



St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) – 23rd 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

Parish Coordinator: Mrs. Macrina Martin

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St. Kevin of Glendalough

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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!

Dear parishioners, thank you for your magnanimous generosity and support of the food sales and fundraising events that were held in 2026. Thank you to all who have led the fundraisers. From January 2026 till 21st August 2026, we have raised **\$90,319.75** towards the building of the new grotto.

Veneration of Relic and Talk on St Carlo Acutis – Wednesday, 26th August

We welcome a first-class relic of St Carlo Acutis at 6pm on Wednesday, 26th August. There will be a talk on the life of St Carlo Acutis at 6pm followed by holy mass at 7pm.

Friendship Group celebration of Our Lady's Feast

S.K. Friendship Group is organising a coach trip to visit and celebrate Our Lady's feast at **Ta'Pinu shrine**, near Bacchus Marsh, on **Friday 4th September**. There will be a Mass followed by fellowship (please bring a plate to share), and if desired, a visit to the monuments built by the different communities.

Coach charges \$20/- per person, departs from our Church at 9.30 am, and returns at 4.30 pm.

Contact Benita 0429 000 664 or Tyrone 0402 012 479 for details and bookings.

Food Sale – 22nd August

We will have a food sale this Saturday after the 5pm and 7pm masses to raise funds for our new grotto. Thank you for your ongoing 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

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.

Pope Leo's Prayer intention for August - For evangelization in the city

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

What's On

Monday, 24th August: 7.30pm: Didasko Talk on Devotion to the Eucharist

Tuesday, 25th August: 4.30pm: Parish Confirmation class 7pm: RCIA

Wednesday, 26th August: 9am: Two Hearts Devotion

4.30pm: Parish First Holy Communion class

Friday, 28th August: 5pm: Mothers who Pray for their Children (Parish Office)

Saturday, 29th August: 11.30am: Parish Confirmation Mass

ROSTERS for 30th & 31st August

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

CHURCH CLEANERS

Team 3: Jeneview, Khuram, Priscilla, Maria, Jerome, Michael, Sriyanka

COUNTERS

Team 2: Roland, Rosalia, Jackie, John, Jackie V, Maria

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$5755.40

Unpledged: \$2118.95

Presbytery: \$2438.10

This Sunday we Pray

Thanksgiving

Cassandra Large

Andrea Karunakaran

Francis and Cutinha family

Leanne, Don, Lila, Frederic

Ashley and Linda Franklin

Priscille and Steeven Lokhee

Candida Pereira and family

Melissa and Tyrone

For those who are sick:

Audrey Puri

Adam Murray

Pedro Pastorili

Angela Hunter

Seetha Silva

Amber Elke Faska

Liam Roach

Mario de Leon

Rosario Giaquinta

Sandra Wills

For those who have died recently:

Alberto Rico

Mulitalo Senio Agavale

Maurice Rozario

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, 24th August: St Bartholomew

Tuesday, 25th August: St Louis, St Joseph Calasanz

Thursday, 27th August: St Monica

Friday, 28th August: St Augustine

Saturday, 29th August: The Passion of St John the Baptist

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Sally D'Cruz, Noela Lebrasse, Kobe Bryant, Rita (Neeharridge) Karunaratne, George and Mallika Fernando, Celine Martinz, Shirly Kelaart (Liyda), Philomena Kelaart, Audrey Olagama, Rosemond Dubier, Eligius Bobby (Earl) Arnolda, All souls in purgatory, Percivale D'Gama, Avis Hooper, Doreen La Frenais, Desmond Joseph Hookens, Leon and Lucie Calice, Clement and Annie Philogene, Darren Dowlett, Edith Gonsalvez, Bernadette Gonsalvez, Sherwin Gonsalvez

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!

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

Parish Confirmation Mass on Saturday, 29th August at 11.30am

The children from our Parish and Parish schools will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation next weekend. We pray that the Holy Spirit may fill them with His gifts as their faith is strengthened through the sacrament.

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 Augustine – Feast Day – 28th August

Augustine's mother, St. Monica, reared him in the Catholic faith, but he did not follow her example. A lively, witty and exuberant teenager, Augustine undertook the study of rhetoric, giving brilliant performance and showing enormous promise. He loved life and its pleasures, displayed a profound gift for friendship, experienced passionate love, adored the theater, sought fun and entertainment. In Carthage, where he went to study, he fell in love with a girl. Since she was of a lower social class, he took her as his concubine, but did not marry. They had a son, Adeodatus (whose name means "God-given"). Augustine, a father at 19, remained faithful to his common-law wife and took responsibility for the "family" ménage. On reading Cicero's Hortensius, Augustine's whole way of seeing the world experienced a change. Happiness, Cicero taught him, consists of things that do not perish: wisdom, truth, virtue. Augustine decided to dedicate his whole life to their pursuit.

