



St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) – 9th August 2026

Parish Centre

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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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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.**

Thank you!

Thank you to Tyrone, the Friendship Group committee and the Friendship Group members for all that you did to raise funds for the sale of the new grotto through the food sale held on 25th and 26th July. Together you raised **\$6715.**

Peter's Pence Collection – Sunday, 9th August

This weekend we will take up a third collection to support the mission of our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV. Peter's Pence is a gesture of communion and participation in the Pope's mission to proclaim the Gospel, promote peace, and spread Christian charity.

Vigil Mass – Friday, 14th August at 7pm

We will have a 7pm mass on Friday, 14th August for the Vigil of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Archbishop's Campaign

The Archbishop's Campaign helps to bring the mission of the Church alive in our community. It does this by supporting the works of the Priest Retirement Foundation, the Corpus Christi College Building Fund, the CatholicCare Victoria Chaplaincy Program, Melbourne Overseas Mission, John Pierce Centre, the University of Divinity for the Catholic Theological College and grants to Catholic agencies and community service organisations.

The 2026 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a one-time or monthly pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Brochures with more information can be found around the church. There will be a third collection on **15th and 16th August** to support the campaign.

Working Bee – Saturday, 22nd August

We would like to clean the inside and outside of our church and grounds. If you can spare an hour or more of your time, please sign up for the Parish Working Bee on **Saturday, 22nd August from 8am.** Please contact Brian D'Souza via the Parish Office 03 97992108 or sign up via the sheets in the foyer.

Altar Servers Training – Sunday, 9th August at 3pm in the Church

Save the Date: Bake Sale on 5th and 6th September

In honour of Our Lady, we are asking those gifted in baking 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.

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.

What's On

Tuesday, 11th August: 4.30pm: Parish Confirmation class

7pm: RCIA (Church foyer)

Wednesday, 12th August: 9am: Two Hearts Devotion

4.30pm: Parish First Holy Communion class

Friday, 14th August: 7pm: Vigil Mass for The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin

ROSTERS for 15th & 16th August

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

CHURCH CLEANERS

Team 1: Sophia, Fred, Veronique, Cyril

COUNTERS

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

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$5027.50

Unpledged: \$2759.80

Presbytery: \$2443.55

This Sunday we Pray

Thanksgiving

Rylan Crasto

Roger and Priscilla Allen and family

Maria Lontok-Penaranda

For those who are sick:

Pedro Pastorpi

Angela Hunter

Seetha Silva

Julian Perera

Anton Fortes Ratai

Marie Linda

Amber Elke Faska

Liam Roach

Mario de Leon

Lyndell Adikari

Patricia Rozario

Rafael

Prudence Hardman

Rosario Giaquinta

Sandra Wills

For those who have died recently:

Larry Hookens

Danny Coyles

Susan (Suzy) Lola Hagley

Lorraine D'Souza

Amali Raj

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, 10th August: St Lawrence

Tuesday, 11th August: St Clare

Wednesday, 12th August: St Jane Frances de Chantal

Thursday, 13th August: Saints Pontian and Hippolytus

Friday, 14th August: St Maximilian Kolbe

Saturday, 15th August: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

John and Antoinette Crasto, Clifford and Linda de Rozario, Sally D'Cruz, Darren Dowlut, Dany Heerah, George and Lawrence Philogene, Antony Wisidagama. Monoy Mendoza, Maria Gloria Pastorpi, Mary Thresa, Barbara and Clement Passagne, Hazel Balm, Advzina and Maxwell D'Souza, Merlin and Francis Passagne, Gerard Calice, Abigail Esguerra-Marcelo, Peter Lee, Mary Thresa Thanganayagam, Jose Lontok, Jr, Susan Rosario, Peter Anthony, Joseph Manuel, Austin and Rose Rego

Fr Antony's 10th anniversary of ordination

Fr Antony celebrates his 10th ordination anniversary on Wednesday, 19th August. We will have a cuppa after all the masses on 15th and 16th August to celebrate and wish Fr Antony. There will be a shared supper after mass on 19th August.

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!

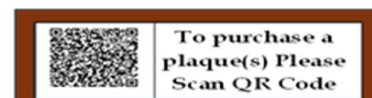
Seoul Fest – Thursday, 20th August at St Patrick's Cathedral at 6.30pm

The young Church of Melbourne is going to World Youth Day Seoul in 2027! Join Archbishop Peter A Comensoli and hundreds of young people from across the Archdiocese at the launch of the pilgrimage to South Korea. The evening will begin with Six30 Holy Hour with Adoration and Benediction in St Patrick's Cathedral, followed by food, music and celebrations in the Cathedral grounds.

St Kevin's can and bottle collection

Thank you for your ongoing support of our can and bottle collection to raise funds for the building of the new grotto. In July we raised \$346.30. We received a donation of \$510.00 from the Knights of the Southern Cross in July (to match what was raised in April) which brings the total for the year to \$3,401.00. Thank you to all our parishioners and the Knights of the Southern Cross for your commitment to this appeal.

