, the Church and people of the Holy Land are still struggling with reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world. In 2024

Australian Catholics were once again extremely generous and we were able to send to the Holy Land nearly \$1.5 million (\$1.4 million [2023], \$1.4 million [2022] and \$1,126,098 [2021]). The reality for the Holy Land mission is that they will continue to face challenges, financial and spiritual, and so we again

ask Catholics around the world again to be as generous as possible, with their financial support as well as the spiritual support. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday. Thank you.

Poverty Brings Hunger

I was in a very fitting place when I began to write this: Mission San Serafin in Comayagua, Honduras. The mission is staffed by priests and brothers of the Community of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. Honduras is a developing nation, probably the poorest in the Western Hemisphere after Haiti and Nicaragua. As you can imagine, many people in that country lack even life's basic necessities, and many of the indigent poor in the area come to the mission for help. Every month the friars give two-kilogram bags of beans, rice, and corn, a kilogram bag of sugar, and salt, oil, and laundry soap to more than a hundred needy families. The friars have also brought food supplies up to various mountain villages, where they have been building homes and chapels, for the villagers are in desperate need.

One case in particular illustrates the great need for food that some Hondurans experience. One needy family the friars nicknamed "the meek family" because they are so humble and simple in their ways. The friars realised the children were malnourished, but it was only after assisting the family for two years that they found out the family would go for two or three days at a time without proper food. As a result, one of the young girls was losing her eyesight. When a medical team from the United States came to do volunteer work in the area, an ophthalmologist examined the girl's eyes and determined she did not have any eye defect, but that her increasing blindness was due to malnutrition: She was lacking in vitamin A. When the girl received increased amounts of the vitamin, her eyesight came back.

Feeding the hungry in Australia

These are real life and death situations of hunger. The needs and the steps required to relieve those needs are obvious. But what about carrying out this same corporal work of mercy in the setting of wealthy developed nations such as Australia? The situation is so different. The question here is not one of life or death (Will I eat or not), but rather one of preference (What will I choose to eat?). When we go to the supermarket and see aisle after aisle of all kinds of food in every conceivable variety, we realise that most Australians are nowhere near the hunger level of people in developing countries such as Honduras or, closer to home, East Timor. Does that mean, then, that we cannot feed Jesus in feeding someone who is hungry? In other words, are we deprived of carrying out this same corporal work of mercy in a developed country like Australia? Not at all, for even in a land of plenty there are people who are hungry. What can be done to help them? Let us look at a few possibilities.

Helping at a soup kitchen

If there is a soup kitchen for the poor in your area, you might consider volunteering occasionally, or perhaps even on a regular basis. Or you could be come a "food provider" to support such a ministry. "Food providers" are individuals who either cook meals at home or buy the food needed for the meals. Those who help out in such ministries often will say how much they get out of being able to feed the hungry. In their own way, these volunteers feel they receive as much in return for feeding the hungry as the hungry receive in being fed.

Giving to a food pantry

Another way to feed the hungry is to give regularly to food collections, such as one for a parish food pantry that assists families or individuals who come upon hard times. This is especially helpful to those who live near the poverty line. Food supplements can make a big difference in their lives. If your parish does not have something like a food pantry, you might talk up the idea and start one, or even join in with a parish that already operates a food give-away program. You never know how much good you can do until you try.

Shopping for the elderly

Feeding the hungry may also mean bringing elderly or shut-in people to a supermarket they could never get to on their own. In cases where such people cannot shop for themselves, a person might volunteer to do the shopping for them. If you do not personally know any elderly or shut-in people who may need assistance, check with the parish or local St Vincent de Paul Society to find genuinely needy cases in the area.

Voluntary Fasting

Still another way to reach out to the hungry is to deprive yourself occasionally, perhaps once a month, of some special meal or dessert. This can have a doubly good effect. For one, the hunger you voluntarily experience will create a sense of compassion and connection with those who suffer from a hunger over which they have no control. For another, any money saved by not having an expensive meal can be donated to people who reach out to the needy, like Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity. Your spiritual offering can then become a tangible way of sharing food with the hungry.

Make a group effort

Hunger will remain a constant need for many people. Only God himself can provide food for them all. But one important way to help at least some of them in a consistent manner is to stir up interest among a group of people, such as a parish community, to "adopt" a poor parish or mission in a developing country like East Timor. Several parishes already do this. This is a serious and ongoing commitment, but it fulfills two needs at once: the need to receive on the part of those who do not have and the need to give on the part of those who have an abundance.

From *What To Do When Jesus Is Hungry: A Practical Guide to the Works of Mercy*

by Fr Andrew Apostoli CFR. Ignatius Press, Used with permission.

1st Reading- Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord has given me
a disciple's tongue.
So that I may know how to reply to the
wearied
he provides me with speech.
Each morning he wakes me to hear,
to listen like a disciple.
The Lord has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.
The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 21(22):8-9,17-20,23-24***My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?***

All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.'

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet
I can count every one of my bones.

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

They divide my clothing among them.

They cast lots for my robe.

O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me!

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**2nd Reading - Philippians 2:6-11**

His state was divine,
yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are,
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death,
dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Luke.