



St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) – 3rd August 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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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 2025 Winter Appeal

The members of the St Vincent De Paul Society Hampton Park would like to thank the St Kevin's Hampton Park church community for the generous support for the winter appeal. The total collection was **\$3,113.00.**

We would also like to thank the Students and Teachers of St Kevin's Primary School Hampton Park and St Francis De Sales Primary School Lynbrook for providing non-perishable food. The value of non-perishable food provided by both schools is approximately **\$750.00.** The conference is grateful for the continued support from the St Kevin's community and the two primary schools.

St Vincent De Paul Society Hampton Park

Thank you for the fundraising!

Thank you to the Grades One and Two students from St Kevin's Primary School for raising **\$200** towards the building of the Adoration chapel, through their 'Take a plant, give a heart' initiative.

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 as soon as possible.

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

Altar servers training on Sunday, 10th August, 3pm to 4.30pm in the Church.

Baptism Preparation Class

The next Baptism Preparation class will be held on Thursday, 7th August at 7.15pm in the Church. Please note that no classes will be held in October.

What's On

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

Monday, 4th August: 5-6pm: Junior Legion of Mary

Tuesday, 5th August: 7pm: Search program

Wednesday, 6th August: 9.15am Devotion to Two Hearts

Thursday, 7th August: 7.15pm: Baptism Class

Friday, 8th August: 7.30pm: Senior Youth group

Sunday, 10th August: 3-4.30pm: Altar Servers training



ROSTERS for 9th & 10th August

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

CHURCH CLEANERS

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

COUNTERS

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

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$4770.20

Unpledged: \$2196.85

Presbytery: \$2071.85

Thank you!

This Sunday we Pray

Thanksgiving

Alfred and Charmaine Mathews

Oliveira Family

Glissandra Matthews

Rodrigues Family

Pastorpile Family

Andre, Veronique and Luc Michaud

Amelia Vincent

Loretta, Lynette, Lorraine, Karen and families

Thalia Ansell

Su'a Tony Leumaga Chan

Daphne Isaacson and family

Shelly and Dennis Aledo

Dean Aledo

Andrea Polydor

Sofia Polydor Aledo

Dylan Aledo

Kayla Simart

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, 4th August: St John Mary Vianney

Tuesday, 5th August: The dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major

Wednesday, 6th August: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Thursday, 7th August: St Dominic, St Sixtus II, St Cajetan

Friday, 8th August: St Mary of the Cross

Saturday, 9th August: St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

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:

Caroline Alford, Amelia Pinto, Reneir Noel Snr.

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Departed souls of Oliveira and Fernandes families, Milroy Pieris, Dominic Jude Abraham, Augustin James Anthony, Colleen Tellis, Walter James McAllister, Brian, Aureen and Nicolette Clarke, Rex Johnson, Maria Orfilia, Margaret Connor, Belinda Claite Murat, Virgile Godere, Deceased members of Prosper and Godere families, Theodore Isaacson, Beryl Muire

National Vocations Awareness Week – 3rd to 10th August 2025

Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

ST VINCENTS SOUP VAN PROGRAM

Are you keen to volunteer to make a significant impact in our local community? Our St Vinnies Soup Van services the communities of Berwick, Narre Warren, Hampton Park and Cranbourne by providing nutritious meals and compassion to those in need. We are currently recruiting volunteers to assist in either preparing and cooking meals and/or distributing meals and pantry items from the Van at our regular distribution stops. We operate out of the kitchen at St Francis Xavier College in Beaconsfield (shortly relocating to a new warehouse in Hallam) distributing meals on Sunday and Thursday evenings and a pantry run fortnightly on Tuesdays during the day. There is no greater reward than seeing the immense difference you can make to the lives of others who are in dire need, as witnessed by our volunteers on each and every soup van run. If this is something you might be interested in please call Aldo De Cunto 0438 265 412.

You're Invited to Alpha – Explore Life, Faith, and Meaning

Alpha is a welcoming and interactive series designed to create a safe space for young adults to explore life's big questions, deepen their understanding of faith, and experience authentic community. It offers an opportunity to encounter the person of Jesus Christ and re-ignite one's relationship with Him.

When: Starting Friday, 5th September

Time: 7:00 PM (includes dinner, video, and group discussion)

Duration: Eleven consecutive Fridays

Who: Young adults aged 18–35

Each session begins with a shared meal, followed by a 30-minute video and small group discussion in a friendly and respectful environment.

