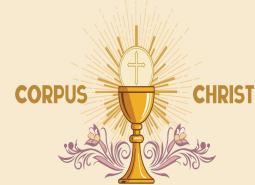




St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Year A) – 7th June 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: <https://www.melbatholic.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 Feast to all our parishioners!

Prayer to St Kevin

Saint Kevin, your holiness and miraculous healing have inspired many to seek your Intercession. Pray for our community, that we may be safe from harm and blessed with health, peace, and unity. Teach us to be kind to those in need and to live lives of peace and holiness, reflecting God's light to others. When our faith is tested, strengthen us to remain hopeful and trust in God's loving guidance. May your example lead us closer to God each day. Amen.

Information about Parish Groups on our new Parish Website

St Kevin's community is blessed with many Parish groups carrying out many ministries within our Parish. Now that we have a new website, we would like to highlight the work of our various ministries. As of now, we have content on the Parish Pastoral council, Finance Team and Safeguarding Team. We would like to build on this and ask all of our other ministries to please send us a high-definition picture of your team along with a write up on your work. Please include the time and day that you meet, so that those who are interested might join your group.

Light into the City

St Kevin's Parish would like to support the Archdiocese's Light into the City initiative to refurbish St Patrick's Cathedral through a collection that will be taken up on 7th June at the St Kevin's Feast Day celebration. You may also use the eftpos machines in the church foyer to donate. 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.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process of Christian formation for those seeking full communion with the Catholic church. At St Kevin's, the program begins in August this year. If you are interested in joining our RCIA program, please use the QR code to fill in a form.



Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart - Friday, 12th June – 9.15am and 6.30pm Mass

Memorial wall Thanksgiving Wall



To purchase a
plaque(s) Please
Scan QR Code

What's On

Tuesday, 9th June: 4.30pm: Confirmation class

Wednesday, 10th June: 4.30pm: Reconciliation Class

Friday: 12th June: 9.15am and 6.30pm: Mass for the Feast of The Most Sacred Heart

ROSTERS for 13th & 14th June

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, Alejandra, Kharece

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$5136.90

Unpledged: \$2175.40

Presbytery: \$2081.05

This Sunday we Pray

Thanksgiving

Philip, Sandra and Nathan D'Souza

Hazel Thomas and family

Mary Pastorpile

Claudia Rico

Priscilla Anthony

Chloe Anthony

Sofia and Isabella Alzona

Louisa Maria Pereira

Laron Alphonse Pereira

For those who are sick:

Rafael

Prudence Hardman

Ian Arnold

For all the sick in our Parish

K. Seraphin

Rosario Giaquinta

Sandra Wills

Elcira Baez

Greg Jacobs

Dominique

For those who have died recently:

Lily Hayes

Jessalyn Hope Rico

Appolin Arputharaj

Rufino Carvajal Dacasin Jr.

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, 9th June: St Ephraem

Thursday, 11th June: St Barnabas

Friday, 12th June: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday, 13th June: St Anthony of Padua

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Mary and Victor De Souza, Philomena and Kenneth Paris, Austin Peters, Walter Lockwood, Milroy Jansz, Herbert Thomas, Ernest and Geoffrey Atkinson, Brendan and Ian Parnell, Charles and Iris Dennis, Creswell Joseph Abraham, S. Michael Perera, Dereck and Philomena Kelaart, Dolly and Tommy Lane. Carlyle Lane, Leslie MacDonald, Pius Harold Francis, Royston Caszo

Catholic Mission Appeal – 13th and 14th June

Next weekend, we will have a third collection at all the masses for the annual Catholic Mission Appeal.

For Yamikani*, getting to school means walking long distances in pain, often without enough food or strength to make the journey. For many families in vulnerable and remote areas like rural Malawi, education has become an impossible choice.

But there is hope. Led by Fr Matthew Semba, a new primary school is being built, offering children a safe place to learn, grow, and look ahead with renewed possibility.

This World Mission Month, you are invited to share in this mission, standing with families as they rebuild their lives and create a brighter future for their children.

**Name changed for privacy*

Save the Date: August 8th 2026 - Samoan Community Social

In preparation for another fun night to support our fundraising towards the Grotto. More details to follow in the coming weeks otherwise please contact Telesia on 0416272352 or Emeli 0424956123

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 15th June, 22nd June and 30th June**. Please arrive at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start.

Pope's Prayer Intention for June - For the values of sports

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

Melbourne Synod 2026

Synodality and the margins



A synodal Church pays attention to voices often overlooked:

the poor, the wounded, the disaffected, and those who feel distant from the Church. Their experiences matter, and their stories can teach us where renewal is most needed.

Synodality requires humility

Walking together means recognising that no one has all the answers. Synodality invites humility—from leaders and from communities—so that the Spirit can guide us beyond our limitations.

