



St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) – 27th 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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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.**

We are grateful and give thanks to God for the gift of Fr Fabian to our Parish as he celebrates his 20th ordination anniversary. We pray for God's continuous blessings on him as he faithfully serves His people.

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**

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. There will be an information session held on **Tuesday, 29th July at 7pm in the Parish office.**

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

Bands: After Dark and 6th Sense

Senior Youth Group meeting – Friday, 8th August at 7.30pm

All young adults aged 18-35 are invited to attend the next Senior Youth group meeting being held on Friday, 8th August at 7.30pm in the Church foyer.

Grotto

This week, the grotto was broken into and the lock broken on the donation box. The donations were stolen. So, going forward, if you would like to make a donation towards the cost of the candles, please do so in Church. There will be a donation box marked **Grotto** placed on the step of the sanctuary.

ACYF Food Sale after all the masses next weekend – 2nd and 3rd August

The funds raised will support our youth attending ACYF in December.

What's On

Monday, 28th July: 5-6pm: Junior Legion of Mary

Tuesday, 29th July: 7pm (Church): Jubilee Talk by Naim Chdid

7pm (Parish Office) RCIA Information session

Wednesday, 30th July: 9.15am Devotion to Two Hearts,

Friday, 1st August: 6.30pm onwards: Rosary, Adoration, Mass followed by Vigil

Sunday, 3rd August: 4-6pm: Junior Youth Faith Formation (School Hall)



ROSTERS for 2nd & 3rd August

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

CHURCH CLEANERS

Team 2: Antonio, Samangi, Eileen, Joelle, Rennla

COUNTERS

Team 1: Ann, Michael, Lyn, Nadine, Tyronie, Rene

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$4771.55

Unpledged: \$1800.55

Presbytery: \$2131.25

Thank you!

This Sunday we Pray

Thanksgiving

Sefo Tuala

D. Ruttun

Noah Scurville

Jordon Scurville

Brandon Scurville

Pelenatete Agavale

Luluvida Mulitalo

Semi & Doris Vaea

Jeremy Arokeum

Marie-Anne Paul

Lillette

Luzviminda Cabildo

Shirlene & Chester Jansz

Charlette Godfrey

For those who are sick:

Ovidijus Dovidavicius

Linda Bailey

Oscar Francis

Mitch Hunt

Sandra Edwards

Angela Ria Santiago

Rosario Giaquinta

Layla Henderson

Teri Nichols

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:

Tuesday, 29th July: Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus

Wednesday, 30th July: St Peter Chrysologus

Thursday, 31st July: St Ignatius of Loyola

Friday, 1st August: St Alphonsus Mary Liguori

Saturday, 2nd August: St Peter Faber

For those who have died recently:

Reneir Noel Snr., Denise Tonta, Fr Gerald Lajoie, Lucy Ramires, Mitchell Swann

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Francisco do Carmo Bernardes, Walter Lockwood, All the souls in purgatory, Rex Howell, Jessica Jeremiah, Archie Merandez, John Flynn, Winifrida Perera, Mario Grassy, Ceferino Rico, Maria Gloria Pastorpili, Sofronio Cabildo, Anabelle Cristel Bassy

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.**



Thank you for the fundraising!

Thank you to the Samoan community for an additional contribution of \$500 towards the building of the grotto and chapel.

KSC Archbishop's Dinner- August 29, 2025

The 25th Knights of the Southern Cross Archbishop's Dinner for the Priests Support and Education Fund will feature guest speaker Dr Andy Mullins (Education Specialist) and will be a great opportunity to meet Archbishop Comensoli, while contributing to the education of Victoria's seminarians. To be held at Moonee Valley Racecourse on Friday August 29th, anyone interested in attending, would like more information, or make a donation to the Fund to assist our seminarians should contact Andrew Vaccaro at avaccaro@internode.on.net, or 0404 390 824 by August 8th. For further details, refer to the advertisement on the Bulletin Boards.

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.

KSC Information Night

The Knights of the Southern Cross are hosting an Information Evening for any Catholic gentlemen wishing to learn about their role within the Church, with an interest in joining.

