



St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) – 20th 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:

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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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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.**

News from Fr Fabian

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Trust you are all well and staying warm. I am having a very blessed and Grace filled sabbatical time.

Everywhere I have travelled to, I have been blessed with warm weather. While I was in Canada, they were alerting people of a heat wave and to stay hydrated. They said that the temperature was going to reach a maximum of 28 degrees.

I had a wonderful retreat in Montreal at the Oratory of St Joseph where I offered mass and prayed for each of you and your families at the tomb of St. André Bessett. I will be back in the parish on Monday 21st for a week. I will be celebrating 20 years of Priesthood on 23rd July. Please join me if you are able to attend mass at 11am to celebrate in thanking Our Lord for the gift of priestly ministry. Our Friendship group is very kindly organising a cuppa after mass.

If I don't get to see you on Wednesday, I look forward to celebrating with you the gift of priesthood at all the weekend masses. Our Social group is organising a cuppa after all the masses.

See you all soon.

Many blessings

Fr Fabian

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!

Thank you for the fundraising success!

Thank you to Emeli and Pelenato, Telesia, Sita and all those who assisted with the Samoan Tausala fundraising event last Saturday. The event was a resounding success, and the Parish is very grateful for the overwhelming support of our Samoan community towards the building of the grotto and chapel. The total amount raised was **\$28,250**. May God bless you for your generosity.

Parish Office – Reduced hours on Wednesday, 23rd July

The Parish Office will close at 11am on Wednesday, 23rd July.

What's On

Monday, 21st July: 5-6pm: Junior Legion of Mary

Tuesday, 22nd July: 7pm: Jubilee Talk by Naim Chdid

Wednesday, 23rd July: 9.15am Devotion to Two Hearts,
11am Fr Fabian's 20th ordination anniversary mass

7pm Mass and Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Sunday, 27th July: After 11am mass: 20th Ordination anniversary celebration in School Hall



ROSTERS for 26th & 27th July

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

CHURCH CLEANERS

Team 1: Sophia, Brian, Andre, Miriam, Veronique

COUNTERS

Team 5: Lorna, Mervyn, Anita, Howard, Jennifer, Cheryl, Owen

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$5152.00

Unpledged: \$1519.65

Presbytery: \$2246.65

Thank you!

This Sunday we Pray

Thanksgiving

Jazelle, Brandon and Patrick Chen

Patricia Fernandez

Ivy Quilley

Priscila and Sonny Cunningham

Martin Family

For those who are sick:

Ovidijus Dovidavicius

Linda Bailey

Oscar Francis

Mitch Hunt

Sandra Edwards

Angela Ria Santiago

Rosario Giaquinta

Layla Henderson

Teri Nichols

For those who have died recently:

Reneir Noel Snr.

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, 21st July: St Lawrence of Brindisi

Tuesday, 22nd July: St Mary Magdalene

Wednesday, 23rd July: St Bridget

Thursday, 24th July: St Sharbel Makhluf

Friday, 25th July: St James

Saturday, 26th July: Sts Joachim & Anne

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Carlyle Neydorff, Walter Lockwood, Canute Candido Duarte, Maxwell D'Souza, Joseph Crasto, John Gomes, Edmund Tellis, Mary D'Cruz, Joachim Saldanha, Joseph Rogers, Zita Rogers, Hyacinth Weston, Oscar Weston, Vincentt Mariadoss, David Martinz, Dulcie Madeira, Susan Bowers, John Victor, Mervin Rustom, Rosario D'Souza, Mary Vegas

Australian Catholic Youth Festival

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. **Please use the QR code in the bulletin to register by Monday, 28th July.**



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.**

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

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.

Encounter: ACYF Edition

Saturday 9 August 2025, 7pm for a 7.30 start at Cathedral Hall, Australian Catholic University, Fitzroy

Register: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1408994>

Age range: Year 9 to 25 years old. Cost: Free.

Please note: Parents/guardians/leaders of under-18 participants will be required to 'sign in' and 'sign out' their children.

St Francis de Sales School (SFS) Twilight Market

Thursday, November 6th, 5-8pm

If you are interested in holding a stall, please contact the School Office.

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit — Part III

With the **Gift of Fortitude**, a person is able to overcome difficulties or to endure pain and suffering with the strength and power infused by God. As with the other gifts, fortitude operates under the impulse of the Holy Spirit, and gives strength to the person to resist evil and persevere to everlasting life.

