



St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) – 26th October 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

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St. Kevin of Glendalough

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.**

Sri Lankan Food Sale – 15th & 16th November

The Sri Lankan community intend to host a food sale to contribute towards the construction of the Grotto. This week there will be lists provided in the church foyer requesting for people to sign up to provide food donations.

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.

Sumith Olagama – 0419 233 629

Indra De Kauwe – 0422 617 044

Sherine Edwards – 0414 496 246

Every small contribution makes a difference.

Praying for the Holy Souls in November

The month of November has traditionally been the month we pray for and remember all those who have gone before us. The Parish Book of Remembrance will be placed on the sanctuary during every mass, whilst we pray for our loved ones. The Book contains all the names that were entered till November last year. **If you would like to include the name of someone who has passed away in the last one year, please fill in the sheets in the foyer.**

November Mass Intentions

If you would like to offer masses for your departed loved ones, please use the November mass intention envelope in your envelope set. For parishioners who require additional November mass intention envelopes, please use the ones available in the foyer.

Anniversary masses for deceased members

This year, for those wishing to offer masses for their loved ones whose anniversaries occur in the month of November, their names will be displayed on the screen, but not printed in the bulletin.

Save the Date – Memorial mass on Friday, 28th November at 7pm

St Kevin's Bottle and Can Recycling Fund Raiser

Members of the Knights of the Southern Cross at St Kevin's are continuing taking the donated bottles, can and containers for recycling to help raise money for the new Adoration Chapel and the Grotto. Since January a total of \$3,758.30 in funds has been raised from this project. Thanks to the generosity of the parishioners, we are on track to raise about \$4,700 for the year. The number of containers being brought to the Church for recycling has decreased in recent months (probably due to the cold winter weather). So we are promoting this fund-raiser once again and encouraging more donations so that we can raise more than \$5,000 for the calendar year 2025. Also please remember that the bin outside the front door of the Church is for recyclable containers only, not rubbish! Thank you for your support! Michael Palma, Knights of the Southern Cross

What's On this week

Monday, 27th October: 5pm: Junior Legion of Mary

Tuesday, 28th October: 7pm: RCIA

Wednesday, 29th October: 9am: Two Hearts devotion

Thursday, 30th October: Pre Confirmation Class

Friday, 31st October: 5pm: Mothers who pray



ROSTERS for 1st & 2nd November

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: \$4921.50

Unpledged: \$2031.75

Presbytery: \$1716.75

Thank you!

This Sunday we Pray

Thanksgiving

Francis D'Souza

Agnelo DeSouza

Heather Mathews

George and Margie Taylor

Louisa Pereira

Philip D'Souza

Philip, Sandra and Nathan D'Souza

Dias Family

Jude and Jessica Rodrigo

For those who are sick:

Marilou Pacot

Elcira Baez

Antonio Fortes Ratai

Alexander Ang

Oscar Francis

Rosario Giaquinta

For those who have died recently:

David Pereira

Patricia Ann Cowan

Robert Taylor

Geraldine Rafferty

If you would like to donate towards the building of the Grotto:

St Kevin's Building Appeals A/c

BSB 083 347

Account No.:851452646

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, 28th October: St Simon and St Jude

Saturday, 1st November: All Saints

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Walter Lockwood, Reneir Noel Snr., Natalia Large, Victor and Mary De Souza, Kim Lin Chen, Vincent and Mary Chen, Francisco do Carmo Bernardes, Eldon Rozario, Doris and Vernon Mannays, Rita Tauro, Didier Lubin, Ilona and Nigel Gilles, Milton MacFarlane, Charles and Iris Dennis, Keith Concesso, Peter Wellington, Churchill and Shireen Diaz, Amelia Pinto, Valerian Pinto, Jessica Jeremiah, Kris Clarke, Joseph Rodrigues, Arokia Dass Santiago, Natasha Rina Santiago

Advent Preparation: *THE PROMISE (From the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong)*

Advent is often a very busy time of year, and it's easy to forget that at its heart it is meant to be a season of preparation, waiting, and hope for the coming of Jesus into our world and into our lives. All parishioners are warmly invited to join our Advent Prayer, Reflection, and Discussion Group. Each session will include video reflections designed to deepen your spiritual journey with profound insights and contemplative thoughts that help you recognise God's promise fulfilled in Christ and live in joyful anticipation of His coming.

Session Details: 🕒 Thursdays, beginning 27 November

🕒 After the 9:15am Mass – Church Foyer

For those unable to attend in the morning, the same session will be repeated on Thursday evenings 7pm. Those interested please use the QR code to register.



Update on the Parish Building Plans

The plans and projected costs of the Parish building project have been uploaded to the Parish website and are available in the foyer.

Pastoral Letter to the Catholics of Victoria on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide

The State Government is seeking to amend Victoria's euthanasia and assisted suicide laws. If passed, the Government's Bill would further weaken protections for vulnerable patients and reduce protections for medical practitioners who conscientiously object to euthanasia and assisted suicide. In response to the Government's plans, the Bishops of Victoria have written to Catholics in Victoria to ask that they contact their local Members of Parliament to urge them to vote against the proposed laws. You can read the letter online and find out more

www.bit.ly/EuthanasiaBill

Knights of the Southern Cross Dandenong North Branch appointments to KSCV State Council

Congratulations go to the following KSC Dandenong North Branch Members, who have received the following appointments on the KSC Victorian State Council, following their recent State Conference: Deputy State Chairman and State Communications Officer- Andrew Vaccaro (of St Gerard's Dandenong North), State Secretary and State Order Development Officer- Michael Palma (of St Kevin's Hampton Park), State Treasurer and State Membership Officer- Carmine Miranda (of St Mary's Dandenong), State Planning Officer- Wilhelm Morgan (of St Gerard's Dandenong North), State Economic Officer- Peter Butler (of St Justin's Wheelers Hill) This is wonderful news for our local KSC Branch, one of the most active in Victoria.

