



St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (YEAR C) 1ST JUNE 2025

Parish Centre

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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.

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Team

Parish Priest: Fr. Fabian Smith
Assistant Priest: Fr Antony Santhiyagu
Deacon: Rev. Dr Graeme Pender
Parish Coordinator: Mrs. Macrina Martin
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St. Kevin of Glendalough
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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

Greetings from India. Trust you are all doing well. Thank you for your continued prayers for me. I am enjoying my Sabbatical time in India. I have just completed my first course in the month of May. The topic was on Counselling. It was very informative and personally helpful. I was at the Tomb of St Thomas in Chennai and celebrated mass for all your spiritual and temporal needs. I asked St Thomas, the Apostle, to obtain for each us at St Kevin's the grace to have the courage and zeal to proclaim the gospel each day in the way we live our lives.

Before I started my course, I went on pilgrimage to the tombs of St Devasahayam in Kottar and the St Alphonsa in Bharanangana. I prayed for the grace for each of us to persevere in our faith when life gets challenging. These days I have more time to pray with less distractions. You are all in my prayers.

I had a minor surgery ten days ago and was in hospital for three days. I had an infection in my nose and deviated septum. I am on the mend. The minor surgery has yet to improve my breathing which will take another two weeks but it has certainly enhanced my good looks. Please continue to pray for me.

Thank you to each of you who have made our Parish Feast a wonderful celebration. Special thanks to our Social Committee and our Community Leaders for coordinating and organising our Feast Day Lunch. Special thanks to all our very generous parishioners who contributed their culinary skills to make our celebration a sumptuous feast. I would like to specifically thank Marie-France Prosper for putting together the much needed Novena and prayers to our Parish Patron. May St Kevin of Glendalough continue to intercede for each of us to have a deeper relationship with our Lord and a renewed zeal to be his faithful witnesses wherever we are.

I would like to thank Fr Francis for his time spent in our parish. I wish him every blessing in his ministry.

Wishing each of you a very Happy Feast Day.

Many blessings.

Fr Fabian

Message from Deacon Graeme

Dear friends at St Kevin's,

I want to offer my heartfelt thanks to each of you for the beautiful prayers, kind words, and generous support you've shown me over these past four months following my cardiac arrests and heart surgery. Your love and encouragement have lifted my spirits and reminded me just how blessed I am to be part of such a faith-filled and caring community. While I'm not quite back to full strength yet, I'm getting stronger each day and look forward with hope to soon returning to serve you once again as your deacon.

With love and gratitude,

Deacon Graeme

What's On

Monday, 2nd June- 5-6pm Junior Legion of Mary

Tuesday, 3rd June: 7-8pm Talk on the First Saturday devotion by the Sisters from the Alliance of the Holy Family International

Wednesday, 4th June: 4-5pm Reconciliation preparation class

Thursday, 5th June: 7.15pm Baptism Preparation class

Friday, 6th June: 6.30pm onwards First Friday Vigil

Saturday, 7th June: 8-10pm Pentecost Vigil

Sunday, 8th June: 3-4.30pm: Altar Servers training



Rosters -6th & 7th June

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

Church Cleaners

Team 4: Samoan Choir

Counters

Team 3: Sumith, Samantha, Ransiri, Michael, Gilbert, Marilyn

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes:\$5101.00

Unpledged\$1892.55

Presbytery:\$2151.70

This Sunday We Pray

Thanksgiving

Kristine Musnit

Pastorpile Family

Janes Family

Subramanian Family

Miriam Rozario

Isaacson Family

Clinton, Petal and Kelly Brambleby

For the Sick

Sandra Edwards

Angela Ria Santiago

Sonny Cunningham

Rosario Giaquinta

Arun Dsouza

Avantika Dsouza

Linda Bailey

Jose Marques

Teri Nichols

Robert Leo

Nazario Coutinho

Feast Days this week

Monday,2nd June:St Marcellinus & Peter

Tuesday,3rd June:St Charles Lwanga & Companions, St Kevin

Thursday, 5th June:St Boniface

Friday,6th June: St Norbert, St Marcellin Champagnat

For those who died recently

Hermina Quesada, Albert Stephenson, Philip Aguilar, Maura Crasto, Marie Fernandez, Arokiadass Santiago, Natasha Rina Santiago, Estherlina Anthony

For those whose anniversaries we remember

Fernando Marques, Maria Carlota Marques, Cipriano Marques, Sandra Maria Marques, Antonia Abrao Marques, Laila Marques, Aju Marques, Kenneth, Philomena and Everard Paris, Arturo Peltone, Dolores Peltone, Jeffrey and Yolanda Orbasse, Pius Harold Francis, Creswell Abraham, Hyacinth Abraham, Dominic and Jude Abraham, Nina Cantone, Francisco Bernardes, Lucette Brabant, Virgile Godere, Patricia Lebon, Marie Claude Prosper, Philippe Prosper, Doris L'aiguille, Hulet Ribet, Lorenzo De Mesa

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.

Special Collections Update

Thank you to Michael Palma and the Knights of the Southern Cross with their support of the bottle and can collection. The April collection amount of \$413.20 has been matched by the Knights of the Southern Cross.

Please find below the updated collection amounts till mid-May 2025:

Grotto	\$5942.85
Chapel	\$5757.65
Sale of bottle and cans	\$2117.00
Other donations and fundraisers	\$30,553.00
Total	\$44,370

The Target amount for Grotto Collection is \$100,000 and Target amount for Chapel collection is \$200,000.

Upcoming Fundraiser: St Kevin's Parish Dance on 28th June

Please see the notice board for details.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival

Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) is a national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Australian Bishops more than ten years ago.

Run over three days, the festival provides young people from all across Australia with the opportunity to come together to connect, deepen their relationship with Jesus, be empowered to live their faith in the world and experience the breadth of the Church in Australia.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne is excited to be hosting ACYF from 30 November – 2 December 2025 and is looking forward to welcoming thousands of young people to Melbourne. St Kevin's Parish is looking forward to taking our young people from Grade 9 to age 25. The cost per person will amount to approximately \$400.00 a head.

In order to assist each child and family, our Junior and Senior Youth Leadership teams will be collaborating with the Social group to organise two fundraising events. A bake sale will be held on the weekend of the 2nd and 3rd August as well as a Dance on 30th August.

Please use the QR code in the bulletin to register.



The Holy Spirit

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.” **Source: Ronald Knox: *The Creed in Slow Motion***

1st Reading- Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 46(47):2-3,6-9

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!

For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth.

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

God is king of all the earth,
sing praise with all your skill.

God is king over the nations;

God reigns on his holy throne.

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

2nd Reading -Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel-Luke 24:46-53

Jesus said to his disciples:

'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.'

Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.