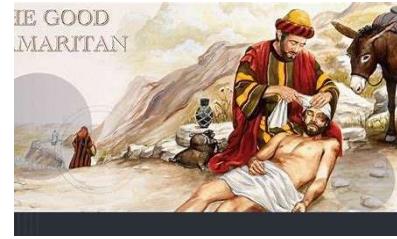




St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) – 13th July 2025

Parish Centre

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

T: (03) 9799 2108
E: hamptonpark@cam.org.au
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**.

St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal

St Vincent De Paul Society will be holding the annual winter appeal this 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 approximately 350 families. The value of the help is approximately \$30,000.

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

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

Thank You St Vincent De Paul – Hampton Park

DANCE FOR A CAUSE!

Get your dancing shoes ready!

St Kevin's Parish is hosting a Fundraising Dance on **Saturday, 30th August** to support our youth attending the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) 2025! The cost per person is approximately \$400, and to help support our families and youth, our Junior and Senior Youth Leadership Teams, in collaboration with our Social Group, will be holding a Fundraising Dance on **Saturday, 30th August**.

Bands: After Dark and 6th Sense

Adults: \$25 Kids (5-12): \$15

Babies under 5: Free (no seat)

For tickets contact: Nikita 0416 255 532 Grace 0434 917 575
Warren 0423 247 093 Anita 0402 505 676

Celebrating 20 Years of Faithful Service

You are warmly invited to join us in honouring Fr Fabian on the occasion of his **20th Priestly Ordination Anniversary**

Mass of Thanksgiving

Sunday, 27th July, 11:00 AM

Followed by a celebratory lunch in the School Hall

As we give thanks for Fr Fabian's 20 years of loving service and dedication, let us come together as a parish community to celebrate this milestone. A Wishing Well will be available in the Hall for those who wish to leave a card or personal message.

If you would like to donate toward the cost of this event, please contact Philomena Peters: 0424 098 003 or Florence D'Costa - 0433 851 662 or

Sita Faoa - 0434 010 580

We hope you can join us in making this a truly memorable day!

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.

What's On

Monday, 14th July: 5-6pm: Junior Legion of Mary

Wednesday, 15th July: 9.15am Devotion to the Two Hearts

Thursday, 16th July: 6.30pm Healing Mass



ROSTERS for 19th and 20th July
Readers & Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion please see the Notice Board for Rosters.

CHURCH CLEANERS

Team 5: Tyrone, Tyronie, Emeli, Pelenato, Susanne

COUNTERS

Team 4: Gerard, Margaret, Ashley, Linda, Sydney, Veera

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$4972.50

Unpledged: \$2479.10

Presbytery: \$1977.15

Thank you!

This Sunday we Pray

Thanksgiving

Brinsley, Sandra & Emma Jauffray

Clara D'Moss

Winston and Angeline D'Silva

Warren Peters

Mechelle Balm

Suzie

Leslie Lopez and Family

Rod and Chloe Hall

For those who are sick:

Oscar Francis

Mitch Hunt

Sandra Edwards

Angela Ria Santiago

Rosario Giaquinta

Layla Henderson

Teri Nichols

Robert Leo

Nazario Coutinho

For those who have died recently:

Jose Marques

Denise Tonta

Reneir Noel Snr.

Keith Nash

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, 14th July: St Camillus de Lellis

Tuesday, 15th July: St Bonaventure

Wednesday, 16th July: Our Lady of Mt.Carmel

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Walter Lockwood, Frederick Michael, Mignoune Yates, Sybil D'Silva, Floryse Maingard, Raymond Gonee, Peter Fernandez, Francisco Bernardes, Clement and Barbara Passagne, Romeo Montemayor Yabut Sr., Starlene Moses, Patricia Mary Hall, Gladwin Pereira, Edwin D'Moss

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.**



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

Thank You for Making Our Fundraising Dance a Success!

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who attended the fundraising dance! Your presence, enthusiasm, and generosity helped make the evening truly memorable. We are thrilled to announce that together we raised **\$7,417.33** A special thanks to those who donated food, raffle prizes, and financial support – your contributions made a big difference! We also deeply appreciate the many volunteers who worked tirelessly to set up, pack up, and ensure the night ran smoothly. Your willingness to lend a hand, big or small, is invaluable. Thank you all for coming together as a community to support this important cause. Together, we're building a brighter, stronger future for our church!

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.**

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.

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit — Part II

The Gift of Fear of the Lord enables the person to avoid sin and attachment to created things out of reverence and love of God. Primarily, this gift entails a profound respect for the majesty of God, who is the Supreme Being. Here, a person realises his 'creatureliness' and dependency upon God, and never would want to be separated from this loving God. This gift of fear arouses in the soul a vibrant sense of adoration and reverence for the majesty of God and a sense of horror and sorrow for sin.

