



# St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



**Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025**

## Parish Centre

**A:** 120 Hallam Road,  
Hampton Park, Vic. 3976

**T:** (03) 9799 2108

**E:** [hamptonpark@cam.org.au](mailto:hamptonpark@cam.org.au)

**H:** Tue to Fri 9.15am - 1:15pm

**W:** [stkevins.org.au](http://stkevins.org.au)

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](mailto: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**.

## New from Fr Fabian

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Greetings from Bangalore!

Trust you are all well and looking forward to Spring. I have reached the end of my Sabbatical. Our Lord has bestowed on me many graces during this time; for which I am truly grateful. The past four months have been an amazing time of reflection and renewal for me. I return to you revitalised for ministry on 5th September to start afresh Looking forward to seeing you all in a few days.

Many blessings

Fr Fabian

## Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> September – The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

## 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. Please note that the campaign ends on **31<sup>st</sup> August**.

## 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

**Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> September: 5-6pm:** Junior Legion of Mary

**Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September: 7pm:** Search program

**Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September: 9.15am:** Two Hearts devotion

**4-5pm:** First Communion preparation class

**Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> September: 7pm:** Baptism preparation

**Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> September: 6.30pm onwards:** Rosary, Sacred Heart devotion, first Friday mass and Vigil



**ROSTERS for 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> September**

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: Anne, Michael, Lyn, Nadine, Tyronie, Renee

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$5129.50

Unpledged: \$2165.10

Presbytery: \$2349.05

**Thank you!**

**This Sunday we Pray****Thanksgiving**

Francis Braganza

Aria Martin

Zach Martin

Cassandra and Michael

Jude and Laureen Michel

Loraine and Leslie Lopez

Liam Lopez

Dominic, Mishelle Scurville and family

Grenville, Monica Scurville and family

Adrian, Melissa Scurville and family

Denver, Cimmaron Eustace and family

Eric, Michelle, Micaela and Elaina Moore

and family

Athanasia and Iraklis Hatz

Andrew Vincent

**For those who are sick:**

Oscar Moniz de Jesus

Elena Laugalis

Robert Leo

Nazario Coutinho

Linda Bailey

Oscar Francis

Rosario Giaquinta

Viktorija Dovidavicius

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:**

Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September: St Gregory the Great

Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> September: St Teresa of Calcutta

**For those who have died recently:**

Flaviana Maia Guterres, Margaret Lockwood, Eloise 'Elly' Coughlan, Philip Coutinho

**For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

Leonardo Moniz Araujo, Daphne and Dudley MaGee, Bertha and Florence Adie, Samuel Lazaro, All the souls in purgatory, Mary and Joseph Michel, Percy, Myrtle and Jimmy Davids, Leon and Lucie Calice, Georges and Laurence Philogene, Joseph and Paule Isnard, Maurice and Mary Jeanne, Clement and Annie Philogene, Darren Dowlut, Reneir Noel Snr., Walter Lockwood, Roderick de Kauwe, Alexandrina Gomes, Jose Vicente, Maria Imaculata Gomes Pereira, Regina Gomes Vicente, Antonia Kaitli, Fernando Marques, Maria Carlota, Leonardo de Araujo, Felisberto Moniz Kalau, Stella Marie Hookens, Darren Dowlut, Carine Kelaart, Francisco do Carmo Bernardes, Rodelio and Teresita Alzona

**First Friday Vigil – 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

We will have our First Friday devotions, mass and vigil on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> September commencing with rosary at 6.30pm.

**Friendship Group Bus Trip – Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> September**

On Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 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

Tyrene 0402 012 479

**Dandenong Deanery Council - Listening to the Voices that Echo Solidarity**

**DATE:** Wed 10<sup>th</sup> 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 Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Sept at the latest

**Phone** Paddy 0422 296 961 or email: [Dandenongdeanery@live.com.au](mailto:Dandenongdeanery@live.com.au)

**Baptism Preparation Classes Schedule for 2025**

The next baptism preparation class will be held on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 7.15pm in the church. **Please note that a class will not be held in October.**

If you wish to get your child baptised in October, please attend the class held on 4<sup>th</sup> September.

**Caritas Australia: Gaza Pledge (closes this Sunday 31 August 2025)**

By September 9, changes to registration processes for international NGOs threaten to drastically reduce the already insufficient flow of food, water, and medicine into Gaza. To learn more and sign the pledge: [caritas.org.au/gaza](http://caritas.org.au/gaza).

# The Four Basic Forms of Prayer

The four basic forms of prayer are:

Blessing and adoration (praising God).

Prayer of petition (asking for what we need, including forgiveness).

Prayer of intercession (asking for what others need).

Prayer of thanksgiving (for what God has given and done).

## **Prayer of blessing and adoration**

In this prayer we express praise and honour to God. We praise God for giving us life, for the wonder and beauty of our world, and for all the many blessings we enjoy. We open ourselves up to praise God for all the wonders of creation.

