St. Kevin's Catholic Parish
HAMPTON PARK

All Saints Day (Year A) – 1st November 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:
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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.**

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.

Update from the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

The Parish Pastoral Council met on 8th October and discussed the following:
•Building Project Update: An update on the parish building project, including the anticipated commencement of works and access arrangements for the church and foyer.
•Pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey: Fr. Fabian, School Principals, Jason and Christine and Rozeta shared a memorable and faith-filled pilgrimage experience, 'Walking in the Footsteps of St Paul', exploring significant biblical sites and deepening their faith.
•Congratulations to Ryan: Congratulations to Ryan on his ordination as a deacon, marking a significant milestone for St Kevin's Parish.
•Farewell to Fr Antony: We thank Fr Antony for his dedicated service to our parish and wish him every blessing as he takes up his new role as Administrator at Kilmore.
•Welcome to Fr Joseph Nguyen: We warmly welcome Fr Joseph Nguyen as our newly appointed Assistant Parish Priest and look forward to his ministry among us.
•Fundraising for WYD 2027 and the Eucharistic Congress 2028: Possible fundraising initiatives are being explored to support young people participating in World Youth Day 2027 and the Eucharistic Congress in 2028. Further details will be shared in due course.

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, 2nd November: All Souls Day: 9.15am and 7pm: Mass
Thursday, 5th November: 7.15pm: Baptism Preparation Meeting
Friday, 6th November: 6.30pm onwards: First Friday devotions, Mass, Vigil

ROSTERS for 7th & 8th November
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, John, Jackie, Jackie V., Maria

Last Weekend's Collection
Envelopes: $4875.40
Unpledged: $2104.75
Presbytery: $2392.55

This Sunday we Pray
Thanksgiving
George, Fernandes and LaPorte Families
Christine Anne McIntyre
Maricel, Paul Martin
Alana Peters
Jauffray Family
Chandra Subramaniam

For those who are sick:
Ashley D'Souza
Mario De Leon
Anita Thoy
Tyronne Vannitamby
Liam Roach
Rosario Giaquinta
Sandra Wills

For those who died recently:
Anecito and Daylind Solde
Brian Vanderputt
Desmond D'Silva (40th day)

Pope's Prayer intention for November – For the proper use of wealth.
Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

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, 2nd November: All Souls Day
Tuesday, 3rd November: St Martin de Porres
Wednesday, 4th November: St Charles Borromeo

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Francisco do Carmo Bernardes, Tilak De Silva, Eric De Silva, Patricia De Silva, Trevor Fernandez, Peter and Avinash Fernandez, Ruth Dubier, Conchita Guden, John Vincent Guden, Miguel Espanol, Marlon Espanol, Keith Concesso, Teresa Scurville, Teresa Agnes Jones, Christina Beatrice Jones, Emily D'Mello, Philip Coutinho, Angela Coutinho, Nazario Coutinho, Ben Godinho, Michael Alexis Pinto, Vernon and Barbara Mitchell, Olga Rose, Clement Philogene, Anna Maria Peralta, Eldon Rozario, James Wallace, Francis Family, Subramaniam Family, Deceased members of Montecillo Family, Claracay family, Labata Family, Ishikawa Family, Pena Family

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.

Bus for the Ordination
A bus has been organised from the parish to St Patrick's Cathedral for the ordinations taking place on Saturday, 14th November. 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.

Parish Office Closure
The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, 12th November and Friday, 13th November. Please give your mass intentions by 11am on Wednesday.

Children's Christmas play - Family Mass 7 pm Christmas Eve
The St Kevin's Youth will be organising the Children's nativity play for the Family Mass on Christmas Eve. Practices will be held in the church foyer at 11am on the Saturdays in December.
If your child is below 18 years and wishes to participate, please sign up using the QR code.

Happy Marriage, Happier Children: A Live Webinar with Mike and Alicia Hernon
Family Enrichment Australia warmly invites parishioners to a webinar with Catholic podcasters Mike and Alicia Hernon, live from Steubenville, Ohio, on how happier marriages raise happier children. 🗓️ **Sunday, 22 November 2026** | 🕐 **1:00 pm [AEDT]** | 💻 **Online via Zoom** See flyer for more details.

