



St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



FIFTH SUNDAY " 1 ~ ' & ~ % (YEAR C) 18' fi ž ' , 2025

Parish Centre

A: 120 Hallam Road,
Hampton Park, Vic. 3976
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E: hamptonpark@cam.org.au
H: Tue to Fri 9.15am - 1:15pm
W: stkevins.org.au

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
Assistant Priest: Fr Antony Santhiyagu
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**.

St Kevin's Feast - Parish Lunch

The Social Group is organising a special parish lunch following the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, 1st June, to celebrate the Feast of St Kevin.

We are currently reaching out to leaders from various cultural communities to coordinate food stalls representing their cuisines. Contact details for these leaders will be shared in next week's bulletin.

If you would like to lead a food stall for your community, please get in touch with:

Warren Peters – 0423 247 093 Anita Fernandez – 0402 505 676

We also welcome donations of food – particularly Indian and Sri Lankan dishes, as well as desserts, pizzas, party pies, and more. Cash donations are also appreciated.

If you'd like to contribute, please write your name and details on the clipboards in the church foyer and let us know what you'd like to donate. We'll be in touch with further information.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

The Social Group

Pentecost Vigil - Saturday, 7th June from 8pm to 10pm

"They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak..." - Acts 2:4
Join young adults from across our community as we encounter the power of the Holy Spirit through: Eucharistic Adoration, Praise and Worship, Personal Testimonies, Prayer Ministry, Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Devotion to the Two Hearts - Wednesdays at 9am

You are invited to join in the Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary. The group gathers on Wednesday mornings at 9am every week (excluding school holidays).

Mass for Marriage Anniversaries - Sunday, 1st June 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

Monday, 19th May - 5-6pm- Junior Legion of Mary

Tuesday, 20th May - 7-8pm - Talk on the Rosary by the Sisters from the Alliance of the Holy Family International

Wednesday, 21st May - 4-5pm - Reconciliation preparation class



Rosters -24th&25thMay

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:\$5548.50

Unpledged\$2207.95

Presbytery:\$2417.05

ThisSundayWePray

Thanksgiving

Tomasi Mulitalo

R and W Abraham

Sunita and Kevin D'Mello Yvonne

and Brian Martin Brianna

Eustace

Nathan Scurville

Glen Blanche

Saldanha Family

FortheSick

Sonny Cunningham

Rosario Giaquinta

Arun Dsouza

Avantika Dsouza

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

Walter Lockwood

Peter Fernandez

Flaviana Rosario

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 anniversarieswe remember

Christine Boustead, Brenda Jennings, Baptist Abeyadeera, Stewart and Christobel and deceased De La Motte family members, Dorothy Abeyadeera and deceased Neydorff and Abeyadeera family members, Georgie and Margie Taylor, Everard Paris, Leslie and Imelda Borthwick, Prospero Cabanayan, Francisco Carmobernades, Fernando Marques, Maria Carlota Marques, Cipriano Marques, Sandra Maria Marques, Antonia Abrao Marques, Laila Marques, Aju Marques, Mervyn Patrick Peters, Hazel Lazarus, Joseph Malowney

Project Compassion collection and Holy Land Good Friday collection

Thank you for your generous contributions towards the Project Compassion and Holy Land Good Friday collections. We have raised \$3946.65 towards the Holy Land collection and \$8184.35 towards the Project Compassion 2025 Appeal. If you have not yet returned your Project Compassion box, please do so at the earliest.

Parish Dance

Join Us for a Night of Music & Dancing!

Get ready for an unforgettable Fundraising Dance

28 June 2025

St Kevin's Hall

Doors Open 7:30 pm

No Limit will have you on your feet all night and DJ Jason will be spinning your favorite hits to keep the party going!

Come for the music, stay for the fellowship, and dance for a great cause!

Every ticket sold will support our parish. Tickets will be sold after every mass:

Adults-\$25, Child under 12 - \$15, Child under 5 - free no seat

or Contact the following people for tickets

Warren Peters @0423 247 093

Florence D'Costa @0433 851 662 or

Anita Fernandez @0402 505 676

Bring your friends and family, and let's make this a night to remember!

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.

Catholic Mission

In rural Zambia, many mothers walk for days while in labour to reach basic care. "A mother's life shouldn't be left to chance." The event will take place on Wednesday, 5 June at 7:00 PM at St Peter's Parish Centre, Toorak. The keynote speaker, Abraham Muma, Health Services Coordinator at Chilonga Mission Hospital, will offer a rare and powerful window into the frontline work being supported through our mission partnership. This event is free and open to all.