Memorial wall
Thanksgiving Wall



St Maximilian Kolbe – Feast Day – 14th August

St Maximilian was born Raymond Kolbe in Poland on January 8, 1894. In 1910, he entered the Conventual Franciscan Order. He was sent to study in Rome where he was ordained a priest in 1918.

Fr Maximilian returned to Poland in 1919 and began spreading his Militia of the Immaculata movement of Marian consecration, which he founded on October 16, 1917. In 1927, he established an evangelisation centre near Warsaw called Niepokalanów, the 'City of the Immaculate'. By 1939, the City had expanded from 18 friars to nearly 900, making it the largest Catholic religious house in the world.

To better 'win the world for the Immaculata', the friars utilised the most modern printing and administrative techniques. This enabled them to publish countless catechetical and devotional tracts, a daily newspaper with a circulation of 230,000 and a monthly magazine with a circulation of more than a million. Maximilian started a radio station and planned to build a motion picture studio—he was a true 'apostle of the mass media'. He established a City of the Immaculata in Nagasaki, Japan, in 1930, and envisioned missionary centres worldwide. Maximilian was a ground-breaking theologian. His insights into the Immaculate Conception anticipated the Marian theology of the Second Vatican Council and further developed the Church's understanding of Mary as Mediatrix of all the graces of the Trinity, and as Advocate for God's people.

The Martyrdom of St Maximilian

After the Nazis invaded Poland in 1939, Maximilian and several of the friars were arrested for their activities in media evangelisation. The Nazis stripped Niepokalanow of everything of value while the friars that remained spent their time caring for refugees.

After several months, Maximilian and the other friars were released. Despite a ban on Kolbe's publications, he managed to persuade the Nazis to allow a final printing of one of the magazines in 1940. During this period of oppression, the friars turned to Eucharistic Adoration as their primary apostolate.

In February of 1941, the Nazis arrested Maximilian again, and ordered him to the concentration camp at Auschwitz. He was given the registration number 16670.

In late July 1941, a prisoner escaped from St Maximilian's barracks. In retaliation, the Nazis selected 10 prisoners to starve to death. One of the 10, Polish Sergeant Francis Gajowniczek, cried out in agony over the fate of his family without a father. To the astonishment of prisoners and captors, Maximilian stepped forward from the ranks and stood before the Commandant. The commandant asked: "What does this Polish pig want?" Fr Kolbe pointed to the Polish sergeant, saying: "I am a Catholic priest. I would like to take his place, because he has a wife and children." The commandant stood silent for a moment, and then allowed Gajowniczek to return to the other men while Fr Kolbe took his place.

Maximilian then entered the starvation chamber with nine other men. He spent the last two weeks of his life encouraging his nine companions by praying and singing hymns with them in the block 13 starvation bunker.

On August 14, 1941, the Vigil of the Feast of the Assumption, Maximilian was one of four prisoners still alive. His impatient captors executed him by means of a lethal injection of carbolic acid and burned his body in the crematorium.

Pope John Paul II canonised Maximilian Kolbe on 10 October 1982 as a **Martyr of Charity and 'patron saint of our difficult century'**. Sergeant Francis Gajowniczek survived World War II and spent the rest of his life touring the world speaking about the man who saved his life. He was present at St Maximilian's canonisation. He died in 1995.

City of the Immaculate

The City of the Immaculate that Maximilian founded in 1927, is a community of Franciscan friars dedicated to living a radical consecration to the Immaculate Virgin through prayer, asceticism and media evangelisation. During World War II, the friary provided shelter to approximately 3000 Polish refugees. When the Nazis forbade media evangelisation, the friars turned to Eucharistic Adoration as their common apostolate. The Nazis placed severe restrictions on Niepokalanów shortly before Fr Kolbe's arrest in 1941. The friars re-activated operations after the war. St Maximilian wished to found a City of the Immaculate on every continent. During his lifetime, he founded Mugenzai no Sono (Garden of the Immaculate) in Nagasaki, Japan. He also traveled to India to found a City of the Immaculate in Kerala.

In 1948, the Conventual Franciscan Friars founded America's City of the Immaculate—Marytown, in Libertyville, Illinois.

Marytown carries on the Kolbean apostolates of media evangelisation through the publication of Immaculata Magazine and Marytown Press, as well as Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Today, there are cities of the Immaculate in Poland, Japan, India, Brazil, Italy, the Philippines and the United States.

St Maximilian's wide and extremely successful use of printed media in the early 20th century anticipated the recent Popes' heavy emphasis on and encouragement of the use of modern technologies in evangelisation, in particular the use of the internet, social media and the like in the New Evangelisation. Thus, he was a witness to the Lord not only in death, but also in a life dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

As a consequence, **St Maximilian is the patron of journalists, families, prisoners, the pro-life movement and the chemically addicted.**

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

First Reading - 1 Kings 19:9,11-13

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 84(85):9-14

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.

His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land.

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven.

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.

Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps.

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Second Reading – Romans 9:1-5

What I want to say now is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it

could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord,

I trust in his word.

Alleluia!

Gospel - Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'