



St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



Third Sunday Of Easter (Year A) – 19th April 2026

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

Parish Coordinator: Mrs. Macrina Martin

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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.**

Update from the Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council met on 9th April. The following items were discussed:

- Thank you to Fr Fabian and Fr Antony for all the work in the parish for a prayerful Triduum.
- Feedback about Lent and Holy Week.
- Building Update – Currently waiting on Council approval
- Pentecost Sunday and St Kevin's Feast celebration
- Ways to build connection in the Parish.

You're Invited to Alpha – Explore Life, Faith, and Meaning

Alpha is a welcoming and interactive series that creates a safe space for everyone to explore life's big questions, deepen their understanding of faith, and experience authentic community. It offers a unique opportunity to encounter the person of Jesus Christ and to renew and re-ignite one's relationship with Him. Alpha is also a powerful communal experience of faith and transformation through the gift of the Holy Spirit.



When: Starting in May (Thursdays or Fridays)

Time: 7:00–9:00 PM (includes dinner, video, and group discussion)

Duration: Eleven consecutive sessions

Who: Open to all aged 18 and above

Each session begins with a shared meal, followed by a short video and a small group discussion in a friendly and respectful environment. Come and be enriched in your faith journey. Sign up using the QR code.

Karaoke Saturday – 16th May at 6pm in St Kevin's School Hall

Presented by the South African community and friends

Raffles, prizes, Food on sale

Bring your vocals, dancing shoes, good vibes and plenty of gold coin for a night of musical fun and live entertainment. Tickets on sale after all the weekend masses.

Drinking Water Dispenser in the foyer

A new drinking water dispenser has been installed in the foyer for your convenience.

Parish Sacramental Program – Confirmation classes

The first Confirmation preparation class for this year will be held on Tuesday, **21st April at 4.30pm** in the Church.

Pope Leo's prayer intention for April - For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

What's On

Monday, 20th April: 5-6pm: Junior Legion of Mary

Tuesday, 21st April: 4.30pm: Confirmation class

Wednesday, 22nd April: 9am: Two Hearts Devotion

Friday, 24th April: 5pm: Mothers who pray for their Children (Office)

ROSTERS for 25th & 26th April

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, Sanath

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$4410.30

Unpledged: \$2362.20

Presbytery: \$2184.70

This Sunday we Pray

Thanksgiving

Harsh Shah

Warren and Philomena Peters

Fr Columba Jordan

Khuram and Sarah

Alcina DaSilva

Martha Pastorpile

Stefan and Shanita

Glen, Jackie and Family

Saouma Family

Dominic La'Forgue

Ethan Elijah Eustace

For those who are sick:

Patrick

Sandra Wills

Elcira Baez

Greg Jacobs

Dominique

For those who have died recently:

Mrs Salena Mary

George Boin

Honorio Guanlao Jr

Sheila Aragon

Craig Gomes

Alexander

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 21st April: St Anselm of Canterbury

Thursday, 23rd April: St George, St Adalbert of Prague

Friday, 24th April: St Fidelis of Sigmaringen

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Mangalika, Walter Lockwood, Roslyn Wellington, Jodie Wellington, Austin Peters, Joseph Fernandez, Jan, Miecica, Zyguch, Vincent Mariadoss, Ceferino Rico, John Andrew La'Forgue, Beryl D'Gama, Rudy Rulach, Celine Rodrigues

Special Mother's Memorial Cuppa – Mother's Day Weekend (9th/10th May)

Parishioners are warmly invited to sponsor a Special Mother's Memorial Cuppa on Mother's Day weekend, 9th/10th May, in cherished memory of mothers who have gone before us. Together, we will remember them with love and thanksgiving for all they have given us through their care, sacrifice, and guidance. **Sponsorship: \$50** A slideshow will be shown on the TV in the foyer which will include each mother's name and, optionally, her photograph, together with the sponsor's name. For more information, please contact Warren Peters (0423 247 093), Anita Fernandez (0402 505 676), or any Social Group member.

ARCHDIOCESAN CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

Sunday 7 June 2026

1.30pm, St Patrick's Cathedral

Concluding at Federation Square

All are warmly invited to join the annual Archdiocesan Corpus Christi Procession as we walk through the streets of CBD Melbourne. Like those disciples who recognised Jesus on the journey to Emmaus, this is a wonderful opportunity to bear witness to Christ in the Eucharist, our light and hope, into the heart of the city.

Melbourne Synod 2026

Synodality and bishops

Bishops remain shepherds and teachers of the faith.

