



St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) – 24th 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**.

Monday, 8th September – The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary

We will have a 9.15am mass and 7pm mass on Monday, 8th September to celebrate the birthday of our Blessed Mother.

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

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.

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, 24th August: 4pm: ACYF Information session (School Hall)

Monday, 25th August: 5-6pm: Junior Legion of Mary

Tuesday, 26th August: 7pm: Search program

Wednesday, 27th August: 9.15am: Two Hearts devotion
4-5pm: First Communion preparation class

Thursday, 28th August: 7pm: Parish movie night (Hall)

Saturday, 30th August: 7pm: Dance (School Hall)



ROSTERS for 30th & 31st August

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: \$5392.60

Unpledged: \$1934.10

Presbytery: \$2326.00

Thank you!

This Sunday we Pray**Thanksgiving**

Ashley and Linda Franklin

Cassandra Large

Aaron Peters

Andrea Karunakaran

Rosa Dias

Irene Taylor and Jude Abraham

Khuram and family

Cabildo-Napit Family

Marie-Paule and family

Joyce Family

For those who are sick:

Linda Bailey

Oscar Francis

Rosario Giaquinta

Oscar Moniz de Jesus

Viktorija Dovidavicius

For those who have died recently:

Flaviana Maia Guterres

Ilma Mary Watts

Margaret Lockwood

Francisco Hernandez

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, 25th August: St Louis, St Joseph Calasanz

Wednesday, 27th August: St Monica

Thursday, 28th August: St Augustine

Friday, 29th August: The Passion of St John the Baptist

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Reneir Noel Snr., Otto Harris, Noela Lebrasse, Walter Lockwood, Alexandrina Gomes, Jose Vicente, Maria Imaculata Gomes Pereira, Regina Gomes Vicente Antonia Kaitii, Fernando Marques, Maria Carlota, Leonardo de Araujo, Felisberto Moniz Kalau, Melville Fewkes, Deceased members of Gonsalves and Williamson Families, Leonardo Moniz Araujo, Louis Raynald Pierrus, Austin Peters, Rosemond Dubier, Phillip Coutinho and Angela Coutinho, Ignacio Sab, Ma. Gina Sab, Ma. Ruby Guantero, Florence Gray, Desmond Joseph Hookens, Paulette Desveaux, Joyce Van Heer, Ashton Van Heer, Victor Susainathan, Antony Mariadass, Avis Hooper, Celine Martinz, Percival D'Gama, Conrado Cabildo Sr., Avinash Fernandes, Magimai Das, Mary Ammachi

2025 Archbishop's Campaign

The 2025 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a one time or monthly pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Brochures with more information can be found around the church. Donations can be made via the QR code, via the supplied campaign envelopes or anonymously via cash directly into the collection plate during the campaign weekends.

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

Friendship Group Bus Trip – Friday, 5th September

On Friday, September 5th, the Friendship Group has organised a bus trip to celebrate our Lady's birthday at the Shrine of Our Lady of Ta Pinu, Bacchus Marsh. After celebrating the Holy Eucharist, we will have fellowship (please bring a plate to share). Those interested can visit the 12 Oratories on the way down. Bus leaves from our church at 9.30 am and returns approximately 4.30 pm. Bus charges \$ 20/- per seat. **Contact:** Benita 0429 000 664 or Tyrone 0402 012 479

Dandenong Deanery Council - Listening to the Voices that Echo Solidarity

DATE: Wed 10th Sept 2025

VENUE: St John's Regional College, Graduate's Restaurant Caroline Street, Dandenong

New start time: 5.45pm for 6pm start.

COST: \$48 per person

3 course meal Wine & Beer.

Guest Speakers: Fr Brian Collins & Vicki Russel

RSVP: by Frid. 5th Sept at the latest

Phone Paddy 0422 296 961 or email: Dandenongdeanery@live.com.au

Freedom through the Blood of Jesus – One day retreat at Our Lady Help of Christians, Narre Warren – Flyers available in the foyer

The Fruits of the Holy Spirit and the Beatitudes

In the economy of the supernatural order the **Gifts** of the Holy Spirit come to the help of, and reinforce, the infused (or supernatural) virtues. As the action of the Gifts becomes more constant and regular in the life of the Christian, a pronounced change takes place. The infused virtues become more and more thoroughly “imbibed” into the will and the intellect. An adjustment ever more perfect steadily develops. The virtue and the faculty begin to move in unison and with little or no friction. There grows a unity of action that resembles that which exists with the acquired (natural) virtues. The imperfect hold that the supernatural habit has on the will or on the intellect tends to disappear and to be replaced by a more perfect hold. The result is that supernatural acts of virtue come to be done no longer with difficulty, but with facility, promptitude and satisfaction. The fruit is the product of a plant that has reached maturity. It is pleasant to the taste and is that in view of which the plant is tended. Virtue is possessed and cultivated in view of the good actions which fructify therefrom. Acts are called the fruits of virtue when they carry with them, like the products of the orchard, a certain delectation. When owing to the soul’s sustained docility to the Holy Spirit dwelling within it, the supernatural infused virtues fructify in virtuous acts having savour and pleasantness in the doing of them, rightly are such good acts termed the **Fruits** of the Holy Spirit.

