



St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) – 6th July 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:

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

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Jason Micallef - (03) 9709 8600

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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.**

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.

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Welcome Fr Arockiaraj

We welcome Fr Arockiaraj who is with us on holidays from India. He will be helping Fr Antony celebrate masses during the month of July.

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

The Parish Office will be open from 9.15am to 11am 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.

St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal

St Vincent De Paul Society will be holding the annual winter appeal during the weekend (**12 and 13 July 2025**). As a result of the high cost of living there is a significant increase in the demand for SVP services. In the first six months of the year SVP has provided help to Approx. 350. The value of the help is approx. \$30,000.

There will be a third collection during the weekend masses and will appreciate your generous support to continue helping the less fortunate.

If you have any questions or concerns, there will be members present at the foyer to answer your questions during the weekend of 12/13 the July.

Thank You St Vincent De Paul – Hampton Park

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

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.

What's On

Monday, 7th July: 5-6pm: Junior Legion of Mary

Wednesday, 9th July: 9.15am Devotion to the Two Hearts

Friday, 11th July: 7.30pm Senior Youth Group meeting



ROSTERS for 12th & 13th July

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

CHURCH CLEANERS

Team 4: Samoan choir

COUNTERS

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

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$4911.75

Unpledged: \$1904.20

Presbytery: \$2047.95

Thank you!

This Sunday we Pray

Thanksgiving

Jauffray Family

Kingsley

Patrick Starr

Vincent Ambrose

Amelia and Arvin Vincent

Helen and Chandra Subramaniam

To Mother Mary

For those who are sick:

Mitch Hunt

Sandra Edwards

Angela Ria Santiago

Rosario Giaquinta

Layla Henderson

Jose Marques

Teri Nichols

Robert Leo

Nazario Coutinho

For those who have died recently:

William (Bill) Green

Elena Batarina

Belinda Claite Murat

Michael Grant

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, 7th July: Blessed Peter To Rot

Wednesday, 9th July: Sts Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions

Friday, 11th July: St Benedict

Saturday, 12th July: Sts. Louis and Zelig Martin

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Walter Lockwood, James Buslon, Sylvia Michael, Mignonne Yates, Thelma King, Charles and Iris Dennis, Lazar D'Silva, Queenie Jayasinghe, Doris Foulstone, Donna Hale, Billy Hale, Bernadette and Paul, Souls of Pereira Family, Souls of D'Souza Family, Soul of Francis Fernandes, Soul of Sancia D'Souza

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.**



SKY Young Adults – Friday 11th July @ 7:30 PM

All young adults 18–35 are invited to a fun and engaging night in the Church Foyer. This month's theme is "Faith in Action". Come for the laughs, connection, and real talk on living out your faith. All are welcome!

Baptism Preparation class – Thursday, 7th August at 7.15pm in the Church

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.

Search Program – Expression of interest

As part of our Jubilee Year program, the Parish will be running the *Search Program* on Tuesday evenings from Tuesday 5th August to 16th September.

The Search is an innovative video series that tackles the key questions of every human heart. In seven beautifully filmed episodes, Chris Stefanick and experts from multiple fields of science, medicine, psychology, art, and religion examine our place in the larger story of existence. Find out more at <https://www.thesearchbegins.org/>
To register your interest, please contact the Parish Office.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday – 6th July

On this day we gather as one to honour and celebrate the rich cultural heritage, spirituality and contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in our Church. This year, we come together under the theme: "Sent Forth in Strength and Hope."

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit — Part I

The revelation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit is rooted in the prophecy of Isaiah about the coming Messiah: “But a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the Lord, and his delight shall be the fear of the Lord” (Isaiah 11:1-3).

While the prophecy of Isaiah pertains specifically to the Messiah, the tradition of the Church is that these gifts are extended to all the faithful through the sacraments of Baptism and especially Confirmation (*Catechism*, 1303). St Paul taught: “For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son”

(Romans 8:29), indicating that through the grace of these sacraments a person takes on an identity with Christ and shares those gifts proper to Christ's role as the Messiah (at least those which are communicable to us).

Confirming this belief, St Ambrose in *De Mysteriis* (On the Mysteries) taught: “Recall then that you have received the spiritual seal, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgement and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence, the spirit of holy fear in God's presence. Guard what you have received. God the Father has marked you with his sign; Christ the Lord has confirmed you and has placed his pledge, the Spirit, in your hearts” (7, 42).

