



St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) – 28th September 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:

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Jason Micallef - (03) 9709 8600

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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.**

Children's Catechism Classes

The Sisters from the Alliance of the Holy Family International will be conducting Children's Catechism classes at St Kevin's School Hall on all the Sundays in October – 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th October and 2nd November, from 12.15pm to 1.15pm. Please use the QR code to sign up.



Parish Office Timings

The office will close at 11am on Wednesday, 1st October.

Parish Pilgrimage to Mansfield – 11th October 2025

As part of our Jubilee Year of Hope celebrations, we are organising a parish pilgrimage to St Francis Xavier, Mansfield on Saturday, 11th October 2025. A bus has been organised which will leave St Kevin's at approximately 7am and return by 6pm. The cost per person is \$30.

Due to increased interest, we have organised a second bus. Limited seats are available. If you would like to go on the pilgrimage, please contact the Parish office (during office hours) by **12noon on Tuesday, 30th September.**

Baptism Preparation Classes Schedule for 2025

The next baptism preparation class will be held on Thursday, 6th November 2025 at 7.15pm in the church. **Please note that a class will not be held in October.**

ACYF Fundraising – Food Sale

The youth attending ACYF will be hosting a food sale on the weekend of the **25th and 26th of October.** We would like to kindly ask for your help to make it a success.

If you are able to donate some food, please use the sign-up sheet in the foyer or scan the QR code. Every contribution makes a big difference, and we are so grateful for your support. Thank you!



Parish Sacrament preparation program 2026

Enrolments for the Parish Sacramental preparation program for children who attend non-Catholic schools will commence in November this year. Enrolment forms will be available after all the weekend masses on 15th, 16th November and 22nd, 23rd November.

First Friday Vigil – 3rd October 2025

We will have our First Friday devotions, mass and vigil on Friday, 3rd October commencing with rosary at 6.30pm.

What's On this week

Monday, 29th September: 5pm: Junior Legion of Mary

Tuesday, 30th September: 7pm: RCIA

Friday, 3rd October:

6.30pm: Rosary followed by First Friday devotions, Mass and Vigil

7pm: Alpha program (School Hall)



ROSTERS for 4th & 5th October

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: \$4813.50

Unpledged: \$2254.25

Presbytery: \$1554,80

Thank you!

This Sunday we Pray

Thanksgiving

All pilgrims of the 2025 Marian pilgrimage

Lorriane D'Souza

Richard Rodrigues

James Anthony

Telesia Multalo

Norma Andres

Leslie Vincent Lopez

For those who are sick:

Mery Vasquez

Rick Blacker

Anthony Morril

Gregory Jacobs

Demosthenes Aledo

Fernando Maria Marques

Oscar Moniz de Jesus

Elena Laugalis

Robert Leo

Nazario Coutinho

Linda Bailey

Oscar Francis

Rosario Giaquinta

For those who have died recently:

Magimaidas

Arlene O'Connor

Charlie Kirk

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, 29th September: Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Tuesday, 30th September: St Jerome

Wednesday, 1st October: St Therese of the Child Jesus

Thursday, 2nd October: The Holy Guardian Angels

Saturday, 4th October: St Francis of Assisi

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Reneir Noel Snr., Walter Lockwood, Nikita Araujo Boavida, Ermelinda Pereira Araujo, Lamberto and Emerencia Boavida, Margaret Lockwood, Leslie Borthwick, Jean Claude Albert, Joan Amiran, Hernane and Norberto Pena Snr., Lorna Alesna, Joseph Rogers, Zita Rogers, Hyacinth Weston, Oscar Weston, Vincentt and Rita Vincent, Joao Franciso, Isabe Regina Duarte, Joao Alixo, Andereza Carmelina DeSouza, Michal Techim, Creswell Joseph Abraham, Remy Andrew Duram, Joachim Saldanha, Mazie and Elmo De Silva, Raymond McDonald, Gonzalo Jardeleza Sr.