Altar Servers Training on Sunday, 8th November – 3pm to 4.30pm in the Church

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

Prayer for the Holy Souls
O Lord, who art ever merciful and bounteous with your gifts, look down upon the suffering souls in purgatory. Remember not their offenses and negligences, but be mindful of your loving mercy, which is from all eternity. Cleanse them of their sins and fulfil their ardent desires that they may be made worthy to behold you face to face in your glory. May they soon be united with you in Heaven.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed – 2nd November

Already back in the 2nd century, evidence exists that Christians prayed for and celebrated the Eucharist for their beloved dead. In the beginning, they would pray on the third day after burial, then on the anniversary. Later, the 7th and 30th day after death became days on which it became customary to pray for the deceased.
Remembering the dead on the 2 November became official in the year 998 when Abbot Odilo of Cluny (994-1048) made it obligatory in all the monasteries subject to him. In 1915, Pope Benedict XV granted permission to priests to celebrate several Masses on this day. The liturgy proposes various Masses on this day, all of which are geared toward highlighting the Paschal Mystery, Jesus' victory over sin and death.
From the Gospel according to John
Jesus said to the crowds:
"Everything that the Father gives me will come to me,
and I will not reject anyone who comes to me,
because I came down from heaven not to do my own will
but the will of the one who sent me.
And this is the will of the one who sent me,
that I should not lose anything of what he gave me,
but that I should raise it on the last day.
For this is the will of my Father,
that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him
may have eternal life,
and I shall raise him on the last day". (Jn. 6:37-40)

The will of God
The revolutionary message is that whoever "sees the Son and believes in him…I shall raise him on the last day". We know from experience that the body decays. But the body is not the only part of the human person! The human being is a person and partner in dialogue with God. And He will not forget on, He will not renege on His promise, because God is faithful to His promises. God has written each one of us on the palm of His hand and will not forget anyone, because He is a Father. This is the heart of the message that Jesus left us. Because of this truth, Jesus became man, he died on the cross and rose to make us participants in the joy of the resurrection: "Grant them, O Lord, we pray, and all who sleep in Christ, a place of refreshment, light and peace", we pray during the I Eucharistic Canon of the Mass, at the moment when we remember the deceased.

Allowing ourselves to be taken by surprise
That we will survive is a sure thing, Jesus told us this! How this will happen, we do not know. We can hypothesize about it by listening to the Word of the Gospel. The hope remains, however, of being surprised by God's goodness, by His mercy. We have our own parameters by which to measure what happens in life, but we must allow God to have His own parameters which are not ours. This is exactly what will surprise us once we cross the threshold of heaven.

A step ahead
Death is not an annihilation, but of living in a new way. It is knowing that those who have preceded us are a "step ahead" of us on the path of life. They have reached the top, while we still find ourselves on the path of life. They have turned the corner, while we are still on the straight and narrow. Death, therefore, is not the end of everything, but the beginning of a new life for which we are and have been preparing ourselves for quite some time. Commemorating the dead, then, is not only a "remembrance" of those who are no longer present, but a bridge that awaits us at the end of our lives and that will lead us to the other shore to which we are all destined. It's a help so we do not let ourselves drown when life is overwhelming, forgetting that everything passes, while only God remains.

Sister death
After having reconciled himself with God, with himself and with creation, Saint Francis of Assisi, toward the end of his life, was able to reconcile himself with death to the point that he was able to call her his "sister". This symbolizes that even he understood that death is a mystery to embrace.
One thing is certain: we need to understand death in the light of Jesus' resurrection. This is where our strength and serenity come from. He opened the Way that leads through Truth to Life. Jesus Himself reminded us that have been made for eternity. A thousand years are as a day gone by for God. A lifetime is extremely brief, fleeting. It has no sense if it is not directed toward an experience that is truer. As Jesus Himself reminded us: "everyone who sees the Son and believes in him has eternal life".
One last thing. Jesus became man to help us live "for God". He died, was buried and descended to the dead so that no one might feel excluded from His salvific work. Jesus Himself chose to "dwell in" every place, even the most infamous, to keep me company in every moment so that I might not be afraid or feel alone and abandoned at the mercy of my fear. There is "nowhere" in life or in death that He has not already "visited". This is what gives me the certainty that He will welcome me with open arms in whatever situation I "fall into": whether today when I fall into sin, whether tomorrow when I fall into death, He is there. For He has conquered sin and death and has prepared a place for me in His Father's House. This is enough for me to journey on with trust and hope along the path of life. "Even though I should walk through the valley of death" (Ps 23), He is there. He is with me.

Source: ***Vatican News***

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First Reading – Apocalypse 7:2-4,9-14

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises,
carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a
powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to
devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any
damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have
put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our
God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred
and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count,
of people from every nation, race, tribe and language;
they were standing in front of the throne and in front of
the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in
their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God,
who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the
angels who were standing in a circle round the throne,
surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated
themselves before the throne, and touched the ground
with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words,
'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving
and honour and power and strength to our God for ever
and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you
know who these people are, dressed in white robes,
and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You
can tell me, my lord.' Then he said, 'These are the
people who have been through the great persecution,
and they have washed their robes white again in the
blood of the Lamb.'

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 23(24):1-6

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm.
Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things.
Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob.
Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

Second Reading - 1 John 3:1-3

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.
My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been
revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.
Surely everyone who entertains this hope
must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel - Matthew 5:1-12a

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat
down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to
speak. This is what he taught them:
'How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute
you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my
account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be
great in heaven.'