



# St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



SIXTH SUNDAY "I" & "C" (YEAR C) 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2025

## Parish Centre

A: 120 Hallam Road,  
Hampton Park, Vic. 3976  
T: (03) 9799 2108  
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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  
**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 – Call for Donations!

**Date: Sunday, 1st June**

We're getting ready for our annual Church Feast on Sunday, 1st June, and we need your help to make it a joyful, welcoming celebration for all! With around 500 people expected, we're asking for generous donations of food, desserts, or cash to help make the day a success.

We are especially looking for traditional dishes from the following communities:

**Samoan, Filipino, Sri Lankan, Mauritian and Indian**

Clipboards are available in the foyer to sign up with your name and contact information and the community leaders will get in touch with you.

You're also very welcome to reach out directly to our Feast Team Leaders:

- **Samoan** – Telesia | 0416 272 352
- **Filipino** – Gina Thomas | 0425 809 103
- **Sri Lankan** – Sharon Fernando 0432 480 812
- **Mauritian** – Anne Marie 0406 219 874 Judex 0451 665 855 & Marie-France
- **Indian** – Anita Fernandez 0402 505 676 and Florence D'Costa 0433 851 662
- **Desserts** - We have clipboards in the foyer please put your name and contact details.

**Dress Code** - We'd love for everyone to come dressed in their cultural attire to help us celebrate the beautiful diversity of our community!

Thank you in advance for your generosity — every contribution makes a difference!

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

Welcoming all parishioners to 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.

## 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, 26th May - 5-6pm** - Junior Legion of Mary

**Tuesday, 27th May - 7-8pm** - Talk on the Rosary by the Sisters from the Alliance of the Holy Family International

**Wednesday, 28th May - 4-5pm** - Reconciliation preparation class

**Friday, 30th May 6-8pm** - Junior Youth Faith Formation



## Rosters -31st May & 1st June

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

## Church Cleaners

**Team3:** Jeneview, Khuram, Priscilla and Hayley, Michael, Maria, Doreen

## Counters

**Team2:** Roland, Rosalia, Gordon, Savio, John, Jackie

## Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes:\$2079.50

Unpledged\$2258.15

Presbytery:\$2325.40

## This Sunday We Pray

### Thanksgiving

Ashwin Crasto

Ashley & Linda Franklin

Aiden Eustace

Jeremiah Chen

Sarah Fritchley

Pastorpile Family

Andre & Veronique Michaud

Shirlene Jansz

Dinarah Dalugoda

Danelle Perera

Anita D'Silva

Mr & Mrs Gamini Kariyawasam

### For the Sick

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 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, 28th May: St Philip Neri

Tuesday, 27th May : St Augustine of Canterbury

Thursday, 29th May : St Paul VI, Pope

Saturday, 31st May: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

## For those who died recently

Walter Lockwood, Luis Ivan Parra Vallejos, Reneir Noel

## For those whose anniversaries we remember

Tyrone Rosayro, Fernando Marques, Maria Carlota Marques, Cipriano Marques, Sandra Maria Marques, Antonia Abrao, Marques, Laila Marques, Aju Marques, Cynthia Peters, Marielle Sakir, Oswald Francis, Milton Collins, Jean Yves Pompon, Thierry Michaud, Arokya Mary Salome, C. Philomina, D. Chinnasamy, Jayamary, Anne Dubier, Avis Hooper, Francisco do Carmo Bernardes, C.M. Mathew, Jeanne Modeley, Herbert Reneaux, Joachim D'Silva, Maria D'Silva, Vivian Dominic Moore, Phyllis Dealey, Leonard Dealey

## Devotion to the Two Hearts - Wednesdays at 9.15am

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 9.15am every week (excluding school holidays).

## 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!

## St Kevin's Novena

We will begin praying the novena to St Kevin at the 9am mass on Sunday, 25th May, The novena will continue to be prayed at the morning masses through the week and conclude on the feast of St Kevin, 3rd June. Copies of the novena are available in the foyer. Please take a copy home.

## Mass Intentions

For the past few weeks, we have been receiving mass intention envelopes in the thanksgiving collection. The envelopes do not indicate whether they are offered as mass intentions or are being used for the thanksgiving collection. Please refrain from using the mass intention envelopes for your thanksgiving contributions. If you require envelopes, please contact the Parish Office so that we can assist you.

