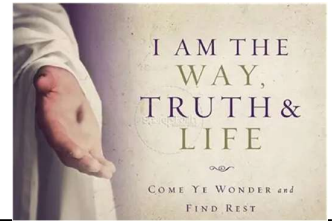




St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

H A M P T O N P A R K



Fifth Sunday Of Easter (Year A) – 3rd May 2026

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

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 the families who contributed to the food sales held on 18th April, 25th and 26th April. Together you raised **\$4060** towards the grotto. Thank you to Brian and Maryann D'Souza, Bernard and Anne King, Doreen Smith, Arvin and Amelia Vincent and family, Andrea and Karunakaran and family, Clinton and Petal Brambleby.

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 on Friday, 22nd May

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

Duration: Ten consecutive sessions held weekly (Fridays)

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.

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.

Parish Office Closed on Thursday, 7th May

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, 7th May. For urgent enquiries, please call and leave a message and we will contact you.

Youth Group Meeting – 3rd May at 4pm in the School Hall

All youth aged Year 9 (school grade) to 25 years are invited to attend the next youth group meeting being held on Sunday, 3rd May from 4pm to 6pm in the School Hall. Come for the formation, fellowship and fun!

What's On

Monday, 4th May: 5-6pm: Junior Legion of Mary, **7.30pm** Talk in Church Foyer

Tuesday, 5th May: 4.30pm: Confirmation class

Wednesday, 6th May: 9am: Two Hearts Devotion

4.30pm: Reconciliation Class

Thursday, 7th May: 7.15pm: Baptism Preparation meeting

Friday, 8th May: 5pm: Mothers who pray for their Children (Office)

ROSTERS for 9th & 10th May

Readers & Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion please see the Notice Board for Rosters.

CHURCH CLEANERS

Team 2: Antonio, Samangi, Eileen, Joelle, Rennla, Kerwin

COUNTERS

Team 1: Anne, Michael, Tyronie, Rene, Alexandra, Kharece

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$5554.45

Unpledged: \$2490.25

Presbytery: \$2477.40

This Sunday we Pray Thanksgiving

Marcus Mathews

Philip, Sandra and Nathan D'Souza

Victor D'Souza Jr.

Jason Large

Callum and Clarissa Perera

Vanessa Moore

Yvonne and Brian Martin

Philip and Anita

Philip and Merilla Gonsalves

Andrew and Rosalie Simpson

For those who are sick:

K. Seraphin

Rosario Giaquinta

Patrick

Sandra Wills

Elcira Baez

Greg Jacobs

Dominique

For those who have died recently:

Lynne Hunter

Rakesh Bharat

Jennifer Dirckze

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.

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Monica Maguire, Frank Matthews, Gertrude Hyacinth Abraham, Mina and Dereck Kelaart, Rita Vincent, Monica Heart, Lucy Mary Anthony, J. Theresa, Daisy Rebello, Treasa Englantine Fernandez, Vincent Hector Fernandez, Barbara Pontin

Deacon Graeme's farewell – 23rd and 24th May

Deacon Graeme will be with us at the 5pm mass on Saturday, 23rd May and the 11am mass on Sunday, 24th May. We will have a cuppa after those masses to thank Deacon Graeme for his service in our parish.

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal – 9th and 10th May

Next weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal (previously held during the month of August).

CatholicCare Victoria is the Church's mission in action - empowering communities and building strength and resilience, to enable everyone to reach their full potential and live life to the full.

Your kindness and generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families in our community.

Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.

You can donate using the appeal envelope available in our parish, donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9967 2515.

"For I was a stranger and you welcomed me." (Matthew 25:35)

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 9am & 11am masses or contact Anne 0412983993 or Mary 0418560331 to arrange payment and secure your seats.

Eucharist '28

Didasko – The Eucharist in Scripture

In preparation for the International Eucharistic Congress being held in Sydney in 2028, the Parish has signed up for a series of talks offered via Zoom. All are welcome to participate and attend the talks being held **at 7.30pm on Monday 4th May, Monday 11th May and Monday 18th May.**

Mario Baghos, Senior Lecturer in Theology at The University of Notre Dame Australia will be speaking on the following topics over the three sessions: Foreshadowings of the Eucharist in the Old Testament, the Eucharist in the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke), and finally the Eucharist in the Johannine corpus (the Gospel of John, his letters, and Revelation) and Paul's epistles. Please arrive at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start.

Mass Count in May

The 6th National Count of Attendance at Mass and Other (Sunday) Assemblies will take place in May 2026. This year marks a significant milestone—25 years of national attendance data, beginning with the first count in 2001. The 2026 results will provide valuable insights into long-term trends, particularly in understanding the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, which influenced attendance patterns in 2021.

