



St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) – 25th October 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:

safeguarding.hamptonpark@cam.org.au

Team

Parish Priest: Fr. Fabian Smith

Assistant Priest: Fr Antony Santhiyagu

Parish Coordinator: Mrs. Macrina Martin

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School Principals:

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.**

Thank you!

We would like to thank all those who helped with the Indian food experience to held on 17th and 18th October. A very special thanks to all who took the time to cook food and set up and pack up the hall. Thank you Briony D'Cruz for decorating the hall so beautifully. Together we raised **\$4900** towards the new grotto. Thank you for contributing your time, talent and treasure.

Thank you to the following people who cooked food last weekend: Rhonda and William Francis, John and Jackie Manion, Wilfred and Christina D 'Couto, Patty and Deanne King, Briony D'Cruz, Andrea and Karena Karunakaran, Arvin and Amelia Vincent, Carlton Vaz, Kevin and Michelle Vaz, Doreen Smith, Jayanthi Ganapathy, Philomena Peters, Ryan Martin, Regina and Thomas Abraham, Riny and Noble Thomas, Rozeta and Vincent Ambrose, Audrey Pereira, Annabelle Vaidyanathan, Aloysius and Charistina Woodfall, Stephen and Gina Thomas, Annette Fassioms, Fabio and Tanya Duram, Shiny, Manoj, Celina, Stephen.

Warren Peters and Anita Fernandez (Indian community Fundraising Coordinators)

The Man from Galilee – Gospel Music show on 8th November

Join our parish choirs for a Gospel music show at **6.30pm on Sunday, 8th November** in St Kevin's School Hall. **Tickets \$5** per person. Tickets on sale after all the masses this weekend. Raffle tickets available after all masses.

All Souls Day – Monday, 2nd November

To remember and pray for our loved ones, we will have two masses on All Souls Day – 9.15am and 7pm.

November Mass Intentions

The month of November has traditionally been the month we pray for and remember all those who have gone before us. If you would like to offer masses for your departed loved ones and the holy souls, please use the November mass intention envelope.

Anniversary masses for deceased members

For those wishing to offer masses for their loved ones whose anniversaries occur in the month of November, please follow the usual process. Please give your weekend mass intentions to the Parish Office by Wednesday night.

Save the Date – Memorial mass on Friday, 27th November at 7pm

Advent Program 2026 – Expression of Interest

Our Parish Advent program will be held on Mondays at 7pm. If you would like to join the Advent reflection group, please sign up on the sheets in the foyer.

What's On

Monday, 26th October: 7.30pm: Didasko Talk: The Eucharist and Morality

Tuesday, 27th October: 7pm: RCIA: **Topic:** The Church

Wednesday, 28th October: 9.15am: Two Hearts Devotion

Friday, 30th October: 5pm: Mothers who Pray for their Children (Parish Office)

ROSTERS for 31st Oct and 1st Nov.

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

CHURCH CLEANERS

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

COUNTERS

Team 1: Anne, Michael, Tyronie, Rene, Alejandra, Kharece, Merlyn

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$5623.40

Unpledged: \$2466.20

Presbytery: \$2444.35

This Sunday we Pray**Thanksgiving**

Winston and Angel D'Silva

Avellino Jones

Christine Sayers

Glissandra Matthews

Philip D'Souza

Alana Peters

Zachary Robbins

Ivy Quilley

Dennis and Shelly Aledo

Dean Aledo

Sofia Aledo

Dylan Aledo

Andrea Polydor

Kayla St-Mart

For those who are sick:

Ashley D'Souza

Mario De Leon

Anita Thoy

Tyronne Vannitamby

Liam Roach

Rosario Giaquinta

Sandra Wills

Pope's Prayer intention for October – For mental health ministry.

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

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

Wednesday, 28th October: St Simon and St Jude

For those who died recently:

Babylin Dacayanan Villar, Marie Haydee Travailleur, Andrew Banks, Clara Umrigar, Desmond D'Silva, Christine Balendra, Cindy Linder, Marcia Bezern Seixas, Tyron D'Coutho, Evelyn Escares

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

M.A. Fernandez (Tony), Tommy Lane, Jennifer Dirckze, Andrew Avellino Jones, Ceceilia Teresa Jones, Juntez family, Schafer Family, Medved Family, Terezija Brodar, Francisca Komar, Adolf Marcen, Iva Strous, Koistelic Family, Charles and Iris Dennis, Marilou Pacot (1st Death anniversary), Peter Wellington, Ilona and Nigel Gilles, Milton MacFarlane, Doris and Vernon Mannays, Jessica Jeremiah, Luis Flores, Edis Urbina, Lita Escobar, Lionel and Josephine Chatlier, George, Margie and Sandy Taylor, Pantaleon Enandris, Agapito Aledo, Josefa Cui, Rosalia Aledo, Rowena Tangarorane, Didier Lubin, Ruth Dubier

Fr Antony's Farewell and Ryan Martin's diaconate celebration

Fr Antony will be the main celebrant at the **11am mass on Sunday, 15th November**. Ryan will preach as deacon. Fr Antony's farewell and Ryan's diaconate celebration will be held after the mass in the School Hall. All are welcome to attend the celebration.

