



St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



FOURTH SUNDAY " 1 & % (YEAR C) 11' fi ž , 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:
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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.

Pope Leo XIV

We pray for our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV. May the Holy Spirit guide and protect him as he leads the universal Church.

Good Shepherd Sunday

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Francis told us: "There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him." Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.

Happy Mother's Day

"The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother." - St Therese of Lisieux

We wish all mothers in our Parish a Happy Mother's Day. May you feel cherished and supported as you nurture your families with faith and love.

CatholicCareVictoriaSundayAppeal-Thank you from CatholicCare Victoria
CatholicCare Victoria is deeply grateful for the support of our parish during last week's CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.

The generosity of our parish community means that CatholicCare Victoria can continue the mission; to create transformational personal impact and empower every individual to reach their full potential and live life to the full. Thank you for helping those in need!

For more information about CatholicCare Victoria, please visit:
www.catholiccarevic.org.au

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.



Parish Office Closure - Thursday, 15th May

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

What's On

Monday, 12th May - 5-6pm - Junior Legion of Mary

Wednesday, 14th May - 4-5pm - Reconciliation preparation class

Thursday, 15th May 2.20pm - St Francis de Sales School mass

Friday, 16th May - 4-6pm - Junior Youth Group Faith Formation



Rosters -17th & 18th May

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

Church Cleaners

Team 1: Sophia, Brian, Miriam, Andre, Veronique

Counters

Team 5: Lorna, Mervyn, Anita, Howard, Jennifer, Cheryl, Owen

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes:\$5133.50

Unpledged:\$1428.25

Presbytery:\$2179.65

This Sunday We Pray

Thanksgiving

Kristine Musnit

Jason Large

Serena Starr

Antoinette Crasto

Winston D'Silva

Ralston

Philip and Merilla Gonsalves and family

For the Sick

Deacon Graeme

David Jackson

Joey Pitogo

Sebastien Emile

Olivia Leung Pew

Linda Bailey

Jose Marques

Teri Nichols

Alcina A DaSilva

Robert Leo

Nazario Coutinho

Jose Marques

For those who died recently

Justino Antonio Do Rosario

Janet McGavin

Walter Lockwood

Barbara Pontin

Felix Cutinha

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, 20th May: St Bernardine of Siena

Wednesday, 21st May: St Christopher of Magallanes & Companions

Thursday, 22nd May: St Rita of Cascia

Saturday, 24th May: Our Lady, Help of Christians

For those whose anniversaries we remember

Richard Wilson, Keith Concesso, Mazie Creado, Allen King, Ines Varudo, Rosa Do Rego, Lusia Soares, Angela Coutinho, Mervyn and Anna Nipps, Christine Boustead, Celine Rodrigues, Mr Ponnuthurai and Mrs Siva

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process of Christian formation for those seeking full communion with the Catholic church. At St Kevin's, the program begins in August this year. If you are interested in joining our RCIA program, please contact the Parish Office.

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

Samoan Community Notice

To all our Samoan Parishioners, you are warmly invited to a meeting to organise our Tausala Fundraising event proposed for July 12, 2025.

Meeting Date: May 18, 2025

Time: 10.15am (immediately following the 9.00am Mass

Corpus Christi Procession - Sunday 22 June 2025

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

A Vocation View

On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, pray for yourself. Pray to know if God is calling YOU to be a Priest, Sister or Brother. Pray!

A prayer request

You might know of a young person in the parish, in your family or an acquaintance whom you think would make a good priest or religious. Why not pray for them by name on a regular basis? Carry them with you 'spiritually' to Mass on Sunday and place them on the alter at the offertory. Sometimes the Lord uses us as his instruments to encourage vocations.

Pledge to Pray

The Vocations Office in Melbourne has partnered with some others in a project, 'Pledge to Pray' - an on-line platform for individuals to pledge prayers for vocations. It is based upon the idea of the 'Invisible Monastery'. I invite you to 'pledge a prayer' for vocations at www.pledgetopray.com.au this is a site dedicated to encouraging prayer for vocations in Australia.

Legion of Mary

The Parish Legion of Mary Praesidiums will be holding a recruitment drive after all the masses on 17th and 18th May.

The Nicene Creed says of the Holy Spirit that he “spoke through the prophets”. What does that mean? Well, in the first place it means that the Holy Spirit gave certain messages of warning to the Jews by means of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel and many others. They were moved to say various things, many of which it is difficult to understand, and some of which they probably didn’t understand themselves. They were carried away by the impetus of the Holy Spirit, and the great point is that many of the things which they said, or rather which he said through them, were prophecies about the coming of Jesus.

