



St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) – 10th August 2025

Parish Centre

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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**.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Friday, 15th August

There will be two masses on Friday, 15th August for The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – **9.15am and 7pm**.

Thank You!

Thank you so much for supporting the ACYF food sale! Your generosity made a big difference. We truly appreciate the talent, effort and time you took to help us make our event a success. God bless you and your family. We raised \$4459.01 with the food sale which will assist the 38 youth registered to attend ACYF from our Parish.

Archbishop's Campaign 2025

The Archbishop's Campaign will begin next weekend. Please think about what a vibrant faith community means for you and your family, and to consider making a personal and recurring monthly gift to support the vital ministries that serve all in our Archdiocese.

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

Calling All Generous Hearts!

Help Us Make a Difference — Donate a Raffle Prize!

To make the Dance even more memorable, we're seeking raffle prize donations and sponsorships. Whether you're a local business, a parish member, or simply someone who wants to support a great cause, your contribution — big or small — will help us raise vital funds and send our youth to ACYF.

Ideas for raffle prizes include gift vouchers, hampers, experiences, or services. Contact: Nikita 0416 255 532 or Grace 0434 917 575

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

All altar servers and those wishing to serve are invited to attend this Sunday's training session.

What's On

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

Monday, 11th August: 5-6pm: Junior Legion of Mary

Tuesday, 12th August: 7pm: Search program

Wednesday, 13th August: 9.15am: Two Hearts devotion

4-5pm: First Communion preparation class

Friday, 15th August: The Assumption of Mary

9.15am Mass

2.20pm Mass at St Francis de Sales School

7pm Mass



ROSTERS for 16th & 17th August

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: \$2530.50

Unpledged: \$2407.35

Presbytery: \$1793.55

Thank you!

This Sunday we Pray**Thanksgiving**

Rylan Crasto

Anna and Wayne Paris

Kevin And Michelle Vaz

Andrea Cassian

Saldanha family

Brian, Mayann and Emilee D'Souza

Ava Scharenguivel

Dinuki Scharenguivel

Diniri Kariyawasam

Camlin Thompson

S.D.

Rebner and Zenith Baran

Arneaux Zakhariel Baran

Zyana Solenn Baran

Enriquita Thomson

Anna Daisy Degamo

Treasure Clarke and family

Don, Leanne and Lilia Hendricus

Serena and Danita Starr

Indira Pinto

Feast Days for the Week:

Monday, 11th August: St Clare

Tuesday, 12th August: St Jane Frances de Chantal

Wednesday, 13th August: Sts Pontian and Hippolytus

Thursday, 14th August: St Maximilian Mary Kolbe

Friday, 15th August: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday, 16th August: St Stephen of Hungary

For those who are sick:

Ovidijus Dovidavicius, Linda Bailey, Oscar Francis, Mitch Hunt, Sandra Edwards, Angela Ria Santiago, Rosario Giaquinta, Layla Henderson, Oscar Moniz de Jesus

For those who have died recently:

Teri Nichols, Reneir Noel Snr., Tony Gogo, Flaviana Maia Guterres

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Frederick Michael, Tilak De Silva, Yolanda Ciencia, Domingo Ciencia, Carmelina Aledo, Earl Bobby Arnolda, Philip Coutinho, Angela Coutinho, Audrey Olagama, John Andrew La'forgue, Paulette Desveaux, Francisco Romero, Elmo De Zilva, Eveline Miranda, Louis Pinto, Walter Lockwood, John and Antoinette Crasto, John Edward Thomson, Sherlina Cabido, Sergio Cabido Sr., Dolores Noel, Bienvenido Noel Sr., Sergio Dacua, Expeditha Dacua, Candelaria Escleto, Alexandrina Gomes, Jose Vicente, Maria Immaculata Gomes Pereira, Regina Gomes Vicente, Antonia Kaitli, Fernando Marques, Maria Carlota, Leonardo de Araujo, Felisberto Moniz Kalau, Leonardo Moniz Araujo, Austin and Rose Rego, Desmond Anthony and Beulah Anthony, Basil Sharp

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.