The faithful are reminded of the bestowal of these gifts in the liturgy. In the Mass of Pentecost, when the faithful remember the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, the faithful pray the Sequence, saying: “On the faithful, who adore and confess you evermore in your sevenfold gift, descend.”

In the administration of the sacrament of Confirmation, the bishop prays, extending his hands over the confirmandi: “All powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you freed your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life. Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide.

Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgement and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.” Then, the bishop confirms each candidate, making the sign of the cross with holy chrism on his forehead, and saying, “Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

Given this basis, traditionally the seven gifts are listed as fear of the Lord, piety, knowledge, understanding, counsel, wisdom and fortitude. (Note that while the Hebrew text of Isaiah lists only six gifts, with fear of the Lord being mentioned twice, the Greek Septuagint and Latin Vulgate translations list seven, adding ‘piety’ and eliminating the repetition of ‘fear of the Lord’. Moreover, in the Old Testament, seven is the number of perfection, plentitude and covenant.)

First, the term ‘gift’ needs to be clarified. They are properly termed ‘gifts of the Holy Spirit’ because the Holy Spirit bestows them. Therefore, they are supernatural gifts operating in a supernatural mode or manner. These are not gifts one simply invokes in times of emergency; rather, these gifts are present to the person as long as he remains in a state of sanctifying grace. As such, these gifts help a person attain sanctification and bring to perfection virtues, both the theological virtues (faith, hope and charity) and the infused virtues (prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance). The idea here is that these gifts help a person to share in the very life and nature of God, now in this life and for eternal life.

In this sense, as St Thomas Aquinas asserted, they are in the fullest sense ‘habits’. from the Latin habitus, signifying their indwelling presence and operation. The Catechism underscores this point: “The moral life of Christians is sustained by the gifts of the Holy Spirit. These are permanent dispositions which make man docile in following the promptings of the Holy Spirit. ... They complete and perfect the virtues of those who receive them. They make the faithful docile in readily obeying divine inspirations” (1830-31).

The basic definitions of the gifts of the Holy Spirit that follow are quoted from Fr Jordan Aumann's classic work, *Spiritual Theology*. Moreover, the order followed was composed by Pope St Gregory the Great, who tried to capture the spiritual dynamic that the Holy Spirit imparts to the soul through these gifts: “Through the fear of the Lord, we rise to piety, from piety then to knowledge, from knowledge we derive strength, from strength counsel, with counsel we move towards understanding, and with intelligence towards wisdom and thus, by the sevenfold grace of the Spirit, there opens to us at the end of the ascent the entrance to the life of Heaven” (*Homiliae in Hiezechihelam Prophetam*, II 7,7).

Next Sunday and the following Sunday, we will look in some detail at each of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.

By **Fr William Saunders**

Source: catholiceducation.org

First Reading - Isaiah 66:10-14

Rejoice, Jerusalem,
be glad for her, all you who love her!
Rejoice, rejoice for her,
all you who mourned her!

That you may be suckled, filled,
from her consoling breast,
that you may savour with delight
her glorious breasts.

For thus says the Lord:
Now towards her I send flowing
peace, like a river,
and like a stream in spate
the glory of the nations.

At her breast will her nurslings be carried
and fondled in her lap.
Like a son comforted by his mother
will I comfort you.
And by Jerusalem you will be comforted.

At the sight your heart will rejoice,
and your bones flourish like the grass.
To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.

Responsorial Psalm - 65(66):1-7,16,20

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,

O sing to the glory of his name.

O render him glorious praise.

Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!'

Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men.

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might.

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Come and hear, all who fear God.

I will tell what he did for my soul:

Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me.

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Second Reading - Galatians 6:14-18

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not; what matters is for him to become an altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the Israel of God.

I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks on my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation - Col 3:15a,16a

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
and the fullness of his message live within you.

Alleluia!

Gospel - Luke 10:1-12,17-20

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road.

'Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house.

'Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go out into its streets and say, "We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near." I tell you, on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town.'

The seventy-two came back rejoicing. 'Lord,' they said 'even the devils submit to us when we use your name.' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.'