



St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) – 17th 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:

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**.

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

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

Where: St Kevin's School Hall

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.



What's On this week

Sunday, 17th August: 4pm: ACYF Information session (School Hall)

Monday, 18th August: 5-6pm: Junior Legion of Mary

Tuesday, 19th August: 7pm: Search program

Wednesday, 20th August: 9.15am: Two Hearts devotion
4-5pm: First Communion preparation class

Friday, 22nd August: 11am: Funeral of Denise Tonta

Saturday, 23rd August: 11am: Children's Choir practice



ROSTERS for 23rd & 24th August

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: \$4927.70

Unpledged: \$2086.25

Presbytery: \$4323.75

Thank you!

This Sunday we Pray**Thanksgiving**

Alex De Souza

Dilenne Algama

Sheldon & Mariah

Francis & Cutinha Family

Rudolf Soans and family

Jessica Scurville

Sandra Merandez

Calvin Andres

Anil Pinto and family

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:

Jean Coyne

Flaviana Maia Guterres

Sheila Karoop

Chinnama Jacob

Aubrey Oakes

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, 19th August: St John Eudes

Wednesday, 20th August: St Bernard

Thursday, 21st August: St Pius X, Pope

Friday, 22nd August: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday, 23rd August: St Rose of Lima

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Reneir Noel Snr., Walter James McAllister, Rita Harridge Karunaratne, Noela Lebrasse, Walter Lockwood, Philomena Paris, Clifford de Rozario, Alexandrina Gomes, Jose Vicente, Maria Imaculata Gomes Pereira, Regina Gomes Vicente, Antonia Kaitli, Bernardo Batarina, Elena Batarina, Fernando Marques, Maria Carlota, Leonardo de Araujo, Felisberto Moniz Kalau, Leonardo Moniz Araujo, Desmond Oakes, Marie-Claude Tranquille, Florencia Montecillo, Josefa Montecillo, Catherine Ishikawa, Leslie Labata, Humberto Labata, Paulino Cabase, Cheryl Taylor, Antoinette Saouma, Barbara and Clement Passagne, Doreen La Frenais, Norbert and Rupa Samarasinghe, Denzil D'Netto, Teobaldo Victor Do Rosario, Evelyn Stevens, Kathleen Janes, Lancelot Janes, Jude Janes, Duke Janes, Celine Martinz, Maria Bastian

Parish Family Movie Night

Bring your whole family for a night of fun and fellowship.

When: Thursday, 28th August

Where: St Kevin's School Hall

At: 7pm

Please bring a plate to share.

2025 Archbishop's Campaign

The 2025 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. These ministries are outlined in the campaign brochure which you will find in your pew and in the foyer today. Tax-deductible donations go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund which supports the Corpus Christi College Building Fund, the Priests Retirement Foundation, John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, the University of Divinity Building Fund as well as Catholic community agencies and service organisations through annual grants. Non-tax-deductible donations go to the Catholic

Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund and support seminarian formation and evangelisation ministries. Please review the campaign material and prayerfully consider pledging a recurring monthly gift. Tear-off pledge cards are attached to the campaign envelopes in the church. You can also make a gift online at melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign or via the QR codes on the campaign materials.

Safeguarding Update***Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.***

It is a requirement of the Archdiocese of Melbourne that all Parish volunteers have to submit a copy of their Working with Children Check to the Parish office and to undertake the Safeguarding Essentials training course. If you require assistance with applying for a Working with Children Check or accessing the Safeguarding essentials training, please contact the Parish Office.

God and Beer – Making Missionary Disciples

Speaker: Dr Edward Sri

Date and Time: 1st September at 6.30pm

Place: St Gerard's Parish Hall, 71 Gladstone Rd, Dandenong North

Tickets:

<https://app.tickets.org.au/GodandBeer/GABSept2025?fbclid=IwY2xjawL5KFBleHRuA2FibQlXMAbicmlkETFGdFY4QTh1R25mR0RMWU9PAR5->

SELF-CONTROL

In his encyclical letter *Spe Salvi*, Pope Benedict XVI refers to the fact that the ancient pagan world lacked any hope of a meaningful future. He points to 1 Thessalonians 4:13 where Saint Paul makes reference to this fact in emphasizing the Christian basis for hope.

Now, in a similar way, Paul's preaching also made use of another fact of the pagan world: its preoccupation with self-indulgence. Thus we read in Acts that when Paul spoke to the Roman governor Felix about faith in Christ Jesus, Paul focused on "righteousness and self-restraint and the coming judgment" (Acts 24:25).

Of these three concepts, we might expect to hear about righteousness and the coming judgment because they are core concepts in the Gospels. But self-restraint—or self-control—seems to be a Pauline reflection on the actual world around him.

In 1 Corinthians 9:25, Paul plays on this idea of self-restraint by remarking that, if athletes can exercise discipline—or self-restraint—in order to achieve something that is purely frivolous, Christians should be able to exercise discipline to achieve something of the highest and most meaningful value.

IF YOUR PRAYER is truly effective, therefore, you should be led into a desire to discipline and restrain your own self-satisfaction for the sake of the highest desire of all: to be filled with all the fullness of God (Ephesians 3:19).

Personal Meditation: How often do you let your own personal desires take control of your life? Are you overweight? Are you addicted to cigarettes or alcohol or drugs or erotic pleasure or video games or . . .? You may have prayers on your lips, but where is your true desire?

IN BRIEF

The twelve fruits of the Holy Spirit are Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience, Benignity, Goodness, Long-suffering, Mildness, Faith, Modesty, Continency, and Chastity. These are called fruits of the Holy Spirit because they grow in our souls out of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Twelve Fruits of the Holy Spirit

1. **Charity** - Cause us to perform our actions out of love for God
2. **Joy** - Keeps us happily aware of God's infinite goodness
3. **Peace** - Results from joy and renders us tranquil
4. **Patience** - Resigns us to endure the disagreeable circumstance of life and the suffering of deaths
5. **Goodness** - Inclines us to wish to do good to everyone without distinction
6. **Benignity** - Results from goodness; it is goodness in words and actions
7. **Long Suffering** - Preserves patience over a long period of time, even though no encouragement is to be seen
8. **Mildness** - Restrain our angers
9. **Faith** - Makes one faithful and upright in dealing with others
10. **Modesty** - Produces moderation in external actions
11. **Continenence** - Represses the passion
12. **Chastity** - Helps one guard his/her senses so that they will not cause him/her to sin; it helps one regard his/her own body and those of others as temple of the Holy Spirit

First Reading - Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well, where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

Responsorial Psalm - 39(40):2-4,18

Lord, come to my aid!

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.

Lord, come to my aid!

He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.

He set my feet upon a rock
and made my footsteps firm.

Lord, come to my aid!

He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.

Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the Lord.

Lord, come to my aid!

As for me, wretched and poor,
the Lord thinks of me.

You are my rescuer, my help,

O God, do not delay.

Lord, come to my aid!

Second Reading – Hebrews 12:1-4

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;

I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel - Luke 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'