



St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



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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:

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Team

Parish Priest: Fr. Fabian Smith
Assistant Priest: Fr Antony Santhiyagu
Deacon: Rev. Dr Graeme Pender
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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**.

Welcome Fr Antony!

We welcome our new Assistant Priest Fr Antony Santhiyagu to our Parish. Please join us in welcoming Fr Antony with a cuppa after all the weekend masses.

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

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

CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential. Your generous donation will help the most vulnerable

members of our community – those facing homelessness, those experiencing mental health challenges, families struggling with relationship problems, newly arrived refugees and asylum seekers, and those experiencing grief and trauma.

Please donate to CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your compassion and generosity will help the most vulnerable and marginalised in our community.

You can donate using the appeal envelope available, donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9967 2515. All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible.

RCIA

We welcome and congratulate our 2025 RCIA catechumens and candidate: Anuruddha Wijesinghe, Daniel Aloysius, Jayne Kapp, Lishna Dubarry, Nathan Aloysius and Sophy Hang. If you are interested in joining our 2026 RCIA program, please contact the Parish Office.

Mass for Marriage Anniversaries - Sunday, 1st June at 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral

Couples and their families are invited to join us as we celebrate the gift of marriage and family, coinciding with the Jubilee of Families. Couples who register and are celebrating the following anniversaries—5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 or 40 years and above—will receive a commemorative certificate. Please register for your spot by Sunday 25 May.

For any queries, please contact the Proclaim team on 9926 5761 or at proclaim@cam.org.au.



What's On

Sunday, 4th May - 4-6pm - Junior Youth Faith Formation (School Hall)

Monday, 5th May - 5-6pm - Junior Legion of Mary

Wednesday, 7th May - 4-5pm - Reconciliation preparation class

Friday, 9th May - 7.30pm - Senior Youth Group meeting



Rosters -10th & 11th May

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

Church Cleaners

Team 5: Tyrone, Tyronie, Emeli, Pele, Susanne

Counters

Team 4: Gerard, Margaret, Ashley, Linda, Sydney, Veera

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$3668.35

Unpledged: \$491.45

Presbytery: \$540.30

This Sunday We Pray

Thanksgiving

Ashley and Linda Franklin

Victor Desouza Jr

Emma, Joe and Huddy

Marcus Matthews

Aloysius and Charistina

For the Sick

Belinda Murat Claite

Dennis El Salvador

Toilolo Fatu Sialau

Philip Aguilar

Stu Kuhlman

Deacon Graeme

Kelly Jennings

Reneir Noel Sr.

Joey Pitogo

Sebastien Emile

Olivia Leung Pew

Linda Bailey

Jose Marques

Teri Nichols

Alcina A DaSilva

For those who died recently

Walter Lockwood

Jean Caseline

Janet McGavin

Ana Maria Vasquez

Zoila de Vega

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

Saturday, 10th May : St John de Avila

For those whose anniversaries were remembered

Theresa Susainathan, Hugesson and Blossom Briggs, Frank and Heather Matthews, Joseph Emmanuel Fernandez, Mignoune Yates, Dino Fernandes, The Souls in purgatory, Monica Maguire, Lena Coates, Victoriano Jaleco

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!

Mother's Day Alert!

Tickets are selling fast and numbers are strictly limited – if you haven't secured yours yet, now's the time!

Don't miss out on a beautiful celebration – get your ticket before they're gone!

SFS Twilight Market - Thursday, 6th November - 5-8pm

Please keep Thursday November 6th 2025, 5 - 8pm free for SFS's Twilight Market.

SKY Young Adults | Friday 9th May @ 7:30 PM

Calling all young adults 18–35! Join us for our next SKY Young Adults gathering in the Church foyer.

This month, we're diving into what it means to be "Sent" on mission — discovering how God is calling each of us to live with faith, purpose, and boldness.

Prayer, real talk, good company — you're invited!

Parish Office Closure - Thursday, 15th May

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, 15th May.

Save the Date – St Kevin's Feast Day

We warmly invite all parishioners to join us in celebrating the Feast of St Kevin on Sunday, 1st June

It will be a joyful occasion for our community to come together in faith and fellowship. Further details will be shared soon – stay tuned!

The Social Group

Corpus Christi Procession

Sunday 22 June 2025

Procession begins after 11am Mass concluding at Federation Square
St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne.

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.

The Holy Spirit — Part I

At the first Pentecost, the Apostles and Our Lady were gathered together in the upper room to remember their friend and Lord Jesus. But they were still afraid despite the faith they had in our Lord, whose Resurrection and Ascension they had witnessed. They needed something else. As they should have remembered, Jesus while still with them had promised them that something else – which turned out to be a someone else – an advocate, someone who would fill their hearts and enable them to do things way beyond their human capacities. So, it should really have come as no surprise to them when the Holy Spirit came down on them as in a wind and in the likeness of tongues of flame and that they should immediately forget their fears and go out and proclaim the Lord in a way that had been humanly impossible to them just moments earlier. The position of the Apostles between the Ascension and Pentecost could be likened to a grand machine that required a switch to be flicked to turn on the power that the machine needed to do its job. Pentecost is the flicking of the switch, and the Holy Spirit is the power.