May Devotion

May is the month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Join our parishioners who pray the rosary daily after weekday masses. St Kevin's online rosary group meets via Zoom at 6pm every evening. Find the link on the Parish website.

Melbourne Synod 2026

What synodality is NOT

Synodality is not about changing doctrine according to popular opinion. The faith handed down through the centuries is not negotiable. What synodality seeks to renew is how we live, communicate, and embody that faith in changing times.



Synodality and unity

Walking together does not mean everyone thinks the same way. The Church has always held unity alongside diversity. Synodality helps us learn how to disagree respectfully, discern patiently, and remain united in Christ even amid differences.

Why discernment is essential

Discernment is more than discussion. It is a prayerful process of seeking God's will. In a Synod, time is given to silence, prayer, and reflection so that decisions emerge from faith, not haste.

Synodality begins locally

Synodality is lived first in parishes, schools, families, and communities. When people feel heard and valued locally, the Church becomes more credible and more missionary.

Caritas Lebanon Emergency Relief Appeal

As Lebanon sits under a fragile ceasefire following weeks of intense missile fire and mass displacement, humanitarian organisations are racing to reach civilians trapped in hard-to-access areas of the country's south, where many cannot safely leave and essential supplies have been cut off.

Since the escalation of the conflict in March, more than 2,000 people have been killed and over 1 million people displaced nationwide.

The scale of need comes amid ongoing economic hardship and pre-existing vulnerabilities, compounding the impact on communities already struggling to access essential services.

Caritas Lebanon has organised multiple humanitarian convoys to front-line and hard-to-reach villages in southern Lebanon — areas where supply chains have been disrupted, road access remains constrained, and communities face growing risks of isolation from essential services.

Caritas Australia stands in solidarity with our partners who are working in the region and provide the assistance required.

You can learn more or make a donation here – www.caritas.org.au/lebanon

Pope Leo's prayer intention for May

That everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

Parish Finance Committee Report 2025

St Kevin's Finance Committee would like to present the following report for the period January to December 2025.

St Kevin's Parish Hampton Park January to December							
Income	2026	2025	2024	Expenditure	2026	2025	
	Budget	Actual	Actual		Budget	Actual	
Thanksgiving income	\$ 450,000	\$ 460,063	\$ 452,621	Administration costs (Staff costs, stationery, telephone, office expenses)	\$ 126,815	\$ 156,023	
Donations	\$ 15,000	\$ 18,719	\$ 19,573	Property costs (Utilities, Rates & taxes, repairs, etc.)	\$ 48,933	\$ 56,641	
Bank interest	\$ 55,800	\$ 68,522	\$ 97,705	Insurance	\$ 25,000	\$ 19,287	
ATO refund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,205	Pastoral & Liturgical costs (Church requisites, Liturgical expenses)	\$ 54,458	\$ 72,830	
Other income	\$ 5,750	\$ 6,993	\$ 850	Archdiocesan levies	\$ 58,116	\$ 42,192	
Total Operating Income	\$ 526,550	\$ 554,297	\$ 589,954	Total Operating Expenses	\$ 313,322	\$ 346,973	
				Net Operating Surplus	\$213,228	\$207,324	
Capital donations				Capital works			
Renovation project including Grotto	\$ 75,000	\$ 115,224	\$ -	Architect fees for Renovation project	\$ -	\$ 105,000	
Stations of the Cross	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,138	Stations of the Cross	\$ -	\$ 2,553	
Social Group	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 32,000	Security cameras	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Capital Donations	\$ 75,000	\$ 115,224	\$ 61,138	Sound system upgrade	\$ -	\$ -	
				Total Capital Spending	\$ -	\$ 107,553	
Total Income including Capital donations	\$ 601,550	\$ 669,521	\$ 651,092	Total Expenses including capital works	\$ 313,322	\$ 454,526	
				TOTAL Net Surplus for the Year	\$288,228	\$214,995	

Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year A)

First Reading - Acts 6:1-7

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 32(33):1-2,4-5,18-19

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love.

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Second Reading – 1 Peter 2:4-9

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for

you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia!

Gospel - John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house;
if there were not, I should have told you.

I am going now to prepare a place for you,
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,
I shall return to take you with me;

so that where I am

you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going,
so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too.

From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall
be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said

Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father,
so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?

Do you not believe

that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself:
it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say

that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;

believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other
reason.

I tell you most solemnly,

whoever believes in me

will perform the same works as I do myself,

he will perform even greater works,

because I am going to the Father.'