I do not suppose that Isaiah quite knew what he was talking about when he wrote: “Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a Son”. He just felt impelled, somehow, to say that, because that was what the Holy Spirit wanted him to say.

But this clause in the Creed also means that the whole of the Old Testament is inspired. And a lot of the books in the Old Testament are not prophecy exactly; they are pieces of history, and sometimes, like other pieces of history, it must be admitted, that they are not very exciting to read, especially when you come across long lists of names. Well, all that is inspired. What do we mean when we say that it is inspired? Do we mean that the men who originally wrote those books simply sat down with a pen and took it all down as the Holy Spirit dictated it to them? Must we picture them as saying: “Amasias was five and twenty years old when he began to reign (yes, I’ve got that), and he reigned nine and twenty years in Jerusalem (yes, I’ve got that), and his mother’s name was Joadan (how do you spell Joadan, please?)” and so on? There have been people before now who have thought of the inspiration of Holy Scripture as if it were a mere process of dictation of that kind.

But of course that is not how the Old Testament was written, and you can prove it. Because if you look at the Second Book of Maccabees (which very few people do) you will find that the author describes to us how he wrote his book. He says he has abridged in one book all the history that was written in five books by someone called Jason of Cyrene. Now, there is no reason whatever to think that Jason of Cyrene was inspired. But the man — we don’t know his name, or anything about him — who got to work and boiled down those five books into one book, the Second Book of Maccabees, was inspired. But inspiration didn’t make it an easy job. No. This man says: “As to ourselves indeed, in undertaking this work of abridging, we have taken in hand no easy task; yea, rather a business full of watching and sweat.” And when he had finished, although it was an inspired book, this man wasn’t in the least certain that it would be a bestseller. He says at the end: “I will here make an end of my narration, which if I have done well, and as becometh the history, it is what I desired; but if not so perfectly, it must be pardoned me.” He sat down and wrote quite an ordinary book, in quite an ordinary way; yet it was inspired.

What do we mean when we say that any book of the Old Testament was inspired? That the Holy Spirit helped the writers, watched over the process and saw they did it right; put ideas, perhaps, into their heads, which made them say: “That’s a good idea; I never thought of that before” — but it all seemed to come out of their heads; and indeed it did come out of their heads, because the Holy Spirit works in our heads.

That doesn’t necessarily mean that every word in the Old Testament is to be taken at face value. You find it stated in the Psalms, for instance, that God has made the round world so sure that it cannot be moved. And when Copernicus and then Galileo produced the idea which we all now believe, that the earth spins on its axis, a lot of people said: “That’s heresy! The Bible tells us the earth can’t be moved, and here are these people wanting us to believe that it’s speeding round and round like mad!” But the Psalms weren’t written to teach us geography; they are poetry, and the person who wrote that verse was just talking in the ordinary language of his time. So you cannot be certain that every word of the Old Testament is literally true. But you can be certain that the theology of the Old Testament, once you have understood it properly and made allowances for the Hebrew way of saying things, must be true; because when it was written the Holy Spirit was at work to see that the thing got done right.

And nor was the Holy Spirit at work only among the Jews. All through those centuries before our Lord came, whenever a human heart aspired to God, it was the same old story; it was the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity carrying out in this visible, created world the same work which he carries out in the uncreated, invisible world of eternity. He was making, in us, that response of love towards the eternal Father which it is his nature to make. In spite of the Fall, there is a kind of instinct which makes man look up to God, try to get back to God, and, that instinct is the silent working of the Holy Spirit, in the very heart even of unredeemed mankind.

It is difficult to get a right idea about the work of the Holy Spirit in the order of grace, until you have some idea of what the Holy Spirit does in the order of nature. His essential office is to be the response of love in our hearts to the goodness of God. *Source:Ronald Knox: The Creed in Slow Motion*

1st Reading- Acts 13:14,43-52

Paul and his friends carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats. When the meeting broke up many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said: I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing for joy.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Know that he, the Lord, is God.

He made us, we belong to him,

we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.

He is faithful from age to age.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

2nd Reading - Apocalypse 7:9,14-17

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel-John 10:27-30

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life;
they will never be lost

and no one will ever steal them from me.

The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,

and no one can steal from the Father.

The Father and I are one.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.