



St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



St Peter and St Paul (Year C) – 29th June 2025

Parish Centre

A: 120 Hallam Road,
Hampton Park, Vic. 3976

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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

Weekday Mass Times

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat – 9:15am

Every Wed – 7:00pm followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Sunday Mass Times

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**.

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. 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 by Monday, 28th July.**

ACYF Food Sale – Donations

To support our youth attending ACYF this year, we will be hosting a Parish food sale on 2nd and 3rd August. If you can contribute in any way, big or small, please sign up via the sheets in the foyer or contact

Grace: 0434 917 575, Ronan: 0491 607 294 Thank you for all your support

Parish Office – Reduced hours from 8th to 18th July 2025

The Parish Office will be open from 9.15am to 12noon from Tuesday, 8th July to Friday, 18th July, both days inclusive. Regular working hours (9.15am to 1.15pm) will be followed on all other days.

Samoan community Fundraiser

Event details as follows: Tausala Fundraising (extension of St Kevin Hampton Park church) Date: July 12th, 2025

Time: 12.30pm to 4pm

Place: St Kevin School Hall (Hampton Park)

Please contact the organizers if you wish to participate or if you require further information. Organizers: Telesia 0416272352, Sita 0434010580, Emeli 0424956123. Faamolemole manaomia lau fesoasoani

Baptism Preparation class – Thursday, 3rd July at 7.15pm in the Church.

Please note that the classes are held on the first Thursday of every month, except in October 2025. Baptism class will not be held in October.

What's On

Monday, 30th June: 5-6pm: Junior Legion of Mary

Tuesday, 1st July: 7-8pm Jubilee Talk by Naim Chdid,

Topic: Reconciliation: The Sacrament of Mercy and Healing

Wednesday, 2nd July: 4-5pm Reconciliation class

Thursday, 3rd July: Baptism Preparation Class

Friday, 4th July: 9.15am mass,

6.30pm Rosary, Adoration and Sacred Heart Novena, Mass followed by First Friday vigil

ROSTERS for 5th & 6th July

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

CHURCH CLEANERS

Team 3: Jeneview, Khuram, Priscilla & Hayley, Michael, Maria, Doreen

COUNTERS

Team 2: Roland, Rosalia, Jackie, Savio, John, Jackie

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$5104.25

Unpledged: \$2758.20

Presbytery: \$2220.15

Thank you!

This Sunday we Pray

Thanksgiving

Mechelle, Lynn, Larissa and Marcus Balm
Otto and Bernadette Graham
Yves and Philomena Kelaart
Xavier, Elizabeth and family
Antoinette Crasto
Elizabeth La'Forgue
Albert John

For those who are sick:

Mitch Hunt
Belinda Claité Murat
Sandra Edwards
Angela Ria Santiago
Rosario Giaquinta
Layla Henderson
Jose Marques
Teri Nichols
Robert Leo
Nazario Coutinho

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.

Feast Days for the Week:

Monday, 30th June: The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

Thursday, 3rd July: St Thomas

Friday, 4th July: St Elizabeth of Portugal

Saturday, 5th July: St Anthony Zaccaria

For those who have died recently:

Walter Lockwood, Reneir Noel Snr., Keith Nash, Roland Edmund Phillips, Marina Chatlier, Ernesto Da Cruz

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Francisco do Carmo Bernades, Steven Tauro, Corrina Lyonette, Herbert Reneaux, Ashton and Cynthia D'Costa, Isabel Pereira, Mary-France Gervigny, John and Antoinette Crasto, Clifford, Linda and Maxwell De Rozario, Stella Marie Hookens, Shane Narcis

PPC Update

The Parish Pastoral Council met on Thursday, 12th June 2025. The following items were discussed:

- Carpark Safety
- Cleanliness of the Church
- Thank you to the various members and committees in the parish for the vibrant success of celebrating our parish feast.
- Learn to Pray -diocesan resource will be available for parishioners to view. When available, parishioners will be notified.
- Social Group will be putting on a Luncheon on 27th July after the 11am Mass to celebrate Fr. Fabian's 20th Priestly Ordination.

Peter's Pence – 29th June

There will be a third collection this weekend to support the work of our Holy Father, pope Leo XIV and his mission. The aims of the Peter's Pence collection are:

To support the Holy Father's mission which extends throughout the entire world, from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of integral human development, education, peace, and brotherhood among peoples: thanks also to the many activities of service carried out by the dicasteries, bodies and organs of the Holy See who assist him every day. **To support the numerous charitable works** in aid of people and families in difficulty, populations afflicted by natural disasters and wars, or who are in need of humanitarian assistance or support for development.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

All parish volunteers are reminded that it is a requirement to comply with the Archdiocesan and parish policy. To find out more about Safeguarding at St Kevin's, check out the Safeguarding page on our website.