Baptism Preparation Class – 4th September 2025

Please note that there is no class scheduled for October.

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 – Part II

KINDNESS

In his letter to the Romans, Saint Paul addresses many different issues, one of which is the basic human tendency to be judgmental—that is, to want the satisfaction of seeing others condemned for their sins. Paul reminds the Christians in Rome that, because everyone will be judged by God, we all should be grateful for the opportunity to repent our sins before it is too late. Thus he says, “Or do you hold His priceless kindness, forbearance, and patience in low esteem, unaware that the kindness of God would lead you to repentance?” (Rom 2:4). Now, condemnation for the unrepentant will come, but it will come from God alone. Still, God looks on us with kindness—that is, with tender-hearted concern for us—according to the possibility that every soul can be saved; therefore, we, too, should treat others with kindness, not condemnation. “See, then, the kindness and severity of God: severity toward those who fell, but God’s kindness to you, provided you remain in His kindness; otherwise, you, too, will be cut off” (Romans 11:22). IF YOUR PRAYER is truly effective, then, it should be leading you to repentance for your sins and to a tender-hearted concern for others, that they might be led to their own repentance.

Personal Meditation: How often do you deny the reality of sin by falling into the mistaken belief that kindness means unconditional acceptance of anything?

GENEROSITY

Christ related the parable of the Workers in the Vineyard to make a point about God’s generosity. When the owner of the vineyard paid all the workers the same wage for the day, regardless of when each man began work that day, some workers grumbled. The owner rebuked them, “What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?” (Matthew 20:14–16). Generosity, therefore, has its basis in the Creator’s freely sharing His creation with us, that all repentant sinners might share fully in His love, regardless of whether repentance occurs early in life or late in life.

IF YOUR PRAYER is truly effective, then, it should be teaching you to experience divine love as absolute and to rejoice in the divine love that others experience, regardless of their spiritual progress.

Personal Meditation: How often do you envy others for their spiritual progress or look down on those who have made less progress in faith than you?

FAITHFULNESS

In his Letter to the Romans, Saint Paul, speaking about how the Jews had been entrusted with messages from the prophets, asks, “What if some were unfaithful? Will their infidelity nullify the fidelity of God? Of course not! God must be true, though every human being is a liar . . .” (Romans 3:3–4). In other words, God remains true to His promises regardless of our behaviour. Therefore, our faithfulness must mirror God’s faithfulness; we must refuse to waver from the truth no matter what happens to us.

IF YOUR PRAYER is truly effective, then, you should be a true conservative, preserving and defending the divine mysteries of the Church, regardless of the infidelity of others.

Personal Meditation: How often do you follow the crowd because you fear being left out or rejected? How often do you betray your faith for the sake of worldly reward? How often do you forget Christ’s words of warning: “What profit is there for one to gain the whole world yet lose or forfeit himself?” (Luke 9:25).

GENTLENESS

In his First Letter to the Thessalonians, Saint Paul points out his behaviour as a visiting evangelist: “. . . we were gentle among you, as a nursing mother cares for her children” (1 Thessalonians 2:7). In his First Letter to Timothy, Paul says that a bishop’s behaviour should be “not aggressive, but gentle” (1 Timothy 3:3). Together, these verses tell us that gentleness results from a sensitivity to fragility; like a good mother’s caring protection, there should be no abrupt or forceful movements, no pushing, no arguing, no manipulation.

IF YOUR PRAYER is truly effective, then, you should be led into a nurturing attitude to others that always tries to understand their fragility so as to guide their development at their own pace.

Personal Meditation: How often do you become frustrated when others don’t do what you want them to do? How often do you try to manipulate others with shame—that is, to attempt to make them feel that something is wrong with their being, rather than with their behavior? How often do you become argumentative when others don’t do what you think they should do?

First Reading - Wisdom 18:6-9

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage.

This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

Responsorial Psalm - 32(33):1,12,18-20,22

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.

They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own.

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.

The Lord is our help and our shield.

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Second Reading – Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended. It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore. All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves

make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them. It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: You know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

Gospel - Luke 12:32-48

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom. 'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.' Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming," and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful. The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'