The Apostle Paul teaches in his Letter to the Romans that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us in accordance with God's will. What, exactly, does this mean?

Many years ago, a friend of mine was going through a very difficult period in her life. To make matters worse, when she would attempt to take her needs to the Lord in prayer, she found that she couldn't pray. Her mind was so focused on the difficulty of her circumstances that she simply could not concentrate in prayer the way she needed to. If there was ever a time in her life when she needed to pray, it was then. And yet, she found that she was too weak, frustrated, frightened, and discouraged to be able to pray effectively. She was facing a double hardship now: a difficult trial and the inability to pray effectively concerning it.

I listened patiently to her as she poured out her heart to me concerning these things. As she spoke, the Holy Spirit brought back to my remembrance St Paul's teaching in the Letter to the Romans concerning this very thing. In that letter, he instructed the believers as follows:

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for us in accordance with God's will. (Rom 8:26-27).

One of the great blessings that come to us when we receive the Holy Spirit is that he intercedes for us day and night before the Father. According to St Paul, when he intercedes for us, he utters groans, supplications, and pleadings to God which we are not able to hear; only God is able to hear them. If no one on the entire planet ever prayed for you again, you would still have an Intercessor, the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to all who are in Christ.

Not only this, but according to Paul, the Holy Spirit intercedes for us in accordance with God's will. What, exactly, does this mean?

We may consider ourselves 'prayer warriors' or know people who would fall into this category. But no matter how effective we or others may be when it comes to prayer, we can never match the Holy Spirit's intercessions for us. Man is not omniscient. Because we are not all-knowing, we do not always know the proper way in which to pray concerning our circumstances. Not so with the Holy Spirit, who intercedes for us in accordance with the Father's will!!

Because he is part of the Trinity, he knows exactly why God is allowing us to face certain circumstances and what he wants to accomplish in our lives through those circumstances. He knows exactly what God's will is for each and every single one of our lives.

He knows where we are strong and where we need to improve or be changed altogether. No matter how many situations confront us in a given day, he knows exactly how God desires to use them in our lives, and it is on the basis of all this knowledge that he intercedes for us in accordance with the Father's will.

A brother in Christ calls you up and informs you that he has lost his job. He then asks you to pray for him and his family. You get off the phone, kneel down in the living room, and begin to intercede. What do you pray? Probably the same thing that I would pray. "Lord, please give my brother a job. He has a family to support and bills to pay. He will lose his house if you do not provide this job for him. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen." You then get up and go about your business.

You have interceded for your brother, just as he asked you to do. But have you interceded in accordance with the Father's will? You cannot, for you are not God and you do not fully understand the divine purpose for your brother's job loss.

The Holy Spirit, however, has complete knowledge concerning God's will for your friend's life. He knows the areas in your friend's character that need to be developed and changed so that he will become more like Christ. He is fully aware of the spiritual fruit that God desires to cultivate or prune in your friend's life. He knows the areas in your friend's life which are hindering him from growing in the grace and knowledge of Christ, and he knows exactly how God plans to be glorified in his life.

So, what does he do? While you're crying out to God to bless your brother in Christ with employment, the Spirit is crying out for God to achieve the spiritual, heavenly purpose behind that unemployment. He knows exactly why God allowed it and how God desires to use it. When the Holy Spirit prays, this is precisely what he asks for. His prayers will always line up with God's specific will for our lives. This is what Paul is referring to when he teaches that the Spirit intercedes for us in accordance with God's will.

By Lorraine Espenhain

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**1st Reading- Acts 15:1-2,22-29**

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us; and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols; from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

*O God, let all the nations praise you!*

O God, be gracious and bless us  
and let your face shed its light upon us.

So will your ways be known upon earth  
and all nations learn your saving help.

*O God, let all the nations praise you!*

Let the nations be glad and exult  
for you rule the world with justice.

With fairness you rule the peoples,  
you guide the nations on earth.

*O God, let all the nations praise you!*

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

May God still give us his blessing  
till the ends of the earth revere him.

*O God, let all the nations praise you!*

**2nd Reading - Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23**

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel-John 14:23-29**

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.'

You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.