Come and be enriched in your faith journey.

Register now using the QR code.



Fruits of the Holy Spirit

LOVE

Christ Himself told us, “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” (John 15:13). Now, you can lay down your life in several ways. You can lay down your life literally by dying a physical death to protect someone from a physical death. You can also lay down your life literally—as a martyr, for example—in order to save someone from the scandal of a loss of faith. You can lay down your life figuratively by sacrificing something dear to you—money, time, or labour, for example—in order to help others in the struggle for their own salvation. In all of these cases it can be seen that true love is a matter of seeking the good of another, even at your own expense.

IF YOUR PRAYER is truly effective, therefore, it should be strengthening you to make the difficult sacrifices of love.

Personal Meditation: Today, most of us wouldn’t even lay down our TVs for Christ, let alone our lives. So how often do you mistakenly believe that love is the unconditional acceptance of anything? How often have you condoned sin in this way, rather than make the sacrifices necessary to seek the true good of others (i.e., their repentance of their sins)?

JOY

In the Letter of James we are told, “Consider it all joy, my brothers, when you encounter various trials, for you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.” (James 1:2–3). Moreover, St Francis of Assisi said that “if we accept such injustice, such cruelty and such contempt with patience, without being ruffled and without murmuring” and “if we bear all these injuries with patience and joy, thinking of the sufferings of our Blessed Lord, which we would share out of love for him . . . here . . . is perfect joy” (The Little Flowers of St Francis of Assisi).

Real spiritual joy, therefore, refers to the ability to tolerate insult and injury from someone without hating him, in the hope that he might eventually repent his sins and attain the everlasting joy of Heaven, wherein there is no hate.

IF YOUR PRAYER is truly effective, then, it should be strengthening you to tolerate joyfully the trials and tribulations necessary to cleanse you of all that is not love.

Personal Meditation: How often do you mistakenly believe that joy is a matter of feeling good about yourself and having everything go smoothly and pleasantly? How often do you think only of “your way,” rather than thinking of God’s way: not triumph and control over your enemies and the pain they cause you but the willingness to endure suffering, as Christ did, in the hope of saving your enemies from their own sins?

PEACE

At the birth of Christ, the angels sang, “Glory to God in the highest and, on earth, peace to men of good will” (Luke 2:14). Now, who are “men of good will”? Well, the only good will is God’s will, so “men of good will” are those persons, both male and female, who do God’s will, keeping His commandments in reverent obedience and living a holy lifestyle. They are a special sort of people, the ones who pray to the Father, “Thy will be done”—and really mean it in their hearts. Furthermore, because they really mean it in their hearts, there isn’t anything they fear and there isn’t anything they envy, and so their hearts are at peace even in the midst of a corrupt world.

IF YOUR PRAYER is truly effective, then, it should be filling your heart with the peace of willing to do God’s will at all times in all things.

Personal Meditation: How often are you preoccupied with thoughts of “my” will, rather than “Thy” will, thus getting caught in the mistaken belief that peace can be achieved through politics and protest?

PATIENCE

In the Second Letter of Peter we are told that “the Lord does not delay His promise, as some regard ‘delay,’ but He is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9). Patience, therefore, has one purpose: holding off condemnation in the hope of repentance that leads to salvation.

IF YOUR PRAYER is truly effective, then, it should be teaching you to endure indifference, ingratitude, and contempt as Christ did: not with hot-headed frustration but with a calm refusal to hate.

Personal Meditation: How often do you want to “get rid” of problems and obstacles—be they things or people—rather than seek to understand and remedy the underlying cause of the difficulties? When you are feeling confused or helpless, how often do you become impatient with others, trying to cast the blame on them and control them, rather than turn to God in prayer for guidance and strength to face the unknown?

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

First Reading - Ecclesiastes 1:2,2:21-23

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

Responsorial Psalm - 89(90):3-6,12-14,17

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back to dust

and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'

To your eyes a thousand years

are like yesterday, come and gone,

no more than a watch in the night.

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You sweep men away like a dream,

like the grass which springs up in the morning.

In the morning it springs up and flowers:

by evening it withers and fades.

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Make us know the shortness of our life

that we may gain wisdom of heart.

Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?

Show pity to your servants.

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

In the morning, fill us with your love;

we shall exult and rejoice all our days.

Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:

give success to the work of our hands.

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Second Reading - Colossians 3:1-5,9-11

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;

the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Alleluia!

Gospel - Luke 12:13-21

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'