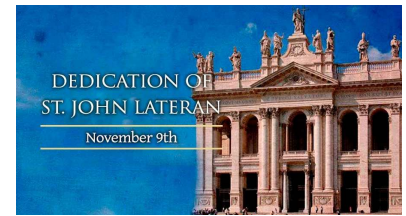




St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica – 9th November 2025

Parish Centre

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

T: (03) 9799 2108

E: hamptonpark@cam.org.au

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

W: 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

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**.

Thank you!

Thank you to all who contributed towards the new Stations of the Cross. The installation is now complete with the addition of the titles of each station. Thank you to Tyrone, Howard and Calvin for the creation and installation of the names.

ACYF Fundraising update

Thank you for your generous support of the ACYF food sale through donations and purchases. We raised \$3450.28.

Sri Lankan Food Sale – 15th & 16th November

The Sri Lankan community is having a food sale on 15th and 16th November to contribute towards the construction of the Grotto.

Food available

Yellow Rice packets with 3 curries including Chicken/Beef/Pork and an Egg.
String Hopper packets with 2 curries including Chicken/Beef and a Sambol.
Many desserts. Please support by purchasing the above. Every small contribution makes a difference

Altar servers Training – Sunday, 9th November from 3pm to 4.30pm

All current altar servers and those wishing to join this ministry are invited to attend the next altar server training on Sunday, 9th November at 3pm in the Church. Please inform the Parish office if you are not able to attend.

Memorial mass on Friday, 28th November at 7pm

All parishioners who have lost loved ones in the last one year (November 2024 till date) are invited to attend a memorial mass to remember and pray for your deceased loved ones. The mass will be held on Friday, 28th November at 7.00pm followed by a light supper.

Mauritian Food Sale – 29th & 30th November

The Mauritian community are raising funds for the building of the new Grotto through a food sale after all the weekend masses on 29th and 30th November.

Working Bee – Saturday, 22nd November 7.30am onwards

In preparation for the festive season, we ask for your assistance with the cleaning and tidying of the church at a working bee held on Saturday, 22nd November from 7.30am. The timings are flexible, and we ask for your cooperation in choosing an hour or more to contribute to this endeavour. Please scan the QR code or contact the Parish Office to sign up.



What's On this week

Monday, 10th November: 5pm: Junior Legion of Mary

Tuesday, 11th November: 7pm: RCIA (School Hall)

Wednesday, 12th November: 9am: Two Hearts devotion

Thursday, 13th November: 4pm: Pre Confirmation Class

Friday, 14th November: 5pm: Mothers who pray (Office)

Saturday, 15th November: 11am: Children's choir practice



ROSTERS for 15th & 16th November
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, Alexandra, Kharece

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$5442.40

Unpledged: \$2133.15

Presbytery: \$2432.75

Thank you!

This Sunday we Pray

Thanksgiving

Kharina Barret

Dennis and Shelly Aledo and family

For those who are sick:

Carla Maria Marques

Rosemary Jansz

Baby Sofia Taranto

Carla Maria Marques

Aurelie

Elcira Baez

Antonio Fortes Ratai

Alexander Ang

Oscar Francis

For those who have died recently:

Ethel Peters

Ivania Dacosta Soares Pinto

Joao Paul da Silva

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:

Monday, 10th November: St Leo the Great, Pope

Tuesday, 11th November: St Martin of Tours

Wednesday, 12th November: St Josaphat

Saturday, 15th November: St Albert the Great

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

All whose names are in the Book of Remembrance and all the souls in purgatory.

Parish Christmas Carols

Join us on Sunday, **14th December 2025 at 6:00 PM** for a joyful evening of Christmas Carols at our parish.

Let's come together as a community to celebrate the season in song. Your voice matters—whether you sing loud and proud or hum along quietly, your presence will help make this event truly special.

Bring your family, invite your friends, and let's fill the air with music, joy, and the spirit of Christmas. The success of our carols evening depends on all of us joining in harmony!

We look forward to singing with you!

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.

Archdiocese of Melbourne – Service of Lament

The Year of Jubilee is a time of mercy, renewal, and reconciliation — a call to set right what has been broken in our relationships with God and one another.

Through lament and repentance, we open ourselves to the transforming grace of God, trusting that even from the deepest wounds, new life and hope can emerge. Shaped by this ancient call of the Year of Jubilee, and in response to the profound suffering endured by survivors of abuse within the Church, Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli has called for an inaugural Prayer Service of Lament to be acknowledged in the Archdiocese of Melbourne on **Wednesday 12 November 2025**. The Prayer Service of Lament at the Cathedral will primarily be held for survivors and their families to hear this Prayer of Lament from the Church. In the lead up to this date, the parishes and communities of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, are invited to enter an intentional time of prayer from Wednesday 5th November through to Wednesday 12th November 2025.