The Search for Truth

Having been reared in a Christian house, Augustine turned first to the Bible. He was not prepared to receive the wisdom of Sacred Scripture, however, and found holy writ gross and illogical. He then joined the sect of the Manichees (a group dedicated to a basically dualistic form of eclectic esoterism). Returning to Thagaste, he opened a school of "grammar" and rhetoric with the help of a benefactor, but the life he led did not please him, so he returned to Carthage with hope for a better future there. He continued to be dissatisfied. His thirst for truth was not slaked by the Manichaean doctrine. The young and promising rhetor went in search of new shores, and in 382, he moved to Rome with his companion and son, without informing his mother, who had reached Carthage in the meantime. In the Imperial city, however, Augustine maintained his contacts with the Manichaeans, from whom he received financial support and encouragement. Later, he would come to understand that Providence also operates in one's wrong choices. His career began to advance full-sail, and in 384 he earned the chair of rhetoric in Milan. Nevertheless, his inner turmoil continued to torment him.

Conversion: Tolle! Lege!

Augustine's ambition is satiated at Milan, but his heart continued restless. To refine his *ars oratoria*, he listened to the sermons of Bishop Ambrose. He wanted to overwhelm Ambrose's dialectics, and instead the words of the Bishop touched him to the quick. Meanwhile, his mother Monica came to join him in Milan, and she accompanied him with her prayers. Augustine grew ever closer to the Catholic Church, and entered the catechumenate. Desiring a Christian wife, he sent his concubine to Africa. Still troubled, Augustine devoured philosophical texts and plunged into Sacred Scripture. Tempted by the experience of Greek thinkers, and attracted to the lifestyle of Christian ascetics, he cannot make up his mind. One day in August, 386, disoriented and confused, weeping in a garden, he seemed to hear a voice: *Tolle! Lege!* (which means, "Pick it up and read"). He considered the voice an invitation to turn to Paul's letters, a copy of which was on a nearby table, and opened them at random. ***"Let's trade honestly, as in the daytime, not in the midst of orgies and drunkenness, not among lusts and impurities, not in litigation and jealousy. Put on the Lord Jesus Christ instead of letting go of the fleshly desires. (Rm 13, 13-14)"*** The lines were decisive for him. He decided to change his life and to devote himself to God. He was baptized by Ambrose in the night between April 24 and 25, 387, and wishing to return to Africa, travels to Rome to embark from the port city, Ostia, where his mother, Monica, died before taking ship.

The first Augustinian community and the episcopal ministry

Augustine founded his first community in his hometown, Thagaste. Between the end of 390 and the beginning of 391, he found himself perchance in Hippo, in the basilica where Bishop Valerius was talking to his faithful about the need for a priest in his diocese. Alerted to his presence among them, the congregation pushes Augustine to the fore, and insists that Valerius ordain him. Though he had been convinced of his calling to live in a vowed religious state, Augustine, studying and meditating on the Scriptures, came to understand that God had else in store for him. He eventually became Bishop of Hippo, succeeding Valerius, and left countless writings behind, in which he carried forward his lifelong project of truth-seeking through faith and reason.

Familiar quotations:

"You made us unto yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless, until it rest in you." Confessions I.i.

"Go not outside. Return into yourself. In the interior of man the truth abides." De vera religione - 39.72

Source: Vatican News website

First Reading - Isaiah 22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of Hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,

I remove you from your post,

and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah.

I invest him with your robe,

gird him with your sash,

entrust him with your authority;

and he shall be a father

to the inhabitants of Jerusalem

and to the House of Judah.

I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder;

should he open, no one shall close,

should he close, no one shall open.

I drive him like a peg

into a firm place;

he will become a throne of glory

for his father's house.

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 137(138):1-3,6,8

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart:

you have heard the words of my mouth.

In the presence of the angels I will bless you.

I will adore before your holy temple.

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love,

which excel all we ever knew of you.

On the day I called, you answered;

you increased the strength of my soul.

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.

Your love, O Lord, is eternal,

discard not the work of your hands.

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

Second Reading - Romans 11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his

wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to

penetrate his motives or understand his methods!

Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who

could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give

him anything or lend him anything? All that exists

comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him

be glory for ever! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;

the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

Gospel - Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea

Philippi he put this question to his disciples,

'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And

they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist,

some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the

prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I

am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the

Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.'

Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a

happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood

that revealed this to you but my Father in

heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and

on this rock I will build my Church. And the

gates of the underworld can never hold out

against it. I will give you the keys of the

kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth

shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever

you loose on earth shall be considered loosed

in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict

orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.