



St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) – 6th September 2026

Parish Centre

A: 120 Hallam Road,
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H: Tue to Fri 9.15am - 1:15pm

W: <https://www.melbcaholic.org/hamptonpark>

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.

First Friday – 6.30pm Rosary

7pm Sacred Heart devotion followed by Mass

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 (except on Monday)** 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.**

Happy Father's Day!

Happy Father's Day to all the dads and grandads in our Parish. May the Lord give you strength, courage and wisdom as you guide your families.

Saint Joseph, guardian of Jesus and chaste husband of Mary, you passed your life in loving fulfillment of duty.

You supported the holy family of Nazareth with the work of your hands.

Kindly protect those who trustingly come to you.

You know their aspirations, their hardships, their hopes.

They look to you because they know you will understand and protect them.

You too knew trial, labour and weariness.

But amid the worries of material life, your soul was full of deep peace and sang out in true joy through intimacy with God's Son entrusted to you and with Mary, his tender Mother.

Assure those you protect that they do not labour alone.

Teach them to find Jesus near them and to watch over Him faithfully as you have done. Amen.

Thank you!

Thank you to all who have baked and supported this weekend's bake sale. The funds raised through the bake sale and raffle will be used to refurbish the two statues of Our Lady, which will be placed in the new grotto.

Mauritian Food Sale – 12th and 13th of September

The Mauritian community will be organising a food sale on the weekend of Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th September to raise funds for the building of the grotto with a variety of savoury & sweet food available.

We will also be preparing fresh crepes for sale after the Sunday mass at 9am & 11am. Food and Cash donations are welcomed.

Please contact Veronique on 0416 170 018. *Thank you for your support.*

Raffle tickets on Sale this weekend

A raffle will be drawn on 6th September after the 11am mass. Tickets are on sale in the foyer on Sunday. Ticket price: \$5

Altar Servers Training – Sunday, 13th September at 3pm

Plant Sale – 26th and 27th September

There will be a plant sale on 26th and 27th September, anyone with a green thumb would like to prep some pots and contribute it for the sale, that would be appreciated. Plants to be dropped off in the week of the sale.

What's On

Monday, 7th September: RCIA Topic: Introduction To Old and New Testament

Tuesday, 8th September: 9.15am and 7pm: Mass for the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, 9th September: 9.15am: Two Hearts Devotion

4.30pm: Parish First Holy Communion class

Friday, 11th September: Mothers who pray for their Children (Office)

ROSTERS for 12th & 13th September

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: \$5279.00

Unpledged: \$2438.80

Presbytery: \$2708.20

This Sunday we Pray**Thanksgiving**

Jada Crasto
Monica Scurville
Erica Scurville
Nathan Scurville
Elena Laugalis
Jim Masson
Trinon Pereira
Florence Pereira
Winston D'Silva

For those who are sick:

Anna
Sylvio Maingard
Emileja Silas
Nijole Uskiene
Eugenja Zelviene
Mario De Leon
Audrey Puri
Adam Murray
Pedro Pastorili
Angela Hunter
Amber Elke Faska
Liam Roach
Mario de Leon
Rosario Giaquinta
Sandra Wills

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

Tuesday, 8th September: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, 9th September: St Peter Claver

For those who have died recently:

Matthew Clement Waring

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Joseph Crasto, Kenneth Paris, Dean Moses, Warner Balm, Austin Peters, Herve Ramsaha, Luc and Yvette Antoine, Shirley Machaya, Benamine Dodin, Doris Fernandez, Edward Cutinha, Mark Francis, Marie Roseline Fanfan

Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office will be closed on **Thursday, 17th September** as staff will be attending an Archdiocese event. During the school holidays, the Parish Office will be open only on **Tuesday, 22nd September** and **Tuesday, 29th September**. Phone calls and emails will be monitored.

Caritas Australia: Nepal Floods Appeal

Communities in northern Nepal are facing a humanitarian crisis after devastating flash floods swept through the Rasuwa District on 26 August. Over 1,000 people have lost their lives, many remain missing, and thousands of families have been affected. Homes, roads, bridges, schools and essential infrastructure have been destroyed, leaving vulnerable communities in urgent need of support.

Caritas Australia is working with Caritas Nepal and local partners to provide lifesaving assistance, including emergency shelter, food, safe drinking water, healthcare and protection support for affected families.

Together, we can provide urgent relief and hope to families rebuilding their lives in Nepal. To donate to the Caritas Australia Nepal Floods Appeal, visit www.caritas.org.au/nepal or call 1800 024 413.