Parish Medical Registry - The Parish would like to maintain a registry of all trained medical professionals (doctors, nurses, paramedics etc...) who may be able to assist in the event of a medical emergency. Please contact the Parish office to register your details.

THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

1. The Resurrection of Christ

On the day of His Resurrection Jesus Christ left in the tomb the shroud which is the symbol of our infirmities, our weaknesses, our imperfections. Christ comes from the tomb triumphant—completely free of earthly limitation; He is animated with a life that is intense and perfect, and which vibrates in every fibre of His being. In Him everything that is mortal has been absorbed by His glorified life. Here is the first element of the sanctity represented in the risen Christ: the elimination of everything that is corruptible, everything that is earthly and created; freedom from all defects, all infirmities, all capacity for suffering. But there is also another element of sanctity: union with God, self-oblation and consecration to God. Only in heaven shall we be able to understand how completely Jesus lived for His Father during these blessed days. The life of the risen Christ became an infinite source of glory for His Father. Not a single effect of His sufferings was left in Him, for now everything in Him shone with brilliance and beauty and possessed strength and life; every atom of His being sang an unceasing canticle of praise. His holy humanity offered itself in a new manner to the glory of the Father.

2. The Ascension of Our Lord

Our Lord said to His Apostles before He departed from them: "If you loved Me, you would indeed rejoice that I am going to the Father." To us also Christ repeats these words. If we love Him, we shall rejoice in His glorification; we shall rejoice with Him that, after completing His course on earth, He ascends to the right hand of His Father, there to be exalted above all the heavens in infinite glory. But Jesus goes only to precede us; He does not separate Himself from us, nor does He separate us from Himself. If He enters into His glorious kingdom, it is to prepare a place for us there. He promises to return one day to take us with Him so that, as He says, where He is we also may be. True, we are already there in the glory and happiness of Christ, by our title as His heirs; but we shall one day be there in reality. Has not Christ asked this of His Father? "Father, I will that where I am, they also whom Thou hast given Me may be with Me." Let us then say to Christ Jesus: "Draw us into Your triumphal march, O glorious and all-powerful Conqueror! Make us live in heaven by faith and hope and love. Help us to detach ourselves from the fleeting things of earth in order that we may seek the true and lasting goods of heaven!"

3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles

The Holy Spirit appeared under the form of tongues of fire in order to fill the Apostles with truth and to prepare them to bear witness to Jesus. He also came to fill their hearts with love. He is the Person of Love in the life of God. He is also like a breath, an aspiration of infinite Love, from which we draw the breath of life. On the day of Pentecost the Divine Spirit communicated such an abundance of life to the whole Church that to symbolize it "there came a sound from heaven, as of a violent wind coming, and it filled the whole house where they (the Apostles) were sitting." But it is also for us that the Holy Spirit has come, for the group in the Cenacle represented the whole Church. The Holy Spirit came to remain with the Church forever. This is the promise of Jesus Himself. He dwells in the Church permanently and unfailingly, performing in it without ceasing, His action of life-giving and sanctification. He establishes the Church infallibly in the truth. It is He Who makes the Church blossom forth with a marvellous supernatural fruitfulness, for He brings to life and full fruition in Virgins, Martyrs, Confessors, those heroic virtues which are one of the marks of true sanctity.

4. The Assumption of Mary into Heaven

If Christ Jesus wishes us to love all the members of His Mystical Body, should we not love above all others her who gave Him the very nature by which He became our Head, the same nature which He uses to communicate His grace to us? We cannot doubt but that the love which we show to his Mother is extremely pleasing to Christ. We shall manifest our love by extolling the sublime privileges which Jesus has bestowed on His Mother, among which the Assumption is one of the most glorious. If we wish to please our Lord very much, we shall admire the wonderful gifts with which He has lovingly adorned the soul of His Mother. He wishes that we should sing the praises of the Virgin, who was chosen among all women to give the Saviour to the world. "Yes, we shall sing your praises, for you alone have delighted the heart of your God. May you be blessed, for you have believed the word of God, and in you the eternal promises have been fulfilled."

5. The Coronation of Mary in Heaven

What is the purpose of all the mysteries of Christ? To be the pattern of our supernatural life, the means of our sanctification, the source of all our holiness. To create an eternal and glorious society of brethren who will be like unto Him. For this reason Christ, the new Adam, has associated with Himself Mary, as the new Eve. But she is, much more than Eve, "the Mother of all the living," the Mother of those who live in the grace of her Son. And since here below Mary was associated so intimately with all the mysteries of our salvation, at her Assumption into heaven Jesus crowned her not only with glory but also with power; He has placed His Mother on His right hand and has given her the power, in virtue of her unique title of Mother of God, to distribute the treasures of eternal life. Let us then, full of confidence, pray with the Church: "Show yourself a Mother: Mother of Jesus, by your complete faith in Him, our Mother, by your mercy towards us; ask Christ, Who was born of you, to give us life; and Who willed to be your Son, to receive our prayers through you."

First Reading - Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19

The Lord is a judge
who is no respecter of personages.
He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man,
he listens to the plea of the injured party.
He does not ignore the orphan's supplication,
nor the widow's as she pours out her story.
The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted,
his petitions will carry to the clouds.
The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds,
until it arrives he is inconsolable,
nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him,
acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.
And the Lord will not be slow,
nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

Responsorial Psalm - 33(34):2-3,17-19,23

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Second Reading - 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end;

I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

Gospel - Luke 18:9-14

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else: 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'