MARCH FOR THE BABIES

Come and show your support and march for the babies at **1.00pm Saturday, 11th October** - Treasury Gardens, Cnr Spring St and Wellington Pde, Melbourne. Wear pink and blue for the Babies! **www.marchforthebabies.com**

This is the 17th annual March for the Babies, and every year since 2009, thousands of Victorians have gathered peacefully with grief and hope to remember the ever-increasing number of babies killed by abortion in this state since the Government legalized abortion-till-birth on October 10, 2008

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

As part of our ongoing commitment to Safeguarding and in compliance with the Archdiocese of Melbourne safeguarding requirements, all volunteers are required to provide the following to the Parish office: **Working with Children Check (WWCC)**: Go online to apply

<https://service.vic.gov.au/services/working-with-children>

Safeguarding Essentials Training certificate: This Training is required and needs to be renewed every three years. You may undertake this training online at:

<https://safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org/s/login/?ec=302&startURL=%2Fs%2F>

Caritas Australia – Season of Creation

The Season of Creation's call for Peace with Creation aligns powerfully with the Turn Debt into Hope campaign, as communities burdened by debt are often those facing the worst environmental challenges.

This Season of Creation (1 September – 4 October), Caritas Australia is inviting parishes to stand in solidarity with vulnerable communities in need of sustainable development and ecological renewal by:

- signing the Turn Debt into Hope petition – <https://www.caritas.org.au/act/turn-debt-into-hope/>

- committing to practical, everyday actions that promote ecological sustainability and care for creation by registering to become a Catholic Earthcare Household - <https://www.caritas.org.au/catholic-earthcare/>

Six30 Holy Hour – 6.30-7.30pm, 2nd October at St Patrick's Cathedral

Join with young Catholics from across the city for a time of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, music and an opportunity for confession.

To keep up to date with events and news in the Archdiocese of Melbourne, please check out <https://melbournecatholic.org>

THE GARDEN WAY OF THE ROSARY

John S. Stokes Jr.

In the 12th century St. Bernard spoke of the Blessed Virgin Mary as "The rose of charity, the lily of chastity, the violet of humility and the golden gillyflower of heaven", and in the 13th St. Francis of Assisi was reported to have taken care not to step on even the least flower, as it was a symbol of Mary, "The Flower of the Field"; but it is not known just when the Marian and other Christian symbolical flower names actually became widespread in the oral traditions of the European countryside. The earliest record we have found of a flower named for Mary is "Seint Mary gouldes" ("Saint Mary's Golds")...Marygold.

...It was also in the 15th century that the practice was adopted of meditating on selected Mysteries of Mary's life while praying the Aves of the Rosary. The praying of Hail Marys using prayer beads was introduced as a popular outgrowth of the praying of the 150 Psalms of the Psalter for the souls of the deceased, reported from the 8th century. For wider use, the lengthy monastic praying of the psalms was simplified by the 12th century through the praying in their place of 150 or 50 Our Fathers, on "Paternoster beads; and, then, in the 13th, by the praying of 150 or 50 Hail Marys in Mary's praise in the "Psalter of Our Lady". With the addition, by the 15th century, of the meditations on Mary's Mysteries, the Rosary, now prayed for general intentions, was widely promulgated in its present form through the zeal of Blessed Alan de la Roche, (c.1428-1475). The name "Rosary", meaning a garland or bouquet of roses, was given to the Psalter of Our Lady as a consequence of "an early legend which after travelling all over Europe, penetrating even to Abyssinia, connected this name with a story of Our Lady, who was seen taking rosebuds from the lips of a young monk when he was reciting Hail Marys and to weave them into a garland which she placed upon her head. A German metrical version of this story is still extant dating from the thirteenth century." (Catholic Encyclopedia (1912) Vol 13, p.187).

