



St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

H A M P T O N P A R K



The Ascension of The Lord (Year A) – 17th May 2026

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

Parish Coordinator: Mrs. Macrina Martin

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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.**

St Kevin's Feast Day Celebration - Sunday 7th June

We need your help!

Our parish family is joyfully preparing to celebrate the Feast Day of our patron, St Kevin of Glendalough, a beautiful opportunity to come together in faith, unity, and gratitude. Following the **11am Holy Mass (approx. 12:30pm)**, we will gather as one community to share food, culture, and the richness of who we are, united in Christ. This is a joyful reflection of our vibrant parish, where each culture, family, and person brings something unique and meaningful.

We are deeply grateful to our wonderful volunteers whose generosity and service bring these celebrations to life each year. This year, we warmly invite both familiar and new faces to be part of it, there is a place for everyone.

We especially encourage new and emerging communities within our parish to step forward and be part of this celebration, sharing your culture, traditions and gifts with us.

Get Involved: Clipboards will be available in the foyer to add your name and contact details, share your gifts and join a community.

Come and be part of this special day as we celebrate, connect and grow together in Christ.

Update on the Bottle and Can collection

Thank you for donating to our Can and Bottle Fundraiser which raises funds for the building of our grotto. We raised **\$507.20** in April. Our total for this year is **\$1687.00**. We look forward to your ongoing support.

Mass count in May

Over all the weekends in May as part of the census we are required to count the number of attendees at each mass. We ask for your cooperation as we participate in this national mass count.

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.

Altar Servers training – Sunday, 14th June at 3pm in the Church

All altar servers and those interested in joining the ministry are invited to attend the next altar servers training session being held on Sunday, 14th June at 3pm in the Church.

Baptism Preparation Meeting – Thursday, 4th June at 7.15pm in the Church

What's On

Monday, 18th May: 5-6pm: Junior Legion of Mary,
7.30pm Didasko Formation Talk in Church Foyer

Tuesday, 19th May: 4.30pm: Confirmation class

Wednesday, 20th May: 9am: Two Hearts Devotion
4.30pm: Reconciliation Class

Friday, 22nd May: 5pm: Mothers who pray for their Children (Office)
7pm: Alpha Program (School Hall)

ROSTERS for 23rd & 24th May

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

CHURCH CLEANERS

Team 4: Samoan Choir

COUNTERS

Team 3: Sumith, Samantha, Ransiri, Ferdinand, Gilbert, Marilyn, Priscilla

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$5205.15

Unpledged: \$2459.90

Presbytery: \$2259.00

Thank you!

This Sunday we Pray

Thanksgiving

Tomasi Mulitalo

Prosper Family

Claudia Edouard

Stany and Carmine Menezes

Nithin Cordeiro

Angelica Giaquinta

For those who are sick:

For all the sick in our Parish

K. Seraphin

Rosario Giaquinta

Sandra Wills

Elcira Baez

Greg Jacobs

Dominique

For those who have died recently:

Josette Andree Jeanne

Wayne Collins

Louis Fanfan

Katarina Fualilia Fa'atui

Rev. Fr. Aloysius Patrick Carvalho

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 this weekend

Monday, 18th May: St John I, Pope

Wednesday, 20th May: St Bernardine of Siena

Thursday, 21st May: St Christopher Magallanes and Companions

Friday, 22nd May: St Rita of Cascia

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Tilak De Silva, Walter Lockwood, Daisy Regaldia, Gloria Pastorpile, Philomena Kelaart, Alan Davies, Souls of Prosper and Godere Families, Marie Coulon, Joseph Malowney, Mina Fatima Cordeiro, Dominic Jude Abraham, Luke Abraham, Starr Family, George, Margie and Robert Taylor

Project Compassion Appeal 2026: Thank you!

Thank you for your generous support of the Caritas Project Compassion Lenten Appeal, this year we raised a total amount of **\$9350.45**. Your generosity through Project Compassion this year empowers some of the world's most vulnerable people to build better lives for themselves, their families, and their communities. Thank you so much for being part of Project Compassion 2026.