Pope Leo's prayer intention for November

For the prevention of suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

Prayer for the Holy souls

O Lord, who art ever merciful and bounteous with your gifts, look down upon the suffering souls in purgatory. Remember not their offenses and negligences, but be mindful of your loving mercy, which is from all eternity. Cleanse them of their sins and fulfil their ardent desires that they may be made worthy to behold you face to face in your glory. May they soon be united with you in Heaven.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen

The pain of sense

While not defined, traditionally this pain of sense has involved some purifying fire, which causes torment. In the Book of the Prophet Zechariah, the Lord spoke: "I will bring the one-third through fire, and I will refine them as silver is refined, and I will test them as gold is tested" (13:9). The School of Rabbi Shammai interpreted this passage as a purification of the soul through God's mercy and goodness, preparing it for eternal life.

Similarly, the Book of Wisdom (3:1-9): "The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them. ... Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed, because God tried them and found them worthy of himself. As gold in the furnace, he proved them, and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself."

Think of this image of 'fire-tried' gold or silver. When these precious metals are mined from the earth, other minerals or rocks accompany them. By fire, these impurities are separated, and the pure gold or silver remains. In the same sense, a soul containing the impurities of venial sin or hurts caused by sin will first be purified, ie, 'fire tried'. Perhaps a more modern version would be the idea of radiation therapy 'burning' out the cancer cells; while such therapy is very painful, one has the hope of returning to good health.

Consolations of Purgatory

In a more positive light, St Francis de Sales wrote of the sufferings of Purgatory, but as they are mitigated by the consolations which accompany them: "We may draw from the thought of Purgatory more consolation than apprehension. The greater part of those who dread Purgatory so much think more of their own interests than of the interests of God's glory; this proceeds from the fact that they think only of the sufferings without considering the peace and happiness which are there enjoyed by the holy souls. It is true that the torments are so great that the most acute sufferings of this life bear no comparison to them; but the interior satisfaction which is there enjoyed is such that no prosperity nor contentment upon earth can equal it. The souls are in a continual union with God."

The 'living flame of love'

Similarly, in *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*, Pope John Paul II related God's "living flame of Love" spoken of by St John of the Cross to the doctrine of Purgatory: "The 'living flame of love', of which St John speaks, is above all a purifying fire. The mystical nights described by this great Doctor of the Church on the basis of his own experience corresponds, in a certain sense, to Purgatory. God makes man pass through such an interior purgatory of his sensual and spiritual nature in order to bring him into union with himself. Here we do not find ourselves before a mere tribunal. We present ourselves before the power of love itself. Before all else, it is Love that judges. God, who is Love, judges through love. It is love that demands purification, before man can be made ready for that union with God which is his ultimate vocation and destiny."

Once again, we are left with a very positive image of Purgatory. Nevertheless, the old pictures of the suffering souls in the fires of Purgatory should motivate us now to regularly examine our conscience, go to confession, and do penance. We need the graces that come through prayer and especially the Holy Eucharist. We must strive for holiness now and keep a strong and close union to the Lord. Such an attitude and such practices will be the best preparation for when we leave this world and have to account for our lives before our Lord.

Source: Rev William P. Saunders.

What is Purgatory Like?

Arlington Catholic Herald.

First Reading - Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12

The angel brought me to the entrance of the Temple, where a stream came out from under the Temple threshold and flowed eastwards, since the Temple faced east. The water flowed from under the right side of the Temple, south of the altar. He took me out by the north gate and led me right round outside as far as the outer east gate where the water flowed out on the right-hand side. He said, 'This water flows east down to the Arabah and to the sea; and flowing into the sea it makes its waters wholesome. Wherever the river flows, all living creatures teeming in it will live. Fish will be very plentiful, for wherever the water goes it brings health, and life teems wherever the river flows. Along the river, on either bank, will grow every kind of fruit tree with leaves that never wither and fruit that never fails; they will bear new fruit every month, because this water comes from the sanctuary. And their fruit will be good to eat and the leaves medicinal.'

Responsorial Psalm - 45(46):2-3,5-6,8-9

The waters of the river gladden the city of God.

God is for us a refuge and strength,
a helper close at hand, in time of distress,
so we shall not fear though the earth should rock,
though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea.

The waters of the river gladden the city of God.

The waters of a river give joy to God's city,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
God is within, it cannot be shaken;

God will help it at the dawning of the day.

The waters of the river gladden the city of God.

The Lord of hosts is with us:

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Come, consider the works of the Lord,
the redoubtable deeds he has done on the earth.

The waters of the river gladden the city of God.

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 3:9-11,16-17

You are God's building. By the grace God gave me, I succeeded as an architect and laid the foundations, on which someone else is doing the building. Everyone doing the building must work carefully. For the foundation, nobody can lay any other than the one which has already been laid, that is Jesus Christ.

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord,
that my name may remain in it for all time.
Alleluia!

Gospel - John 2:13-22

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.