Now, Our Lord called our bodies the temple of the Holy Spirit; that is, God resides in us personally under the attribution of the Third Person of the Trinity. God resides in our bodies in his entirety but his action there is “attributed” (as the theologians say) particularly to the Holy Spirit.

This Pentecost becomes for the Church in Australia the first day of what our Bishops have called the Year of Grace. So, it seems appropriate that the next few weeks we take a look at the workings of grace in our souls through the action of the Holy Spirit. To do this, we will take a look at this Third Person of the Trinity, who he is and how his action within us is expressed through the gifts he bestows, the fruits of those gifts and the beatitude to which they lead. The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity and, as we recite each Sunday in the Creed, the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son and is equal to the Father and the Son, being the same Lord and God as they are.

We are apt to forget that the Holy Spirit existed from all eternity, and to think of him as having come into existence on the Day of Pentecost. Well, of course that can't be true, because the Blessed Trinity has existed from all eternity, and it wouldn't be a Trinity without the Holy Spirit. We have to think of God existing altogether outside time, independently of any worlds, or any angels for that matter. From all eternity there has been a multiplicity of life within the unity of the Godhead. God the Father, from all eternity, has spoken a Word; or if you prefer to put it in a rather more luminous way, from all eternity he has thought a Thought of himself. When you or I think, the thought has no existence outside our own minds; but when the eternal Mind thinks of itself, it produces a Thought as eternal as itself, and that Thought is, like the eternal Mind, a Person. And so you get two persons within the Blessed Trinity, the eternal Mind and its eternal Thought.

Now, you can't imagine two Divine Persons as existing side by side without their having some relation to each other, some attitude towards each other; and what that attitude will be it is not difficult to guess; they will love one another. And this Love, which springs at once from the eternal Mind and its eternal Thought, binding them to one another, is the Holy Spirit. That is why we say that the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son. He is the conscious response of Love which springs up between them; he goes out from each of them to the other. That is not intended to be an explanation of the doctrine of the Blessed Trinity, because you cannot explain a mystery. But it is as near as our minds will get to understanding what the doctrine of the Trinity is about.

The second verse of the Bible tells us about a time millions and millions of years ago. It says: “The earth was void and empty, and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved over the waters.” In the Hebrew, it says that the earth was all *tohu* and *bohu*, which is a very good way of describing emptiness and confusion. Try to imagine the earth, or the universe if you prefer it, without any light at all, just undulations of matter, a great formless sea; no birds, no animals, no plants. And even then, “the Spirit of God moved over the waters”. As soon as there was any creation at all, even when it was all *tohu* and *bohu*, it gave out a kind of dumb response to its Creator; it was like a mist rising in a river valley at evening; and what was it? It was the Spirit of God. When God created the universe, it was a sort of extension, you may say, of that eternal Thought of his, which we call his Word. That is why we always think of the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity as specially concerned in the work of creation. And as, within the Godhead itself, the answer to that act of Thought was an eternal Act of Love, the Holy Spirit, so, when God created things outside himself, there was an immediate response of love from his creatures; and that response was inspired in them by the Holy Spirit. And all through the Old Testament you get the idea of God's Spirit as pervading nature: “The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world, and that which contains all things has knowledge of the Voice.”

It is quite impossible to understand the Old Testament until you see that the Jews thought of brute creation and even inanimate creation, mountains and valleys and sun and stars and beasts and birds and fishes, as conspiring to praise God all the time. And the medieval attitude was to accept that point of view about the response of creation to God, and to say: “Of course, that's the Holy Spirit; that's the response to God in nature. The Love which binds the Father and the Son overflows into created things, and makes them, too, aspire lovingly to God.”

1st Reading- Acts 5:27-32,40-41

The high priest demanded an explanation of the Apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

Responsorial Psalm- Psalm 29(30):2,4-6,11-13

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,
restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,
give thanks to his holy name.
His anger lasts a moment; his favour all through life.
At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

The Lord listened and had pity.
The Lord came to my help.
For me you have changed my mourning into dancing:
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.
I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

2nd Reading - Apocalypse 5:11-14

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation – everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation;
He has shown pity on all people. Alleluia!

Gospel- John 21:1-19

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?' He answered, 'Yes Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He replied, 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Look after my sheep.' Then he said to him a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. 'I tell you most solemnly, when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else will put a belt round you and take you where you would rather not go.' In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this he said, 'Follow me.'