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 - 18th May, 1st June, 15th June, 22nd June and 30th June**. Please arrive at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start.

FRANCISCUS: Celebrating 800 Years of St Francis of Assisi!

The Capuchin Franciscan Friars are hosting a 2-day Conference at St Anthony's, Hawthorn on the weekend of 30th-31st May to celebrate this Jubilee Year of St Francis of Assisi; to reflect upon and share about the amazing life and enduring legacy of this great saint. Each day will commence with registration at 8:30am and a 9am talk; each day concluding at 5pm. Across the 2 days, there will be six talks, a workshop, a Q&A Panel, as well as daily Mass and concluding each day with Evening Prayer. Light lunch provided. No registration fee but there will be the opportunity to donate to support the running of the Conference. For more details, and to Register: <https://www.trybooking.com/DMBUF>

Pray for Persecuted Christians in Nigeria

Christians in Nigeria continue to suffer greatly for their faith, yet many persevere with deep trust in Christ and devotion to Our Lady.

Aid to the Church in Need invites you to join with John, a Catholic farmer in Nigeria, in praying a decade of the Rosary this week for persecuted Christians and all who suffer for their faith.

Visit www.rebrand.ly/RedRosary26

Melbourne Synod 2026

A listening Church is a credible Church

In a world where many feel ignored or dismissed, a Church that listens becomes a sign of hope. Synodality teaches us that listening can heal wounds and rebuild trust.



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.

***“You are the light of the world.
A city built on a hill cannot be hidden.” Matthew 5:14***



Foundations of Faith

From its beginnings, St Patrick’s has been built on faith and generosity. Migrant communities raised its walls and enriched it through their presence. Today, that same foundation calls us forward. Light into the City renews the Cathedral as a mother church for Melbourne’s many cultures, a place where diverse communities and faiths converge in mutual respect and shared spirituality. Here, the light of Christ shines through every language, tradition and generation.

Archbishop’s Message

“I envision St Patrick’s Cathedral precinct as a Light into the City: a welcoming home of prayer, pilgrimage and mercy; a beacon of beautiful liturgy and sacramental life; a centre for formation, culture and dialogue; and a hub of charity, outreach and reconciliation. Renewed for mission, it will gather diverse communities, serve the vulnerable, and stand as a spiritual and civic heart for Melbourne.” -Most Rev Peter A Comensoli

About the renewal

Light into the City is a five to ten-year vision that involves the careful and necessary restoration of St Patrick’s Cathedral and heritage buildings, and the renewal of the Cathedral precinct. It will strengthen the Church’s mission to serve with mercy, hope and joy, ensuring this sacred site continues to welcome, gather and inspire generations to come. The Archbishop invites Catholics and the wider community to be part of Light into the City; a shared investment in faith, heritage and the future of the city.

Light into the City is a multi-year vision delivered in stages.

Stage one, beginning this year, is the most urgent. It includes the necessary restoration of the Cathedral, construction of a new adjacent assembly building, and landscaping to create a more accessible and welcoming precinct.

Stage two will restore and repurpose the Presbytery and Cardinal Knox Centre, with the intent to provide new culture, arts and social outreach facilities for wider community benefit.

The overall Light into the City vision contemplates a further, final stage involving the construction of new facilities for mission agencies. This stage is still in development and is not part of the Light into the City fundraising campaign.

St Kevin’s Parish would like to support this initiative through a collection that will be taken up on **7th June** at the St Kevin’s Feast day celebration.

We will have more planned collections towards this initiative that will be held over the next eighteen months. The total amount of funds raised will be sent to the Archdiocese in December 2027.

The Ascension of the Lord (Year A)

First Reading - Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 46(47):2-3,6-9

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth.

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

God is king of all the earth,
sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne.

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading – Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

Gospel - Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'