This gift brings the virtue of fortitude to perfection, charging it with energy, perseverance and promptness.

Moreover, it brings a confidence of success to the virtue. For example, St Maximilian Kolbe not only had great fortitude to offer promptly his life in exchange for another and to endure a horrible death, but also had the confidence of success that he would overcome the powers of evil and gain everlasting life. Lastly, the Gift of Fortitude enables the individual to live the other virtues heroically, to suffer with patience and joy, to overcome all lukewarmness in the service of God.

The **Gift of Counsel** is to render the individual docile and receptive to the counsel of God regarding one's actions in view of sanctification and salvation. Primarily, this gift enables a person to judge individual acts as good and to be done, or as evil and to be avoided. The counsel is made in view of one's own personal sanctification and one's ultimate supernatural end. Therefore, this gift prompts the person to ask himself, "Will this act lead to holiness? Will this act lead to heaven?" This gift is linked with the virtue of prudence; however, while the virtue of prudence operates in accord with reason as enlightened by faith, the Gift of Counsel operates under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Consequently, the counsel given may be that for which reason would not be able to give an explanation. Again, using the example of St Maximilian Kolbe, an act of self-sacrifice for another is the right thing to do but does not necessarily follow the normal, reasonable course of self-preservation.

Also, counsel can deal with the immediacy of a situation. For example, through the Gift of Counsel, the Holy Spirit helps a person in a dilemma reconcile the necessity of guarding a secret with the obligation of speaking the truth. Counsel aids the virtue of prudence, and brings it to perfection. This gift also has great effects: preserving a good conscience, providing solutions to difficult and unexpected situations, and helping to give counsel to others, especially in matters of personal sanctification.

Understanding is a gift to give a deeper insight and penetration of divine truths held by faith, not as a transitory enlightenment but as a permanent intuition. Illuminating the mind to truth, the Holy Spirit aids a person to grasp truths of faith easily and intimately, and to penetrate the depths of those truths. This gift not only assists in penetrating revealed truths, but also natural truths in so far as they are related to the supernatural end.

The essential quality of this gift is a penetrating intuition; in a sense, the moving beyond the surface. This gift, penetrating the truths of faith, operates in several ways: disclosing the hidden meaning of Sacred Scripture; revealing the significance of symbols and figures (like St Paul seeing Christ as fulfillment of the rock of the Exodus account that poured forth water to quench the thirst of the Israelites [1 Corinthians 10:4]); showing the hand of God at work in a person's life, even in the most mysterious or troublesome events (like suffering); and revealing the spiritual realities that underlie sensible appearances (like penetrating the mystery of the Lord's sacrifice in the ritual of the Mass). This gift brings the virtue of faith to perfection. As St Thomas Aquinas said: "In this very life, when the eye of the spirit is purified by the gift of understanding, one can in a certain way see God." The last of the seven gifts is that of Wisdom: to judge and order all things in accordance with divine norms and with a connaturality that flows from loving union with God. The Holy Spirit aids the contemplation of divine things, enabling the person to grow in union with God. With this gift, even an 'uneducated soul' can possess the most profound knowledge of the divine. For example, St Therese of Lisieux had no formal education in theology and yet was wise to the ways of the Lord; for this reason, she has been declared a Doctor of the Church.

While this gift contemplates the divine, it is also a practical wisdom. It applies God's ideas to judge both created and divine matters. Consequently, it also directs human acts according to the divine.

This gift has great effects: With it a person will see and evaluate all things — both joy and sorrow, pleasure and pain, success or failure — from God's point of view, and accept them with equanimity. With wisdom, all things, even the worst, are seen as having a supernatural value. For example, the **Gift of Wisdom** gives value to martyrdom. Here a person rises above the wisdom of this world, and lives in the love of God. For this reason, the Gift of Wisdom brings to perfection charity.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are without question essential for our sanctification and salvation. Each baptised and confirmed Christian should implore the Holy Spirit to inflame in his soul these gifts.

By Fr William Saunders

Source: catholiceducation.org

First Reading - Genesis 18:1-10

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah.' 'Hurry,' he said 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail, and your wife will then have a son.'

Responsorial Psalm - 14(15):2-5

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart;
he who does not slander with his tongue.

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord.

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever.

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading - Colossians 1:24-28

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my own body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart
and yield a harvest through perseverance.
Alleluia!

Gospel - Luke 10:38-42

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'