DATE: Wednesday July 30, 2025

VENUE: Majellan Room (Behind the Church at St. Gerard's Parish, 71 Gladstone Road, Dandenong North)

TIME: Commencing promptly at 7.30 pm, Finishing by 9.00 pm followed by a light supper

DRESS CODE: Suit and Tie

Please contact Carmine Miranda at 0412 817 995 or carmine.miranda@bigpond.com

Fruits of the Holy Spirit — Part I

Fruits," are the things that grow from the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The twelve fruits of the Holy Spirit are charity, joy, peace, patience, benignity, goodness, long-suffering, mildness, faith, modesty, continence, and chastity.

FAITH, HOPE & CHARITY

To properly understand the virtue of charity, we must understand it in relation to the other theological virtues and the fruits of the Spirit it inspires. The theological virtues of faith, hope, and charity are infused by God at Baptism and adapt man's faculties for participation in the divine life of the Blessed Trinity (cf. Catechism, no. 1812). These virtues are bestowed with sanctifying grace, which works through the virtues to conform us to Christ (cf. Catechism, no. 1999). Thus, by the work of the Holy Spirit within us, the theological virtues animate our actions and make us capable of living as children of God and meriting eternal life (cf. Catechism, no. 1813).

Faith precedes hope. It provides knowledge, which arouses hope for the things known but not gained. Hope precedes charity in that hope desires the goal which charity attains. Ultimately, this goal is God Himself. Thus, the nature of charity is to fulfill the works of faith and hope. For by faith we are justified "and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God" (Rom. 5:2). In charity, we are sanctified and our hope is fulfilled, "because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us" (Rom. 5:5; cf. Catechism, no. 2001).

Charity is the new commandment of Christ and the greatest of the virtues. Our Lord gave a new command to "love one another as I have loved you" (cf. Jn 15:9-10). As He only commands what is possible, the infused virtue of charity gives us the ability to love like God. It constitutes friendship between God and man. Because charity embodies union of God with man, it must be the focus of the spiritual life. It directs the other virtues toward God for love of Him. This love renders the practice of all other virtues meritorious of eternal life (cf. 1 Cor. 13:1-13). Charity not only fulfills faith and hope, but it encourages a deeper faith, renewed hope, and thus grows itself as that renewed hope is attained (cf. Catechism, no. 1827). The source of charity is the Holy Spirit dwelling within us after Baptism. He moves us to live our lives in charity as worthy sons and daughters of God. When we respond to His movements within us, we reap the harvest of our good works. The fruits of this harvest are the fruits of the Holy Spirit (cf. Gal. 5:22-23). The fruits particularly associated with charity are joy, peace, and mercy (cf. Catechism, no. 1829). These are not emotions, but rather dispositions of the soul that allow us to take delight in the Lord irrespective of our earthly fortunes. They are the spiritual health of the soul and continually renew hope. As a consequence of renewed hope, the fruits of the Spirit encourage continued acts of charity, which in turn atone for sins (cf. 1 Pet. 4:8). In this way, a life of charity is a life of joy and peace that enjoys the mercy of God. Many individuals who seek to live a holy life, and who therefore want to make prayer a more important part of their lives, wonder how they can tell if their experiences in prayer are truly inspiration from God or whether they are mere psychological delusions.

Well, the best approach here is to look to the "fruits" of the prayer—that is, the effects that prayer produces in your life—and ask if those fruits are the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

So, what are the fruits of the Holy Spirit? In Galatians 5:22–23 St Paul names them: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.[1]

Let's look, then, at how each of these fruits might manifest in a soul that receives divine graces through prayer. Note carefully, though, that your spiritual life will not produce fruits unless it has strong roots growing in the good soil of detachment from the world, and dedicated contemplation of the Mysteries of the Faith, and constant prayer for spiritual purification.

For More Info. Please go to
www.CUF.org & www.chastitysf.com

First Reading - Genesis 18:20-32

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' the Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them. 'Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No,' he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.' Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

Responsorial Psalm - 137(138):1-3,6-8

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart:

you have heard the words of my mouth.

In the presence of the angels I will bless you.

I will adore before your holy temple.

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love,

which excel all we ever knew of you.

On the day I called, you answered;

you increased the strength of my soul.

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of affliction
you give me life and frustrate my foes.

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands.

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Second Reading - Colossians 2:12-14

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

Alleluia!

Gospel - Luke 11:1-13

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray: "Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."' He also said to them: 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants. 'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'