



St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) – 5th October 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

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.

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.



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!



Liturgy Ministry meeting – Friday, 10th October

All current members of the Liturgy ministry (readers and extraordinary ministers) are invited to attend the Liturgy ministry meeting with Fr Fabian on Friday, 10th October at 8pm in the Church.

Counting Ministry

The counting ministry requires volunteers to carry out counting of the weekly church contribution. We will appreciate it if you can volunteer your services for this important ministry. Counting is carried out every Sunday. If you can volunteer your services, please contact Sumith Olagama - 0419 233 629 or Parish Office - 9799 2108.

Cleaning ministry

The Cleaning ministry is looking for volunteers. We have five teams who volunteer two hours of their time every weekend on a rotating roster. We need your help to keep our Church and surroundings clean. If you are interested in joining the Cleaning ministry, please contact the Parish Office.

Sri Lankan Food Sale – 15th & 16th November

The Sri Lankan community intend to host a food sale to contribute towards the Grotto construction. We would like to kindly request your help by donating food packets to make this fund raiser a success.

Please contact the following people for further information/menu for the food packets. Sumith Olagama – 0419 233 629, Indra De Kauwe – 0422 617 044 Sherine Edwards – 0414 496 246

What's On this week

Monday, 6th October: 5pm: Junior Legion of Mary

Tuesday, 7th October: 7pm: RCIA

Wednesday, 8th October: Two Hearts devotion

Thursday, 9th October: Parish Sacramental Program

Pre Confirmation Class (Parish office)

Friday, 10th October: Liturgy ministry meeting



ROSTERS for 11th & 12th October
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, Rene

Last Weekend's Collection
Envelopes: \$2050.45
Unpledged: \$2045.50
Presbytery: \$2146.95

Thank you!

This Sunday we Pray

Thanksgiving

All pilgrims of the 2025 Marian pilgrimage
Lawrence D'Souza
St Kevin's Charismatic Prayer Group
Ryan Fernandopulle
Vinuka Wijesinghe
Micaela Laforgue
Linus Chatlier
Tresa Lopez
Chandra Subramaniam
Cindy Dubier
Candy Soans
Rosario and family
Clinton, Petal and Kelly Brambleby
Saouma Family

For those who are sick:

Mery Vasquez
Rick Blacker
Anthony Morril
Gregory Jacobs
Demosthenes Aledo
Oscar Francis
Rosario Giaquinta

For those who have died recently:

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, 6th October: St Bruno
Tuesday, 7th October: Our Lady of the Rosary
Thursday, 9th October: St Denis & Companions, St John Leonard
Saturday, 11th October: St John XXIII, Pope

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Margaret Lockwood, Amilia Pinto, Carlos Da Cruz, Maria Odete Araujo Jeronimo, Teodosia Sab, Philip and Noel Brown, Stewart and Christabel De La Motte, Deceased members of Neydorff, Abeydeera and De La Motte families, Godilla Pastorpile and Mario Pastorpili, Dorothy Abeydeera, Belinda Claité Murat, Anthonioammal Francis, Ernest Eugene Rodrigues, Maria Gloria Pastorpile, Ceferino Rico, Dennis Lawrence Darrel Rodrigo, Vernon Marvin, Antionette, Dolly Hendricks

Altar Servers Training – Sunday, 12th October at 3pm in the Church

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=%2F>

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for October

For collaboration between different religious traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

Pope Leo's Prayer for this month's intention

Lord Jesus, You, who in diversity are one and look lovingly at every person, help us to recognize ourselves as brothers and sisters, called to live, pray, work, and dream together. We live in a world full of beauty, but also wounded by deep divisions. Sometimes religions, instead of uniting us, become a cause of confrontation. Give us your Spirit to purify our hearts, so that we may recognize what unites us and, from there, learn again how to listen and collaborate without destroying. May the concrete examples of peace, justice, and fraternity in religions inspire us to believe that it is possible to live and work together, beyond our differences. May religions not be used as weapons or walls, but rather lived as bridges and prophecy: making the dream of the common good credible, accompanying life, sustaining hope, and being the yeast of unity in a fragmented world. Amen.

THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES

Dom Columba Marmion, O.S.B., Abbot of Maredsous

1. The Annunciation

Picture the scene of the Annunciation. God proposes the mystery of the Incarnation which He will accomplish in the Virgin Mary—but not until she has given her consent. The accomplishment of the mystery is held in suspense awaiting the free acceptance of Mary. At this moment Mary represents all of us in her own person; it is as if God is waiting for the response of the humanity to which He longs to unite Himself. What a solemn moment this is! For upon this moment depends the decision of the most vital mystery of Christianity. But see how Mary gives her answer. Full of faith and confidence in the heavenly message and entirely submissive to the Divine Will, the Virgin Mary replies in a spirit of complete and absolute abandonment: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done to me according to Thy word." This "Fiat" is Mary's consent to the Divine Plan of Redemption. It is like an echo of the "Fiat" of the creation of the world. But this is a new world, a world infinitely superior, a world of grace, which God will cause to arise in consequence of Mary's consent, for at that moment the Divine Word, the second Person of the Blessed Trinity, becomes Man in Mary: "And the Word was made Flesh and dwelt among us."

2. The Visitation

See how the Holy Spirit greets the Virgin Mary through the mouth of Elizabeth: "Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb! And blessed art thou that hast believed, because those things shall be accomplished that were spoke to thee by the Lord." Blessed indeed, for by this faith in the word of God the Virgin Mary became the Mother of Christ. What finite creature has ever received honour such as this from the Infinite Being? Mary gives all the glory to the Lord for the marvellous things which are accomplished in her. From the moment of the Incarnation the Virgin Mother sings in her heart a canticle full of love and gratitude.

In the presence of her cousin Elizabeth she allows the most profound sentiments of her heart to break forth in song; she intones the "Magnificat" which, in the course of centuries, her children will repeat with her to praise God for having chosen her among all women: *"My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,*

Because He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaid...

Because He Who is mighty has done great things for me

And holy is His name."

3. The Birth of Jesus

The Virgin Mary sees in the Infant that she has given to the world, a child in appearance like all other children, the very Son of God. Mary's soul was filled with an immense faith which welled up in her and surpassed the faith of all the just men of the Old Testament; this is why she recognized her God in her own Son. This faith manifests itself externally by an act of adoration. From her very first glance at Jesus, the Virgin prostrated herself interiorly in a spirit of adoration so profound that we can never fathom its depth. In the heart of Mary are joined in perfect harmony a creature's adoration of her God and a Mother's love for her only Son. How inconceivably great the joy in the soul of Jesus must have been as He experienced this boundless love of His Mother! Between these two souls took place ceaseless exchanges of love which brought them into ever closer unity. O wonderful exchange: to Mary Jesus gives the greatest gifts and graces, and to Jesus Mary gives her fullest cooperation: after the union of the Divine Persons in the Blessed Trinity and the hypostatic union of the divine and human natures in the Incarnation, no more glorious or more profound union can be conceived than the union between Jesus and Mary.

4. The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

On the day of the Presentation God received infinitely more glory than He had hitherto received in the temple from all the sacrifices and all the holocausts of the Old Testament. On this day it is His own Son Jesus Who is offered to Him, and Who offers to the Father the infinite homage of adoration, thanksgiving, expiation and supplication. This is indeed a gift worthy of God. And it is from the hands of the Virgin, full of grace, that this offering, so pleasing to God, is received. Mary's faith is perfect. Filled with the wisdom of the Holy Spirit, she has a clear understanding of the value of the offering which she is making to God at this moment; by His inspirations the Holy Spirit brings her soul into harmony with the interior dispositions of the heart of her Divine Son. Just as Mary had given her consent in the name of all humanity when the angel announced to her the mystery of the Incarnation, so also on this day Mary offers Jesus to the Father in the name of the whole human race. For she knows that her Son is "the King of Glory, the new light enkindled before the dawn, the Master of life and death."

5. Jesus is Found in the Temple

"How is it that you sought Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" This is the answer that Jesus gave to His Mother when, after three days' search she had the joy of finding Him in the Temple. These are the first words coming from the lips of the Word Incarnate to be recorded in the Gospel. In these words Jesus sums up His whole person, His whole life, His whole mission. They reveal His Divine Sonship; they testify to His supernatural mission. Christ's whole life will only be a clarifying and magnificent exposition of the meaning of these words. St. Luke goes on to tell us that Mary "did not understand the word that He spoke." But even if Mary did not grasp the full significance of these words, she did not doubt that Jesus was the Son of God. This is why she submitted in silence to that Divine Will which had demanded such a sacrifice of her love. "Mary kept these words of Jesus carefully in her heart." She kept them in her heart, for there was the tabernacle in which she adored the mystery concealed in the words of her Son, waiting until the full light of understanding would be granted her.

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First Reading - Habakkuk 1:2-3,2:2-4

How long, O Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said, 'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

Responsorial Psalm - 94(95):1-2,6-9***If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.***

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord.

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us: for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand.

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**Second Reading - 2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14**

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God. Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News. Alleluia!

Gospel - Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you. 'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."