OLHC Spiritual Renewal Ministry (SRM) a Catholic Charismatic prayer group is hosting a NON-STOP FULL BIBLE READING at OLHC Parish Narre Warren from 24th September. Details on the flyer in the foyer.

Live Your Best Life in Love...

A Marriage Encounter weekend is a gift for every married couple and priest. Time-out to focus on your most precious relationships. No group sharing is required.

The weekend is based on Catholic values and couples of all faiths are very welcome. Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend: **November 6-8th, 2026**

St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South.

Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm

Information/Bookings: Please phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

KSC Information Night

The Knights of the Southern Cross are hosting an Information Evening on Wednesday September 9. Please contact Carmine Miranda at 0412 817 995 or carminemiranda5@gmail.com for further information.

KSC Archbishop's Dinner- Friday October 16, 2026

The 26th Knights of the Southern Cross Archbishop's Dinner for the Priests Support and Education Fund will be held at Grand Star Reception and Convention Centre Altona North on Friday October 16, anyone interested in attending, would like more information, or make a donation to the Fund to assist our seminarians should contact Andrew Vaccaro at avaccaro@internode.on.net or 0404 390 824 by Friday September 11.

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Feast Day – 8th September

This is one of the most ancient Marian feasts. It is thought that this feast originated in connection with the Feast of the dedication of a church dedicated to Mary, now the Church of St Ann, in Jerusalem in the 6th century. Tradition holds that this is where the house of Mary's parents, Joachim and Ann, stood and where she would have been born. The Feast began to be celebrated in Rome in the 8th century with Pope Sergius I (+ 8 September 701). It is the third such feast of a "nativity" on the Roman Calendar: the Nativity of Jesus, the Son of God (Christmas); the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist (24 June); and the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (8 September). Nothing can be found in the Gospels to confirm this feast. They do not even give the names of her parents, which are based on a tradition that stems from the 2nd century Protoevangelium (apocryphal) Gospel of James. The primary event in Mary's life always remains the Annunciation. The Church looks on her as the Mother of God, but even more so as the disciple who can best offer us an example and model of the Christian life. In her faith, in her obedience to her Son, in the way she made herself a neighbor toward her cousin Elizabeth and to the couple in Cana on their wedding day, Mary is the woman to imitate especially in the trust shown during the darkest moments in the life of Jesus, her Son. Here, and in many other moments, she explains why the people of God know they can find their refuge and comfort, help and protection in her. In Milan, evidence of the celebration of this feast dates back to the 10th century. A cathedral to the "newborn Mary" was consecrated on 20 October 1572 by Saint Charles Borromeo. It was there, on Santa Sofia Street, that a shrine was built that housed a statue of Baby Mary, entrusted to the Sisters of Charity of Saints Bartolomea and Vincenza. Expressing her own personal devotion, a Franciscan nun from Todi, Sister Chiara Isabella Fornari, made several wax statues of the newborn Mary wrapped in swaddling clothes from 1720 to 1730. One of these images was donated in 1739 to the Capuchin Sisters of Blessed Mary of the Angels in Milan. These sisters spread her devotion, which in the Ambrogian tradition found particularly fertile terrain. This institute, along with many other institutions of women religious, was suppressed from 1782 to 1842 due to a decree first promulgated by Emperor Joseph II and then by Napoleon. The statue of Mary was taken by some of the Capuchin sisters to an Augustinian convent, then to the Lateran Canonesses. It was later entrusted to the parish priest, Father Luigi Bosisio, so he could give it to a religious institute that would keep the devotion alive. Finally, the statue ended up in the General House of the Sisters of Charity of Lovere, a religious congregation founded in 1832 by Bartolomea Capitanio. The statue of Baby Mary became so popular there that, even till this day, the sisters of this congregation are popularly known as the Sisters of "Baby Mary". One story written in a chronicle in 1884 goes like this: "it was 7:00 am on 9 September 1884.... The mother went to the infirmary to visit the sick and, took the holy image from bed to bed to each of the sick sisters so they could kiss it. She reached the postulant, Giulia Macario, who had been gravely ill for a few days. She made an effort to draw near to the Heavenly Baby, and with tender words, asked to be healed. She immediately felt a mysterious tremor throughout her body. 'I am healed!' she exclaimed. She got up and began to walk". Since then, every year on 9 September, the feast of "the day of the miracle" is celebrated. This popular devotion continued to spread due to numerous graces obtained.

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us' (Mt 1:18-23).

First Reading – Ezekiel 33:7-9

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 94:1-2, 6-9

***O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.***

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord.

***O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.***

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand.

***O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.***

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my
work.'

***O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.***

Second Reading - Romans 13:8-10

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

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 - Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'