



St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) – 30th August 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.**

Thank you!

Thank you to Gina Thomas and our Filipino community for organising a successful event on Sunday, 23rd August. **\$9760** was raised towards the building of the new grotto. Thank you for your support and generosity.

Thank you to Aloysius and Charistina Woodfall, Bradley and Rachel Hart, Brian and Yvonne Martin, Carol Augustus, Clayton and Ann for cooking for the food sale held on Saturday, 22nd August. They raised \$1210 towards the new grotto. Thank you to all who supported the sale.

Parish Confirmations

We congratulate and pray for all the children who received the sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen you in your walk of faith.

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.*

Bake Sale on 5th and 6th September

In honour of Our Lady, we are asking those who have a flair for creating sweet treats, to bake something we can sell on that weekend. Please decorate in blue and white. Please fill in sign-up sheets in the foyer if you are contributing.

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**

Raffle Prizes: 1st Prize: Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, 2nd Prize: Decorated 10-inch fruit cake, 3rd Prize: One dozen Marian themed decorated cupcakes

Tuesday, 8th September – 7pm mass for the Nativity of Our Lady

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, 31st August: 7.30pm: Didasko Talk on Devotion to the Eucharist

Tuesday, 1st September: 7pm: RCIA

Wednesday, 2nd September: 9am: Two Hearts Devotion

4.30pm: Parish First Holy Communion class

Thursday, 3rd September: 7.15pm: Baptism Preparation meeting

Friday, 4th September: 6.30pm onwards: Rosary, Adoration, Sacred Heart Devotion, First Friday Mass followed by Vigil

ROSTERS for 5th & 6th September

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: \$ 5084.10

Unpledged: \$2025.75

Presbytery: \$2681.15

This Sunday we Pray

Thanksgiving

Maria Ivelja

Aria Martin

Zach Martin

Francis Braganza

Marie Linda

Joyce Pottier

Andrew Vincent

Jim Masson

Sasha Vaz

The Paternott Family

The Filipino Community

Cassandra and Michael Elliott

Troy Machaya

Liam Lopez

Danica Machaya

Lleyton Machaya

Monika Howell

For those who are sick:

Emileja Silas

Nijole Uskiene

Eugenja Zelviene

Mario De Leon

Audrey Puri

Adam Murray

Pedro Pastorpili

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

Thursday, 3rd September: St Gregory the Great

Saturday, 5th September: St Teresa of Calcutta

For those who have died recently:

Esthala Mary, Danny Coyles, Jacinta Ling Margues, Jin Hua Zhang, Joyce Ripperger

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Maureen Xavier, Thelma De Kauwe, Stellamarie Hookens, Carine Kelaart, Philomena Kelaart, Dereck Kelaart, Mark Francis, Edward Cutinha, Micheline Mahon, Adelson Mahon, Jim Masson, Ceferino Rico, Errol Isaacs, Camilo Cardozo, Ermelinda Pereira Araujo, Ana, Antonio Deus Gil, Patricia Cowan, Frederick Machaya, Gibson Noronha, Justina Noronha, Diana Machaya, Flora Loyola, Teresita Alzona

A NIGHT OF MUSIC, DANCING & FUN!

Get ready for an unforgettable evening as the Indian Community presents a spectacular Fundraising Dance Night on **Saturday, 19 September**.

Dance the night away to the fantastic sounds of **No Limit** and **6th Sense**, enjoy great company, and celebrate together as a parish community.

Tickets are on sale now!

Contact: Warren Peters – 0423 247 093 | Brian D'Souza – 0414 363 725 | Florence D'Costa – 0433 851 662 | Anita Fernandez – 0402 505 676

Raffle Prize Donations Needed

We are seeking donations of raffle prizes to help make the evening a great success. Donations of new household goods, gift hampers and gift vouchers are greatly appreciated. We also warmly invite local businesses to support this event by donating vouchers for complimentary products or services, or other suitable prizes. Please drop off the donations at the Parish Office during office hours or contact any of the persons listed above if you would like to donate. Gather your family and friends, mark your calendars, and join us for a wonderful night of celebration, fellowship, and community spirit. Thank you for your generosity and support—we look forward to seeing you there!

Talks for men

The 'Holiness in ordinary life' talk series centred on the virtues will no longer be running at St Kevin's Hampton Park. People who are interested in attending similar talks are encouraged to contact Kim on 0431 035 980.

Archbishop's Campaign

The Archbishop's Campaign helps to bring the mission of the Church alive in our community. If you have not yet returned your envelopes, please do so this weekend.

KSC Information Night

The Knights of the Southern Cross are hosting an Information Evening for any Catholic gentlemen wishing to learn about their role within the Church, with an interest in joining. The information evening will take place 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 a great opportunity to meet Archbishop Comensoli, while contributing to the education of Victoria's seminarians. To 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.

St Gregory the Great – Feast Day – 3rd September

Only 33 years after the death of St Benedict, and almost exactly one century after the date of his birth, the Monastery of Monte Cassino in the south of Italy was razed by the invading Lombards. According to tradition the resident monks fled to Rome and found refuge near the Lateran Basilica. Very possibly it was there that the future pope was first introduced to the Rule of St Benedict.

Gregory I, pope from 590 to 604 and the last of the Latin Fathers of the Western Church, was born the scion of the patrician gens Anicia and the son of a Roman senator in 540. His family was devoutly Christian and had already produced two pontiffs. If further proof were needed as to their place in the Church, history could show that not only his own mother, Sylvia, but two of his father's sisters would eventually be canonised.