This gift is sometimes misunderstood because of the word 'fear'. The fear referred to here is not a servile fear whereby a person serves God simply because he fears punishment, whether some sort of temporal punishment in this life or the eternal punishment of hell. A genuine relationship with God is based on love, not fear. Therefore, this fear of the Lord is a filial or reverential fear which moves a person to do God's will and avoid sin because of love for God, who is all good and deserving of all of our love.

In a similar way, a child should not be motivated to obey a parent's moral guidance or commands simply because of fear of punishment, but because of love and respect. One should fear hurting a loved one and violating that person's trust, more than one should fear punishment. (Nevertheless, one should have a healthy sense of fear for the punishment due to sin, even though this should not be the motivating factor for loving God.)

The Gift of Fear brings to perfection primarily the virtue of hope: a person respects God as God, trusting in his will and anchoring his life on him. Moreover, he wants to be joined with God forever in heaven. This gift is also the launch pad for the other gifts. As Sacred Scripture attests: "Happy the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in his commands" (Psalm 112:1); and: "The beginning of wisdom is fear of the Lord" (Sirach 1:12).

Second, this gift also perfects the virtue of temperance, which seeks to use all things wisely and in moderation, not to the excess, especially sensible pleasures. With reason enlightened by faith, temperance controls the passions. Temperance is related to the Gift of Fear because one's awareness and respect for the sanctity of God motivates a person as a creature to give glory to God by being temperate in actions and desires. For example, chastity is a virtue of temperance that respects the goodness of one's own sexuality, the sanctity of marriage, and the sanctity of marital love; a person moved by the Gift of Fear strives to live a chaste life because God is the creator of those goods and such a life gives glory and praise to him.

With the Gift of Fear, the person rises to the Gift of Piety: "to give filial worship to God precisely as our Father and to relate with all people as children of the same Father."

Here a person shows reverence for God as a loving Father, and respects others as children of God precisely because that is what they are. As such, the Gift of Piety perfects the virtue of justice, enabling the individual to fulfill his obligations to God and neighbour; the person is not only motivated by the requirements of strict justice but also by the loving relationship he shares with his neighbour. For example, we fulfill the Commandments not simply because they are commandments but because of our love for the Heavenly Father and for our brothers and sisters in the Lord.

Knowledge is the gift that enables a person to judge rightly concerning the truths of faith in accordance with their proper causes and the principles of revealed truth.

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the human intellect makes correct judgements regarding earthly things and how they are related to eternal life and Christian perfection. As such, this gift is a special illumination that enables the person to realise the emptiness of created things in themselves so that they do not become roadblocks to union with God. At the same time, it enables the person to see through created things to the God who created them. Therefore, instead of seeing created things as obstacles to union with God, the soul views them as instruments for union with God. As such, a person sees how to use created things rightly and even in a holy way. Moreover, the gift gives to the person a sense of faith, *sensus fidei*, meaning that the person has a divine instinct about whether or not something, like a devotion, is in accord with the faith even though he may never have had a formal theological education. This gift produces several effects that have great value for the sanctification of the soul: introspection, enabling the person to see the state of his soul; detachment from material things; and repentance for the misuse of material things or when they have been allowed to become obstacles to God. St Thomas Aquinas taught that the Gift of Knowledge brings to perfection the virtue of faith, but is linked also to the perfection of prudence, justice and temperance.

Next Sunday, the remaining four gifts.

By Fr William Saunders

Source: catholiceducation.org

First Reading - Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

Responsorial Psalm - 68(69):14,17,30-31,33-34,36-37

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me.

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

As for me in my poverty and pain
let your help, O God, lift me up.
I will praise God's name with a song;
I will glorify him with thanksgiving.

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

For God will bring help to Zion
and rebuild the cities of Judah
and men shall dwell there in possession.
The sons of his servants shall inherit it;
those who love his name shall dwell there.

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

Second Reading - Colossians 1:15-20

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God
and the first-born of all creation,
for in him were created
all things in heaven and on earth:
everything visible and everything invisible,

Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignties, Powers –
all things were created through him and for him.
Before anything was created, he existed,
and he holds all things in unity.

Now the Church is his body,
he is its head.

As he is the Beginning,
he was first to be born from the dead,
so that he should be first in every way;
because God wanted all perfection
to be found in him
and all things to be reconciled through him and for him,
everything in heaven and everything on earth,
when he made peace
by his death on the cross.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

Gospel - Luke 10:25-37

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus 'do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go, and do the same yourself.'