



St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



The Most Holy Trinity (Year A) – 31st May 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

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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.

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.**

New Parish Website

Our Parish has a new website <https://www.melbcatholic.org/hamptonpark>
Check it out to find information about the sacraments and parish news.

Thank You!

We would like to thank Howard Fernandez for his dedication in creating and maintaining our previous website for several years.



Light into the City

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.

ROSTERS for 6th & 7th June

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

CHURCH CLEANERS

Team 1: Sophia, Fred, Miriam, Veronique, Cyril

COUNTERS

Team 5: Lorna, Mervyn, Anita, Howard, Jennifer, Cheryl, Owen, Ian

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$4933.00

Unpledged: \$2987.25

Presbytery: \$2180.25

**This Sunday we Pray
Thanksgiving**

Maria Ivelja

Andrew and Rosalie Simpson

Recardo Pastorpile

Philip, Sandra and Nathan D'Souza

Jermain Eli Pereira

For those who are sick:

Rafael

Prudence Hardman

Ian Arnold

Lily Hayes

For all the sick in our Parish

K. Seraphin

Rosario Giaquinta

Sandra Wills

Elcira Baez

Greg Jacobs

Dominique

For those who have died recently:

Aslyne Stokoe

Wayne Collins

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, 1st June: St Justin

Tuesday, 2nd June: Saints Marcellinus and Peter

Wednesday, 3rd June: St Kevin, St Charles Lwanga & Companions

Friday, 5th June: St Boniface

Saturday, 6th June: St Norbert, St Marcellin Champagnat

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Lucette Brabant, Patricia Lebon, Walter Lockwood, Arokya Mary Salome, Natalia Large, Mary and Vincent Chen, Thaiman Chen, Magdalena Sabljak, Dino Fernandez, Mignoune Yates, Margaret Woodfall, Eugene Woodfall, Simon Chen, Rose Winifred, Philomena and Dereck Kelaart, Norman Dubier, Ann Dubier, Avis Hooper, Michael Gomes, Jose Augustin, Lorenzo De Mesa

St Kevin's Feast Day – Sunday 7th June

With only one week to go until our Feast Day celebration, we are once again reaching out for support. Firstly, thank you to all parishioners who have already contributed so generously toward making this day so special.

We are currently seeking donations for the Sri Lankan and Indian stalls, including:

* Yellow rice * Chicken curry

As well as:

* Desserts * Cash donations * Other contributions as you feel called to give

If you would like to help, please add your name, contact details, and donation on the clipboards available in the foyer.

Your generosity helps bring our parish community together in faith, fellowship, and celebration as we honour our patron, St Kevin of Glendalough.

We look forward to sharing this joyful day with you all.

Food Sale – Saturday, 6th June

Our parishioners will be selling food after the 5pm and 7pm masses on

Saturday, 6th June to raise funds for the building of the new grotto.

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

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

For more information on Baptisms at St Kevin's, please see the Sacraments Section of the Parish website.

Melbourne Corpus Christi Procession - Sunday 7th June 2026

2pm – Begins at St Patrick's Cathedral and concludes at Fed Square

What's On

Monday, 1st June: 5-6pm: Junior Legion of Mary,

7.30pm Didasko Formation Talk in Church Foyer

Tuesday, 2nd June: 4.30pm: Confirmation class

Wednesday, 3rd June: 9.15am: St Kevin's Feast Mass (School mass- all welcome) 4.30pm: Reconciliation Class, **7pm:** Mass

Thursday, 4th June: 7.15pm: Baptism preparation meeting

Friday: 5th June: 6.30pm: Rosary

7pm: Sacred Heart devotion followed by First Friday Mass and Vigil

Magnifica Humanitas

Pope Leo XIV's first encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas* ("Magnificent Humanity"), addresses one of the defining questions of our age: how to safeguard human dignity in the era of artificial intelligence. Signed on May 15, 2026, and released on May 25, 2026, the document explores technology, human identity, work, truth, and the Christian vision of authentic humanity.

Brief Summary of *Magnifica Humanitas*

Magnifica Humanitas acknowledges familiar concerns about AI, including job insecurity, manipulation of information, privacy violations, ideological bias, autonomous weapons, and a futuristic vision of an "enhanced human being." But Pope Leo XIV identifies a deeper danger: that human beings may begin to see themselves and others as projects "to be optimized" (*Magnifica Humanitas* 112).