Ordination to the Diaconate

All parishioners are invited to witness the ordination to the diaconate of our parishioner Ryan Martin by Archbishop Peter Comensoli on **Saturday, 14th November at 10am at St Patrick's Cathedral**, Melbourne.

Bus for the Ordination

A bus has been organised from the parish to St Patrick's Cathedral. If you would like to reserve a seat on the bus, please fill in your name on the sign-up sheet and make a payment to Warren Peters in the foyer. The cost is \$20 per person.

October is the month of the holy rosary

Join us as we pray the rosary together every morning (except Wednesdays) after the 9.15am mass.

Or Join our Parish Rosary Group on Zoom at 6:00 PM daily.

Join our Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/98851874202?pwd=MmUntGHnK3bD3AyjeUCa9XmqEOJ69T.1>

Meeting ID: 988 5187 4202

Passcode: 032337

Children's Catechism Classes in October

The Sisters from the Alliance of the Holy family International will be conducting Catechism classes in our parish for children attending primary school. The classes will be held in St Kevin's School Hall on the following days after the 11am mass: 4th October, 11th October, 18th October, 25th October and 1st November.

**The Bethany Way – Introductory Retreat**

Open to all who wish to go deeper in their faith and encounter Christ anew. Saturday 31 October 2026, 12pm-4pm (11.30am Mass) Catholic Leadership Centre, East Melbourne Register <https://www.trybooking.com/au/event/1644191>

St Simon and St Jude – Feast Day – 28th October

St. Simon: Patron Saint of tanners, curriers, sawyers, and woodworkers

St. Jude: Patron Saint of desperate or difficult causes and hospitals

St. Jude Thaddeus and St. Simon, two of the least known Apostles, are paradoxically among the closest to their Master, two of his cousins. At least, the tradition is quite certain of it as regards Jude Thaddeus, since it is clear from the Scriptures that his father, Alpheus, was the brother of St. Joseph, while his mother, Mary Cleophas, was a cousin of the Virgin. As for Simon, things are shrouded in fog.

Many faces, an Apostle

The Gospel names St. Simon as the tenth apostle, just before Jude Thaddeus. Many identify in Simon the homonymous cousin of Christ, brother of James the Younger. The Byzantines identify in him Nathanael of Cana and the canteen director at the wedding of Cana, while St. Fortunatus of Poitiers states that Simon and Jude Thaddeus were buried in Suanir, a city in Persia, where they suffered martyrdom. According to tradition, it is almost certainly in this part of the world that Simon, known as the Zealot or the Canaanite, as the evangelists Matthew and Mark call him, crossed paths with Jude Thaddeus, who would be his companion in mission until the end.

Jude, the faithful disciple

When the Eleven dispersed from Jerusalem to proclaim the Kingdom of God in other lands, Jude Thaddeus departed from Galilee and Samaria to go into Syria, Armenia and ancient Persia. In this area, authoritative sources claim, he met Simon, and their missionary partnership won tens of thousands of Babylonians and people from other cities for Christ. As always, the Gospel earned for itself both followers and enemies: for the two Apostles, the hour of supreme witness eventually arrived.

The courage to be called Christians

Arrested and taken to the Temple of the Sun, the sentence imposed on both was to worship the goddess Diana, and so to deny Christ. In refusing, it is said that Jude Thaddeus declared pagan idols false, and that at the same time two horrible demons came out of the temple, destroying him. Frightened, the people watching the scene are said to have pounced ferociously on the two Apostles, who are brutally killed. Their relics are kept in the Basilica of Saint Peter.

How did St. Jude become the patron saint of difficult or “hopeless” causes?

The exact origin of St. Jude's association with desperate causes is uncertain, but devotion to him developed strongly during the Middle Ages and continued to grow. One traditional explanation is that Christians sometimes hesitated to seek his intercession because his name was associated with Judas Iscariot. As devotion increased, Jude became particularly known as a powerful intercessor when situations seemed beyond human help. Today, Catholics throughout the world turn to him in prayer when facing challenging circumstances, trusting in God's mercy and Providence through Jude's intercession.

How did Simon the Zealot and Matthew, a former tax collector, get along?

Historically and politically, Matthew and Simon represent a stark ideological contrast among the Twelve Apostles. Whether Simon belonged to the radical Zealot faction that wished death on tax collectors or was a zealous Jew devoted to his faith and its laws, the two could not have coexisted without Jesus. He loved them and taught them to love one another. Their peaceful coexistence has been attributed to the unifying power of the Gospel message. In speaking about the relationship between these two Apostles, Pope Benedict XVI said, ***“This is clearly a lesson for us ... the Twelve is the prefiguration of the Church where there must be room for all charisms, peoples, and races ... that find their composition and unity in communion with Jesus.”***

First Reading – Exodus 22:20-26

The Lord said to Moses, ‘Tell the sons of Israel this:

“You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

“If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

“If you take another’s cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity.”

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 17(18):2-4,47,51

I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise,
when I call I am saved from my foes.

I love you, Lord, my strength.

Long life to the Lord, my rock!

Praised be the God who saves me,
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed.

I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading - 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel - Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, ‘Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?’ Jesus said, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.’