Synodality does not weaken their authority; rather, it enriches their ministry by grounding leadership in prayerful listening

and communal discernment. A bishop who listens walks more closely with his people, as Christ the Good Shepherd does.

Synodality and priests

For priests, synodality is not an added burden but a way of exercising ministry in communion. When priests foster listening and participation, parishes become more alive, missionary, and joyful. The priest presides at the Eucharist, but the whole community contributes to the Church's mission.

Synodality and the laity

Synodality affirms that the Holy Spirit is at work in the lives of all the baptised.

Lay people are not simply helpers of clergy; they are active disciples called to witness to Christ in families, workplaces, and society. A synodal Church takes this vocation seriously.



Dandenong Deanery Council Dinner Program for 2026

Listening To: The Voices That Echo the Glory of God through Peace & Mercy

DATE: Wednesday 29th April 2026

VENUE: Graduate's Restaurant, St John's Regional College, Caroline Street, Dandenong **START:** 5.30pm for 5.45pm start **COST:** \$48 per person

3 course meal wine & Beer. **GUEST SPEAKER:** Dalal Smiley Wellsprings for Women CEO **RSVP:** By Friday 24th April 2026

Phone Paddy 0422 296 961 e-mail: dandenongdeanery@live.com.au

Feast Day – 23rd April – St George

Countless stories are told about St. George, including the famous episode of the dragon and the girl saved by the saint. According to the standard version of the legend, we hear that in the city of Selem in Libya, there was a large pond where a terrible dragon lived. To appease it, the inhabitants offered him two sheep a day and later a sheep and a child drawn by lot. One day the king's daughter was chosen, and while she was heading toward the pond, George passed by and pierced the dragon with his spear; a gesture that became a symbol of faith triumphing over evil.

Who was St. George?

George, whose name in Greek means “farmer,” was born to a Christian family in Cappadocia around the year 280. After moving to Palestine, he joined the army of Diocletian. When the emperor issued the edict of persecution against Christians in 303, George gave all his belongings to the poor and, in front of Diocletian himself, tore the document apart and professed his faith in Christ. For this he suffered terrible torture and was eventually beheaded.

Shortly after his death, a basilica was erected over the place of his burial in Lydda (modern-day Lod, in Israel). His relics are still visible today.

Among the most ancient documents attesting to the existence of St. George, a Greek epigraph from 368 found in Heraclea of Bethany speaks of the “house or church of the saints and triumphant martyrs George and companions”. A *Passio Georgii* was classified among the hagiographic works by the Gelasianum Decree of 496 and deemed apocryphal. There were many later redactions of the *Passio*, which informed subsequent legends.

From martyr to holy warrior

The crusaders contributed a great deal to transforming the figure of St. George the martyr into a holy warrior, seeing in the killing of the dragon a symbol for the defeat of Islam; Richard I of England (“the Lionheart”) invoked him as the protector of all soldiers. With the Normans the cult of St. George became firmly rooted in England where, in 1348, King Edward III established the Order of the Knights of St. George. Throughout the Middle Ages his figure inspired a great deal of epic literature.

Devotion to St George

St George is considered the patron of knights, soldiers, scouts, fencers and archers, among others; he is also invoked against the plague and leprosy, and against venomous snakes. In the absence of certain information about his life, in 1969 the Church changed the liturgical feast of St George to an optional memorial on the universal calendar. However, this change did not affect devotion to the saint. The relics of the saint are found in different places of the world; in Rome the church of San Giorgio al Velabro has housed his skull from the time of Pope Zachariah.

As in the case of other saints wrapped in legend, the story of St George serves to remind the world of a fundamental idea, that good ultimately triumphs over evil. The fight against evil is a constant in human history. It is a battle cannot we cannot win on our own. Saint George was able to kill the dragon because God was acting in and through him. With Christ, evil will never have the last word.

Prayer to St George

St. George,

Heroic Catholic soldier and defender of your Faith, you dared to criticize a tyrannical Emperor and were subjected to horrible torture. You could have occupied a high military position but you preferred to die for your Lord.

Obtain for us the great grace of heroic Christian courage that should mark soldiers of Christ. Amen

Source: Vatican News – Saint of the Day
<https://www.catholic.org/saints>

Third Sunday of Easter (Year A)

First Reading - Acts 2:14,22-33

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me.

So my heart was glad
and my tongue cried out with joy;
my body, too, will rest in the hope
that you will not abandon my soul to Hades
nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.
You have made known the way of life to me,
you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 15(16):1-2,5,7-11

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.'

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay.

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever.

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Second Reading - 1 Peter 1:17-21

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living

away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:

make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

Gospel - Luke 24:13-35

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast. Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.' Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself. When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?' They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.