## **Prayer of petition**

This is probably the most familiar prayer form of prayer. We are often taught to ask God for the things we need, but asking and praying for them are not necessarily the same. When we pray our petitions, we are asking God, who loves us very much, for something that we believe is good — for ourselves or for others. By using this form of prayer we are mindful of the needs of others as well as of our own needs. We are aware that God wants us to bring our problems and worries to prayer knowing that he will always hear and answer those prayers. God may answer our prayers in a different way and in a different time frame than we are seeking but God will always give us what we need.

Prayers of petition serve to remind us that God expects us to care for one another and for all his creation. We can pray about the ordinary experiences of life — for people who are sick, for someone who needs a job, for help in our school work, for a safe trip. We pray for peace in our families and in our world. We can also express our sorrow and contrition to God in our prayer.

## **Prayer of intercession**

This form of prayer is prayer on behalf of others. This form of prayer can be a source of blessing upon others, the Church, and our world. Because we know that Our Lady and the saints intercede for us before God, the Church encourages us to pray to them for their intercession. Such prayer can bring us great strength and courage and also great peace of mind and heart.

## **Prayer of thanksgiving**

This form of prayer helps us to be grateful for God's many blessings, spiritual and temporal, and helps us to recognise and appreciate all the good things God gives to us. Reserving some time to praise and thank God for his gifts — the gift of life; the gift of our families and friends; the gift of food, clothing, and shelter; and the many other gifts we often take for granted — helps us form a true spirit of gratitude.

## **Tips for praying:**

Find a quiet place and time. Prayer can be done anywhere but it is good to have a place that is conducive to relaxing and focusing our attention on God. Finding a regular time to pray each day can also be helpful to making prayer an important daily routine.

Calm yourself and put away distractions. It is important to be relaxed when we pray by finding a comfortable posture.

Use formal prayers or speak what you feel to God, or a combination of each. It is important to note that there is no 'right' way to pray. Experiment with styles and forms of prayer. Prayer is an ongoing, developing relationship with God.

Take time to listen. God does speak to us in prayer but we need to listen with our hearts. Be open to what God is telling you rather than just on what you want to or expect to hear.

Use the Bible in your prayer.

Keep a journal of prayer.

Have a proper attitude. Prayer requires openness to God and a desire to worship and get to know God better.

## **Meditative prayer**

Meditation is one of the many styles of prayer. Meditation engages our head and heart in seeking a deeper union with God. It enables us to slow down and quiet our hearts so that we can hear God's voice and communicate with God in a deeper way. Meditation can last a few minutes or can last hours. It can strengthen our relationship with God and allow us to get in touch with ourselves.

The process of meditation can involve several steps:

Find the time and place that is conducive to meditation. It is important to pick a time when one is alert and able to focus, and a comfortable and quiet place. Prepare to pray by relaxing your body so that you can devote your attention to prayer. Some people use muscle relaxing exercises and breathing exercises.

Choose a word or phrase to focus your attention on God. Some people use 'Jesus' or 'Abba' or 'Jesus saves' or 'Jesus loves me'. Connect the word or phrase with your breathing. Silently repeat the word or phrase in tune with your breathing. Let the word resonate within you. The repetition helps to focus on and remain open to God's presence. If you become distracted, focus again on repeating the word or phrase.

**First Reading - Ecclesiasticus 3:19-21,30-31**

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business,  
and you will be better loved than a lavish giver.  
The greater you are, the more you should behave  
humbly,  
and then you will find favour with the Lord;  
for great though the power of the Lord is,  
he accepts the homage of the humble.  
There is no cure for the proud man's malady,  
since an evil growth has taken root in him.  
The heart of a sensible man will reflect on  
parables,  
an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

**Responsorial Psalm - 67(68):4-7,10-11**

***God, in your goodness, you have made a  
home for the poor.***

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God,  
they shall exult and dance for joy.

O sing to the Lord, make music to his name;  
rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence.

***God, in your goodness, you have made a  
home for the poor.***

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow,  
such is God in his holy place.

God gives the lonely a home to live in;  
he leads the prisoners forth into freedom:

***God, in your goodness, you have made a  
home for the poor.***

You poured down, O God, a generous rain:  
when your people were starved you gave them  
new life.

It was there that your people found a home,  
prepared in your goodness, O God, for the  
poor.

***God, in your goodness, you have made a  
home for the poor.***

**Second Reading - Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24**

What you have come to is nothing known to the  
senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to  
total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder  
or the great voice speaking which made everyone  
that heard it beg that no more should be said to  
them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion

and the city of the living God, the heavenly  
Jerusalem where the millions of angels have  
gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in  
which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of  
heaven. You have come to God himself, the  
supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the  
saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus,  
the mediator who brings a new covenant and a  
blood for purification which pleads more insistently  
than Abel's.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you;  
learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel - Luke 14:1,7-14**

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the  
house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they  
watched him closely. He then told the guests a  
parable, because he had noticed how they picked  
the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone  
invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your  
seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished  
person than you may have been invited, and the  
person who invited you both may come and say,  
"Give up your place to this man." And then, to your  
embarrassment, you would have to go and take the  
lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your  
way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when  
your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up  
higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table  
will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts  
himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles  
himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch  
or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers,  
relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay  
your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when  
you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the  
lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back  
means that you are fortunate, because repayment  
will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'