Against this, the encyclical teaches that human limits such as illness, aging, suffering, and vulnerability are not simply defects to be corrected; rather, human beings often flourish through their limitations, where they can discover wisdom, experience the closeness of others, and encounter the Lord (MH 118–119). Therefore, AI should serve humanity not by tempting us to escape limitation through optimization, but by supporting a life of "openness and communion" (MH 231).

Who is this encyclical for, and how should it be received?

Magnifica Humanitas is addressed "to all the Catholic faithful, to all Christians and to men and women of goodwill" (MH 16). According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the Catholic faithful are called to receive the pope's ordinary teaching with "religious assent" (CCC 892).

Christians who are not Catholic are invited to receive magisterial teaching, such as this papal encyclical, as a serious Christian reflection on what it means to remain human in the age of AI. Its biblical foundations, such as the Tower of Babel (Genesis 11:1–9), the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem under Nehemiah (Nehemiah 2–6), the Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14–30), and St. Paul's words that "power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9), offer a deeply Christian framework for discerning technology, human dignity, truth, work, and the common good.

Non-Christians are invited to receive it as a contribution to the shared moral conversation about humanity's future. Its central questions apply to all people: What is a human person? Should technology serve human dignity or reshape it? How do we protect truth, freedom, work, relationships, and especially those who are poor and vulnerable in an age of AI?

Why is it called *Magnifica Humanitas*?

The title is Latin for "magnificent humanity." It points to the document's teaching that no machine can replace the God-given magnificence of the human person. Pope Leo XIV writes: "We must lovingly safeguard the grandeur of humanity bestowed upon us and revealed in its fullness in Christ, the splendor of which no machine can ever replace" (MH 15).

What is the encyclical's most important message about AI?

The encyclical acknowledges familiar concerns about AI, including "job insecurity and inequality" (MH 151), "manipulation of information or violations of privacy" (MH 102), "ideological bias" (MH 102), "autonomous weapons systems" (MH 197), and "a futuristic vision of an 'enhanced human being'" (MH 115).

But Pope Leo XIV identifies a deeper danger: that human beings may begin to see themselves and others as projects "to be optimized" (MH 112). The encyclical teaches that what seems to be human "limits," such as "incapacity, illness, old age, suffering, [and] vulnerability," must not be seen simply as "a defect to be corrected." Rather, the magnificence of humanity is that we flourish "not despite [our] limitations, but often through them" (MH 118). In those moments, we can "discover a new wisdom, tangibly experience the closeness of others and encounter the presence of the Lord" (MH 119). Therefore, AI should serve the common good of humanity not by tempting us to escape human limitation through optimization, but by supporting a life of "openness and communion" (MH 231).

What are some practical takeaways from this encyclical?

Pope Leo XIV warns that "when efficiency becomes the ultimate measure of value, human beings are tempted to see themselves as a project to be optimized rather than as persons called to relationship and communion" (MH 112).

This means asking practical questions about AI-assisted technology in ordinary daily life:

Does it help me remain faithful to the truth, despite the most appealing content? (MH 237)

Does it help educate me and allow me to educate others? (MH 238)

Does it help me cultivate genuine closeness in relationships and cherish places and times where physical presence remains crucial? (MH 239) Does it help me participate in the promotion of justice and peace? (MH 240)

The encyclical is not a call to reject AI. It is a call to guide our development and use of AI toward the magnificence of humanity. (MH 4).

Read the whole encyclical at <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/encyclicals/documents/20260515-magnifica-humanitas.html>

Source: An extract from <https://ascensionpress.com/blogs/articles/a-complete-guide-to-pope-leo-s-encyclical-magnificent-humanitas>

First Reading - Exodus 34:4-6,8-9

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

Responsorial Psalm - Daniel 3:52-56

Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.

Glory and praise for ever!

Blest your glorious holy name.

Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest in the temple of your glory.

Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest on the throne of your kingdom.

Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest who gaze into the depths.

Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest in the firmament of heaven.

Glory and praise for ever!

Second Reading – 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:

to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

Gospel - John 3:16-18

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son,

so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost

but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world

not to condemn the world,

but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned;

but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already,

because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'