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 III

As the Catechism reminds us, we are created to serve God. That is true, but we are created not merely for that. We are created to use our wills to unite ourselves to God, by bringing these wills into conformity with his.

Yet even this is not the ultimate end of our creation. To serve God might appear an all-sufficient end for us; to keep our wills in conformity with that of God might appear to be the highest destiny that it is possible for us to achieve. But we serve God and we keep ourselves submissive to him only in order that God may, through that union, be able to give himself to us—to give us a participation in the treasure of his own being—to “impregnate” our spirit with his life, and so bring us to that fullness of existence after which we are ever thirsting. We are bidden to serve God and to keep our wills in harmony with his, uniquely because that is the condition to be realised on the part of the creature in order that the Creator may be given—may become for the creature a gift actually received. Yes, God is a gift that is in God’s own power to bestow.

In his human life Our Lord showed us how to serve God and remain united with him, union being a consequence of service. Disservice spells disunion. We have only to shape our human life after the pattern traced by Our Lord, to live, that is, according to the principles by which he governed his actions, cultivate the attitude towards God and man which he exhibited, and develop the dispositions of soul which characterised him, in order to fulfil the conditions which make it possible that God, instead of being for us merely “giveable”, becomes “given”.

God is infinite in all things. He is infinite in kindness and generosity. That infinite generosity moves him to bestow upon others all that lies within the limits of his resources; and his resources have no limits. Infinitely generous and having at his command infinite riches, he bestows infinitely. He gives all that is in his power to give, and therefore he gives himself. All that is needed in order that man should receive, possess and hold as his own the Creator and Sovereign Lord of all things is that he should desire God above all else, and all other things in subordination to that supreme love of God.

Love is the chief constituent element in a gift—so much so that when the giving is without affection to prompt and inspire it, what is given is but a present. The first, therefore, of gifts, the source of all others, and that in virtue of which these others are given, is love itself.

St Thomas Aquinas writes:

Is it not because we love a person that we gratuitously confer a benefit on him? The first thing that we give him is the love by which we wish that what is good should be his. Consequently love is the first gift, since from it flow all other gifts.

From family and friends, we look eagerly for the signs, indications and tokens of the affection borne to us and we set high value upon the most insignificant of these tokens. A word, a look, a gesture, the most trivial thing in itself, if it is used to manifest outwardly the warmth of the affection which may be felt for us, is eagerly welcomed and has power to stir us to the very depths of our being. This is because of the significance with which these apparently trivial things are charged. Creatures speak of giving their affection to us. The expression is exact enough, but, in ultimate analysis, it is only a figure of speech.

Creatures can have affection for us, but can bestow on us, put us in possession of, nothing more than outward signs and tokens of the feelings they entertain towards us. Created love can reach its object only by representation. Love itself must remain imprisoned in the human heart. It is part of the creature’s being and not detachable from it. But if the love which is felt for us could take substantial form and come to us not merely in representative signs, but in its own reality, as a living entity, how inexpressibly dear to us would this living love be. How far it would outweigh in value every token of itself which until then it would have used to manifest itself to us. If we could receive love itself, as distinct from the mere manifestations of it, the gift would, as it were, intoxicate us with happiness.

In the loving relations of the Creator and creature this apparently unrealisable dream becomes a reality. The movement of love in God is no transient, passing, accidental modification of his being. The Love of God is a Living, Substantial Reality. As the vital energy of the shrub finds its fairest and ultimate expression in the flower, so may the Holy Spirit be considered as the full flower of the love of God. He is, as it were, the efflorescence of the divine energy of loving in the Godhead. He is the full and perfect expression of that energy of love. He blossoms forth from the vital energy of loving in God as the flower from the vital energy of the shrub.

When, therefore, God deigns to bestow his love on us, he is not limited to mere signs or pledges of it. What he can give, in giving his love, is a living, substantial reality. For God to give us his love is to give us the Holy Spirit. Only of God is it literally true to say that he gives us his love. In giving us the Holy Spirit, it is the very love of the Godhead that he transfers to us, to become our treasure and our possession. **Source: Edward Leen : *The Holy Spirit***

1st Reading- Acts 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 144(145):8-13a

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.

They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God,
to make known to men your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendour of your reign.

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Yours is an everlasting kingdom;
your rule lasts from age to age.

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

2nd Reading - Apocalypse 21:1-5

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Gospel-John 13:31-33,34-35

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified,
and in him God has been glorified.
If God has been glorified in him,
God will in turn glorify him in himself,
and will glorify him very soon.

'My little children,
I shall not be with you much longer.
I give you a new commandment:
love one another;
just as I have loved you,
you also must love one another.
By this love you have for one another,
everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.