In 573, at the age of 33, Gregory was appointed Praefectus Urbi (Prefect of the city of Rome), a position of considerable power, but resigned within a year to pursue the monastic life. He founded with the help of his vast financial holdings seven monasteries, of which six were on family estates in Sicily. A seventh, which he placed under the patronage of St Andrew and which he himself joined, was erected on the Clivus Scauri, a famous street near the Coliseum in Rome. By the year 578 his reputation was such that Pope Benedict I appointed him one of the seven Regionarii (deacons) of Rome. In the following year he was dispatched by Pope Pelagius II as apocrisarius (residential ambassador) to the imperial court in Constantinople. The first of his monumental commentaries, *Moralia in Job*, was undertaken at this time. Initially intended as a series of conferences for monks, this reflection on the Book of Job would eventually grow to 35 volumes and was only completed many years later in Rome. The work begins with a discussion of the literal meaning of Scripture, and then veers into allegorical and mystical interpretations. The author then presents the moral applications of these interpretations.

Moralia in Job, as intended by its author, would contemplate the totality of Christian doctrine and prove to be Gregory's longest work. Upon his eventual return to Rome, Gregory served as Abbot of St Andrew's for about five years. However, in 590 his life was once again disrupted when Pelagius II died and he was unanimously chosen as his successor. With great reluctance he accepted, and was consecrated on September 3 of that same year.

It must be kept in mind that at the time Gregory ascended to the papal throne, the Roman Empire had been split into two parts: the eastern, whose capital was Constantinople (today Istanbul); and the western, with its capital at Ravenna, on Italy's coast south of Venice. Rome itself was by now a relative backwater. Moreover, the once-powerful empire had crumpled to its knees before the onslaught of the new barbaric kingdoms of Europe, which in turn were wrestling each other for the remains. Italy was being ravaged by the Lombards, and confronted by this fury the Imperial Exarchate in Ravenna was helpless. Thus, since the temporal powers were unable to provide for the security of their citizens, the papacy, in the person of Gregory, was forced to assume responsibility for the welfare of the people, a task not formerly under the jurisdiction of the Holy See. Using skills learned during his tenures as prefect and ambassador, Gregory concluded an agreement in 598 between himself and the Lombard duke of Spoleto, thus halting the invasion and restoring some manner of peace and security to the country. He also reorganised the vast holdings of the Church, at the time extending from Tuscany to Sicily, into what was to become the Papal States. This badly needed unification and consolidation of the patrimony of St Peter further helped to stabilise Italian life by increasing the value of the Church's holdings and making it more responsive to the hungry and suffering. His concern for the spiritual wellbeing of the Church and the pastoral care he lavished upon it is shown in his work on behalf of stricter formation for priests and bishops, in his liturgical developments and reforms, and in his enthusiastic propagation and diffusion of monasticism, for which he is often called the co-founder of the Benedictine Order. A monk himself, the first to be elected Pope, his Anglo-Saxon Mission under the leadership of St Augustine of Canterbury, would eventually result in the conversion of England to Catholicism and the subsequent introduction of the Rule of St Benedict. Gregory's reputation as a Doctor of the Church rests on the insights he brought to his studies of spiritual life. His works encompass massive correspondence (854 extant letters), the *Moralia in Job*, his *Dialogues* on the lives of the saints of Italy, homilies, and the monumental *Liber Regulae Pastoralis*. This book of pastoral rules covering apostolic work and the spiritual life was as important to the episcopacy as Benedict's Rule was to monasticism, and its influence on the Church was to reign unchallenged until the advent of St Thomas Aquinas many centuries later. In fact, in the field of moral theology he is often considered first of the Latin Fathers, and St Thomas himself would cite him 374 times in the second part of the *Summa Theologiae*. Gregory was also active in the liturgical reform of the Roman Rite, though admittedly the extent of his actual contributions to the Gregorian Sacramentary are still to be ascertained. However, his overall understanding of Scripture had a profound influence on the intellectual and spiritual climate of the Middle Ages, and his reputation in the Church can be attested to by the critical attention paid his works even today. After his death in 604, on March 12, Gregory was canonised by popular acclaim. He was subsequently named a Doctor of the Church and is one of only two pontiffs (the other being Pope St. Leo I) to be vested with the title "Great". To the popular mind he is best known for his role in the creation of the forms of musical worship that came to be known as Gregorian Chant. Gregory originated the title which the Bishops of Rome throughout the centuries have adopted: *Servus servorum Dei*, "Servant of the servants of God"

First Reading – Jeremiah 20:7-9

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself
be seduced;
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.
I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.
Each time I speak the word, I have to howl
and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'
The word of the Lord has meant for me
insult, derision, all day long.
I used to say, 'I will not think about him,
I will not speak in his name any more.'
Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones.
The effort to restrain it wearied me,
I could not bear it.

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 62(63):2-6,8-9
My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water.
My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise.
My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy.
My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.
My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Second Reading - Romans 12:1-2

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship
him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking
beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy
sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model
yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you,
but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new
mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God
and know what is good, what it is that God wants,
what is the perfect thing to do.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.
Alleluia!

Gospel - Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he
was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer
grievously at the hands of the elders and chief
priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be
raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside,
Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven
preserve you, Lord;' he said 'this must not happen to
you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind
me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because
the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants
to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself
and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone
who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who
loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a
man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his
life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his
life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory
of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he
will reward each one according to his behaviour.'