<https://stkevins.org.au/safeguarding-at-st-kevins/>

If you have not already done so, please send a copy of your Working with Children Check and Safeguarding essentials completion certificate to the Parish Office.

Parking at St Kevin's

For the safety of all, please adhere to the parking signs in our campus. Disabled parking bays are reserved for those who have disabled parking permits.

Help Christians in the Holy Land

Aid to the Church in Need is providing urgent support to the Church in Israel and Gaza in the ongoing conflict. Without your help, many desperate Christian families will be forced to leave. To make an emergency donation visit www.aidtochurch.org/holyland

Junior Youth Faith Formation sessions and Altar server training will not be held in July. They will resume in August.

The Holy Spirit's Intercession — Part II

As much as we may love and desire God, our knowledge of him, his will, and his ways are severely limited. We are of this earth. We cannot possibly understand every heavenly thing. Therefore, it is impossible for us to always know how we ought to pray for ourselves or for others. When we approach the throne of our heavenly Father, we approach him with a limited understanding and knowledge of who he is, how he operates, and why he does what he does in our lives or the lives of loved ones. But because he is God, the Holy Spirit has complete knowledge and understanding of God the Father and what he desires to achieve in our lives. Therefore, when he intercedes for us, his intercessions will always be completely aligned with the Father's will for our lives.

Sometimes, when we find ourselves going through dry times or difficult times in our walk with God, it can be extremely lonely. Did you ever find yourself desperately trying to articulate to someone else exactly what you were facing and what you were feeling only to find that you were unable to do so? Did you ever find yourself being frustrated because those around you did not seem to understand what you were going through no matter how clearly you tried to convey this?

Truth be told, I think we've all been there. We want the listener to be able to jump into our heart, read everything in it so that he or she will know exactly where we are coming from, and then jump on God's throne in order to deliver the comfort, understanding, and answers that we seek. And when the poor listener does not deliver what our misery and discouragement demand, we become disappointed, frustrated, and even angry with them.

And yet, there is one who does understand. He knows exactly how you feel, and he is able to articulate it clearly before the throne of your Father in Heaven. We don't need to spend an hour with man discoursing on the misery of our plight and the feelings we are struggling with. It is the Holy Spirit who understands, and it is he who knows exactly how to intercede for you in your circumstances.

You may feel that all is going well in your life right now and that you have no needs in your life. This is because we tend to think like men rather than with the mind of Christ. The Holy Spirit, however, always sees the true spiritual needs that are in our lives (whether we are aware of them or not) and it is on the basis of those needs that he intercedes for us. Therefore, even when things seem to be going smoothly in our lives, the Holy Spirit is still interceding for us in accordance with God's will, because there are always areas in which we need to grow or be changed.

Do we really believe that the only time the Holy Spirit intercedes for us is when we are weak or going through trying times? What parent only cares for a child when he is sick or in trouble? Do we not care for our children in times of health and good fortune as well? And so it is with the Spirit of the Living God, who lives within us. In good times and bad, he is always interceding for us in accordance with the Father's will.

Right now, the Holy Spirit is aiding you and bearing you up, though you know it not. While you go through your days, he pleads before the throne of your Father in Heaven in your behalf using groanings and words which you are not able to hear. If no one else is praying for you, he is. If no one else knows what you are going through, he does. He knows exactly what God's specific will is for your life. Not only this, but he knows exactly how God plans to use your circumstances to accomplish his purpose in your life, and it is along these lines that he is praying for you.

Should we pray for ourselves? Do we need the prayers of others? Absolutely! In many of his letters, the Apostle Paul asked the believers to pray for him. But he also recognised that there was always one who was interceding for him whether men were crying out to God in his behalf or not.

You are not alone in whatever it is you are facing. If a thousand believers in Christ gathered around you and cried out to God in your behalf, their prayers combined could never equal the prayer of the one who lives within you. He alone knows the fullness of God's will for your life. He alone knows exactly what it is going to take to align your life with that will, and he alone knows precisely how your Father intends to use your situation to accomplish this. He can do these things because he is part of the Trinity, and as such, he is God.

We who believe in the Holy Trinity believe that the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God. Scripture clearly teach that if we belong to Christ, then the Spirit of Christ lives within us. Therefore, God lives within us, and it is God who intercedes for us.

God in us crying out to God for us. When it comes to the perfect prayer partner, it doesn't get any better.

By Lorraine Espenain

Source: Catholic.net

First Reading - Acts 12:1-11

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 33(34):2-9

The Lord set me free from all my fears.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.

The humble shall hear and be glad.

The Lord set me free from all my fears.

Glorify the Lord with me.

Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free.

The Lord set me free from all my fears.

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.

This poor man called, the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress.

The Lord set me free from all my fears.

The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him.
The Lord set me free from all my fears.

Second Reading - 2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation - Mt16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

Gospel - Matthew 16:13-19

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.