Is synodality slow?

Synodality may seem slower than top-down decision-making, but it often leads to deeper, more lasting renewal. What is discerned together is more likely to be embraced together.

St Kevin of Glendalough

Kevin's Early Life — A Call to Solitude

St. Kevin (Irish: Caoimhín; Old Irish: Coemgen) was born around 498 AD into a noble Leinster family. From a young age, he showed a deep spiritual inclination, preferring prayer, study, and silence over worldly pursuits. He trained under holy men such as St. Petroc and went on to study at prominent early-Christian schools, where he became known for wisdom and gentleness.

Like many early Celtic saints, Kevin felt drawn to solitude—not out of rejection of the world, but as a way to seek deeper intimacy with God. Eventually he withdrew into the remote Wicklow Valley, a wild and rugged landscape of forests, lakes, and mountain slopes. There he lived as a hermit in a small cave now known as “St. Kevin’s Bed,” perched above the Upper Lake.

These early years of ascetic life formed Kevin’s character. He prayed, fasted, studied Scripture, and embraced simplicity. Nature became both his companion and his teacher—a hallmark of early Irish spirituality.

Glendalough — A Monastic Haven in the Valley of Two Lakes

Kevin’s solitude did not last forever. His holiness drew followers who visited the valley seeking instruction and spiritual guidance. Over time, he founded a monastery that grew into one of Ireland’s most important early Christian settlements: Glendalough, meaning “Valley of the Two Lakes.”

Glendalough developed into a thriving monastic community known for:

Scholarship — monks studied Scripture, copied manuscripts, and preserved learning.

Hospitality — travelers, pilgrims, and students found refuge in the peaceful valley.

Architecture — the site eventually included a round tower, stone churches, beehive huts, and hermitages.

Prayer and contemplation — Kevin’s emphasis on silence shaped the community’s spiritual rhythm.

The monastery became a center of pilgrimage for centuries. Its scenic beauty—mirrored lakes, oak forests, and misty mountains—enhanced its reputation as a place where heaven and earth seemed to touch.

Even after Kevin’s death in 618 AD, Glendalough continued to flourish for hundreds of years, surviving Viking raids, political turmoil, and shifting cultural landscapes. Today, it remains one of Ireland’s most iconic heritage sites.

Legends and Stories of St. Kevin

The life of St. Kevin is rich with stories that blend history, folklore, and spiritual symbolism. These tales reflect Ireland’s deep affection for him and its tradition of seeing holiness in harmony with the natural world.

The Blackbird’s Nest

One of the most beloved legends tells how Kevin stood in prayer with his arms outstretched. A blackbird landed in his hand, built a nest, and laid eggs. Rather than disturb the creature, Kevin remained still until the chicks hatched. This story symbolizes patience, gentleness, and respect for creation.

Kevin and the Animals

Like many Celtic saints, Kevin was said to have a special bond with animals. Stories describe him feeding deer, calming wild beasts, and blessing the valley’s creatures. These legends highlight the harmony between the spiritual life and the natural world—a major theme in early Irish Christianity.

Miracles and Healings

Accounts describe Kevin healing the sick, guiding lost travelers, and offering wise counsel to kings and commoners alike. His presence brought peace, and his prayers were believed to protect the valley.

A Life of Simplicity

Kevin’s sanctity was rooted not in heroic feats, but in humility, prayer, and a life lived close to God. His love of solitude remained central even as he guided a large monastic community.

These stories, whether literal or symbolic, reveal the heart of a man deeply attuned to both the divine and the natural world.

St. Kevin of Glendalough stands as one of Ireland’s great spiritual figures—a hermit turned mentor, a poet of nature, and a founder of one of the island’s most beloved monastic valleys. His life calls us to simplicity, reverence, and peace. Whether encountered through legend, landscape, or prayer, Kevin remains a gentle guide whose influence continues to soften hearts and shape Ireland’s sacred imagination.

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Year A)

First Reading - Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not become proud of heart. Do not forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 147:12-15,19-20

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

Zion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates
he has blessed the children within you.

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

He established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command.

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees.

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

Sequence - Lauda, Sion

Behold the bread of angels, sent
For pilgrims in their banishment,
The bread for God's true children meant,

That may not unto dogs be given:
Oft in the olden types foreshowed;
In Isaac on the altar bowed,
And in the ancient paschal food,
And in the manna sent from heaven.

Come then, good shepherd, bread divine,
Still show to us thy mercy sign;
Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine;
So may we see thy glories shine
In fields of immortality;

O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best,
Our present food, our future rest,
Come, make us each thy chosen guest,
Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest
With saints whose dwelling is with thee.
Amen. Alleluia.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia!

Gospel - John 6:51-58

Jesus said to the crowd:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.' Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'