St Paul enumerates nine classes of them in Galatians: “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control” (5:22-23). This number is not meant to be exhaustive, for every good supernatural act that is done with ease and delight merits the name of “fruit”.

The prompt and joyous execution of acts of virtue does not, to the full, exhaust either the possibilities or the energies of divine grace. There are still greater heights which it is open to the human spirit to scale, aided by the ever-growing strength of the divine life within it. When through the sustained practice of the theological and moral virtues, the soul has learned throughout all its extent to sway obediently to the breath of the Holy Spirit, it eventually reaches a state where the characteristics of the life of reason even when transformed by grace are gradually left behind. It is the state of consummate virtue and has been enjoyed here on earth by many saints.

Acts springing directly from the energies of the Gifts are invested with a superhuman grandeur and perfection. Virtue enables a man to use rightly and wisely worldly advantages such as wealth and honours. Man is lifted above himself when he despises them, and practically, not merely theoretically, treats them as naught. Attaining to this in practice induces that blissful condition of life which is promised in the first Beatitude: **“Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven”** (Matthew 5:3). It is already much to observe due measure in the satisfactions accorded to the senses. To reject them utterly, and, going further still, to embrace pain and affliction by deliberate choice – this is to retrace on one’s own life that unearthly disposition to which expression was given in our Lord’s words: “I have a baptism wherewith I am to be baptised. And how I am constrained until it be accomplished” (Luke 12:50). Those who arrive at this attitude towards suffering, are elevated above the normal condition of humanity, for to bear suffering with patience and with fortitude is already, in itself, a mark of high virtue. Hence it is that those who voluntarily make sufferings their portion merit to be filled with divine consolation. **“Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted”** (Matthew 5:5). In a world where injustice is rife, it demands heroism to be constant in fair dealing, to be perfectly sincere in action and in word, and to accord to each one his due. Not to be satisfied with this, but passing beyond the limits traced by the highest human virtue, to spend oneself with the recklessness of the God-Man in the service of one’s fellows, that is divine. Those, who in dealing with others, allow themselves to be moved by no other considerations than the necessities of these others, reproduce in their acts of benevolence the inexhaustible compassion and mercy of God. **“Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy”** (Matthew 5:7). Faith reaches an extraordinary degree of intensity in souls that are thus far removed from the emotions and passions that fret and disturb mankind. Purified of all earthly tastes and desires their contemplation of God is not blurred or dimmed by the mists that form in the valley of tears. **“Blessed are the clean of heart; for they shall see God”** (Matthew 5:8). “Even here below,” writes St Thomas Aquinas in this regard, “when the sight of the intellect is purified by the gift of understanding, God can, in a certain sense, be seen.”

The beatitudes in St Matthew are eight in number, but in their multiplicity, they but ring the changes on the same theme. In them the Saviour points to the immense possibilities opened out to the human soul, even in this life, by the divine life of grace, which he came to give us. The firm hope of the beatitude which consists in the vision of God can be ours in a twofold sense. It can exist in the presence of a certain state of preparedness or adaptation to the bliss that is to be. This is the hope based on merit. But the firm assurance may be ours in another sense. It can consist in a certain foretaste or imperfect beginning of the glory of heaven, such as has been enjoyed by holy men and women in the life here below. Hence, in the list of the beatitudes, those statements that are concerned with merit refer to preparations or adaptations to beatitude. Whereas the parts of the sentences that speak of reward imply either perfect beatitude and have reference to the perfect beatitude of heaven; or they imply that beginning of beatitude such as is enjoyed by the perfect, and in this case, have application to the present life. The acts of superhuman virtue which effect this blissful condition of soul, that so perfectly adapts man for the life of heaven, are the direct outcome of the unimpeded activities of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Source: *The Holy Spirit* by Fr Edward Leen

First Reading - Isaiah 66:18-21

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm - 116(117)

Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News.

O praise the Lord, all you nations,
acclaim him all you peoples!

Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News.

Strong is his love for us;
he is faithful for ever.

Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News.

Second Reading - Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So *hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling*

knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;

no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

Gospel - Luke 13:22-30

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. 'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'