Alan de la Roche attributed the praying of the Rosary for pressing community concerns to St. Dominic, who was said by legend to have had a private revelation by Mary requesting this, and the practice soon became universal in the Church. Although scholars have found no support for the revelation of the Rosary in the writings or contemporary records of St. Dominic, this concern is now largely academic following upon Mary's appearance at Lourdes and Fatima exhorting the praying of the Rosary, in each instance holding a string of Rosary beads in her hands. The observation by those with spiritual vision of flower "pneums" issuing and rising heavenwards from the lips of persons praying the vocal Paters and Aves of the Rosary is evidently reflected in the original Communion Verse for the Mass for feast the Rosary of Mary (October 7th), established in 1573: "Send forth flowers as the Lily, and yield a fragrance, And bring forth leaves in grace, and praise with canticles, And bless the Lord in his works." Sirach 39:13-14 (Ecclesiasticus 39:18-19)

The Rosary prayer pneumas, originally uttered in Mary's praises and seen as woven by her into a garland and placed on her head, are now envisaged also as petitionary prayers passing through the hands of Mary Mediatrix and, with enhancement and embellishment by her, "making our prayers hers", transported by angels to Christ and the Trinity, through whom they are graced with blessings, and then, again through her hands, returned to earth as a response of grace to the petitions prayed for. This is represented in the heavenly tableau of Mary's appearance at Knock in Ireland with her hands in special channelling position.

In the Mary Garden we have found it fitting to place the reflections quickened by the Flowers of Our Lady in the context of the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary; and to conclude the mental petition of the closing prayers of the Rosary, "that while meditating these mysteries of the Blessed Virgin Mary we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through Christ Our Lord. Amen"

As the three Aves at the beginning of the Rosary are employed to place the five mysteries about to be meditated on for the day in the context of the full fifteen Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries, so, on entering the Mary Garden, and before considering the individual symbolism of the flowers, we similarly dispose ourselves to this full meditative context as we reflect how all white flowers symbolize the Joyful Mysteries, red and purple flowers the Sorrowful Mysteries, and yellow and gold flowers the Glorious Mysteries.

Then, as we draw closer to the flowers we are reminded by their beauty of the beauty of Mary's holiness as "Flower of flowers" (Chaucer); and by their spotless, translucent purity of her immaculate spiritual purity through which she was open to the fullness of grace—bestowed in accordance with God's desire, will and plan for all creation, and especially for humans created to this end in the divine image and likeness, to share, show forth and participate in to the fullest the divine goodness and creating, saving, and sanctifying action.

Finally, as we behold each flower we reflect and meditate on the particular mystery or aspect of Mary's life it symbolizes (see the accompanying article, "Flower Theology.")—praying that we may imitate Mary's virtues, excellences and holiness mirrored by it, and then, through her sure petitions, intercession and mediation, obtain the graces it promises, as shown forth in all fullness in her.

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First Reading - Amos 6:1,4-7

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion
and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of
Samaria,
those famous men of this first of nations
to whom the House of Israel goes as client.
Lying on ivory beds
and sprawling on their divans,
they dine on lambs from the flock,
and stall-fattened veal;
they bawl to the sound of the harp,
they invent new instruments of music like David,
they drink wine by the bowlful,
and use the finest oil for anointing themselves,
but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all.
That is why they will be the first to be exiled;
the sprawlers' revelry is over.

Responsorial Psalm - 145(146):7-10

Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger.

Praise the Lord, my soul!

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.

The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age.

Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading - 1 Timothy 6:11-16

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be
saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient
and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for
yourself the eternal life to which you were called when
you made your profession and spoke up for the truth
in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the
source of all life and before Christ, who spoke up as a
witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to
you the duty of doing all that you have been told,
with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our

Lord Jesus Christ,
who at the due time will be revealed
by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all,
the King of kings and the Lord of lords,
who alone is immortal,
whose home is in inaccessible light,
whom no man has seen and no man is able to see:
to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

Gospel - Luke 16:19-31

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man
who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast
magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a
poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who
longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the
rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores.
Now the poor man died and was carried away by the
angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also
died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw
Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So
he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send
Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my
tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son,"
Abraham replied "remember that during your life good
things came your way, just as bad things came the
way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while
you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and
you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he
wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop
any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to
send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five
brothers, to give them warning so that they do not
come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses
and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to
them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but
if someone comes to them from the dead, they will
repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not
listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not
be convinced even if someone should rise from the
dead."