



St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) – 21st June 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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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.**

News from Fr Fabian

- We would like to congratulate all 70 candidates from our Parish schools who received the sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday, 13th June. Thank you to everyone involved in organising a prayerful and beautiful day.
- The building permit has been granted by the Council, and we are now moving on to the next stage of engaging other services to proceed to tendering.

St Stephen's Guild

Congratulations to our altar servers Devarohn and Diyana who were inducted into the Guild of St Stephen by Archbishop Peter Comensoli at St Patrick's Cathedral on Friday, 12th June. May the Lord continue to bless you as you serve Him.



Parish Pilgrimage to Sydney 2026

St Kevin's Parish Hampton Park warmly invites parishioners to join us on a faith-filled pilgrimage to Sydney from **Thursday, 13th August to Sunday, 16th August 2026.** There are limited seats available. Please contact the Parish office to sign up.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process of Christian formation for those seeking full communion with the Catholic church. At St Kevin's, the program begins on **19th July** this year. If you are interested in joining our RCIA program, please use the QR code to fill in a form.



Update from the Parish Pastoral Council

The PPC met on Thursday, 11th June and discussed the following:

- Permits have been obtained to proceed with construction
- Building content on Parish website for various groups.
- Ways in which we can connect parishioners

Sri Lankan Food Sale – 18th & 19th July

The Sri Lankan community of St Kevin's parish is organising a food sale on Saturday, 18th July and Sunday, 19th July. We will be selling food after every mass and your donation of rice packets (10 packets if possible) will be greatly appreciated. Cash donations will also be accepted. Funds raised will go towards the building of the new grotto.

Donations of food required:

Yellow rice, Dhall, Eggplant or beans fry with Beef/Chicken or pork curry
Fried rice, Potato vegetable, eggplant or beans fry with beef/chicken/pork curry
String hoppers, dhall, coconut sambhol or seeni sambhol with beef/chicken/pork curry, Kottu roti, chicken/beef or pork curry

Pan rolls – Beef/chicken/Fish. Pastries/Savouries, Sweets. Containers of beef/chicken/pork curry. Cash donations

Thank you for your generosity and God bless.

Please contact Ingrid 0419702301 or Desiree 0477716740.

ROSTERS for 27th & 28th June

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: \$5344.70

Unpledged: \$2133.90

Presbytery: \$2321.00

Thank you!

This Sunday we Pray

Thanksgiving

Wayne Paris

Joaquin Antonio Ly

Shayne MaGee

Desiree Lazarus & Lyroy Machaya

Prosper Family

For those who are sick:

Mario De Leon

Lyndell Adikari

Patricia Rozario

Rafael

Prudence Hardman

Ian Arnold

K. Seraphin

Rosario Giaquinta

Sandra Wills

For those who have died recently:

Carlton Roberts

Joseph Remedios

Suc Lang Fon

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, 22nd June: St John Fisher & St Thomas More

Tuesday, 23rd June: St Paulinus of Nola

Wednesday, 24th June: The Nativity of John the Baptist

Saturday, 27th June: St Cyril of Alexandria

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Wayne Collins, Locksley and Helena Collins, Jose Antonio Ly, Natasha and Dass Santiago, Badet Ng Youne, Joseph Rogers, Zita Rogers, Hyacinth Weston, Oscar Weston, Jean Fraser, Mary Vegas and Rosario D'Souza, Daphne MaGee, Agnes McManamon, Margaret Dubier, Peter Fernandez, Anne and Merwyn Nipps, Angela and Philip Coutinho, Nazario Coutinho, Carolyn Gomes, Fr Michael Morahan OSA, Irineo Olalia, Shirley Machaya, Frederick Machaya, Ivan D'Silva, Barbara D'Silva

Holiness in Ordinary Life

Continuing is the monthly talk series for men titled '*Holiness in ordinary life*', where in each talk we explore one of the virtues, how they are to be understood, how we can grow practically in these, and how they help us on the path to holiness and happiness. All men, especially young fathers and professionals, are invited to join in these – it's one hour all up with the talk and get together afterwards. The next talk in the series is titled 'Prudence and love for the truth', happening **Tuesday 30 June at 8PM** in the St Kevin's Parish House - the building behind the main Church building.

"For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding"
(Proverbs 2:6)

Save the Date: August 8th, 2026 - Samoan Community Social

In preparation for another fun night to support our fundraising towards the Grotto. More details to follow in the coming weeks otherwise please contact Telesia on 0416272352 or Nora 0432371205.

Youth Choir & Youth Mass – Expression of Interest (Ages 14–25)

Our parish is looking to begin a Youth Choir as part of a monthly Youth Mass led by young people in our community. We are inviting young people aged 14–25 to express their interest in being involved. Whether you have experience or simply a willingness to be involved, we would love to encourage young people to share their gifts, grow in faith, and help bring life and energy to our parish community. At this stage we are looking for expression of interest for anyone wanting to be in the choir. If you are interested in joining the Youth Choir, please contact Joseph Ambrose 0469826600 or the Parish Office on 0397992108.

Youth Group Meeting – Sunday, 21st June, 4pm to 6pm – School Hall

🎉 SAVE THE DATE – 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 will be on sale soon – keep an eye out for further announcements! Gather your family and friends, mark your calendars, and join us for a wonderful night of celebration and community spirit. We can't wait to see you there!

Memorial wall Thanksgiving Wall



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Scan QR Code

The Nativity of St John the Baptist – Feast Day - 24th June

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist, and on 29 August, we will celebrate the memorial of his martyrdom. There is no other saint for whom the Church celebrates both of these moments. Generally, it celebrates only their “birth into heaven”, with the exception, of course, of Jesus, the Son of God (25 December – his birth; and Good Friday – his death) and the Virgin Mary (8 September – her birth; and 15 August – her Assumption into heaven).

Jesus himself said, “Amen, I say to you, among those both of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist” (Mt. 11:11). He was the last of the great prophets of Israel, the first to testify to Jesus, who initiated a baptism for the forgiveness of sins and, in this context, baptized Jesus; he was a martyr who died defending the Judaic law.

As early as the 4th century, we find a liturgical commemoration for Saint John the Baptist celebrated on a variety of dates. The date of 24 June was established based on Lk 1:36a where speaking of Elizabeth it says, “this is the sixth month for her who was called barren”, therefore, six months before Christmas.

Since the 6th century, this Feast also had a vigil.

When the time arrived for Elizabeth to have her child she gave birth to a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy toward her, and they rejoiced with her. When they came on the eighth day to circumcise the child, they were going to call him Zechariah after his father, but his mother said in reply, “No. He will be called John.” But they answered her, “There is no one among your relatives who has this name.” So they made signs, asking his father what he wished him to be called. He asked for a tablet and wrote, “John is his name,” and all were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened, his tongue freed, and he spoke blessing God. Then fear came upon all their neighbors, and all these matters were discussed throughout the hill country of Judea. All who heard these things took them to heart, saying, “What, then, will this child be?” For surely the hand of the Lord was with him. (Lk. 1:57-64).

Amazement

The people were amazed because of this child, as well as by this sterile couple, who were advanced in age, who had a son. Their wonder was illuminated by faith. This is why they “took to heart” what they had heard and what they saw, and they praised God. Their amazement was accompanied by the awareness that they did not understand everything: “What, then, will this child be?” This is a legitimate question since if they had understood everything, God would not have been a part of it!

“The birth of John the Baptist is surrounded by a joyous sense of wonder, surprise and gratitude.... The faithful people sense that something great has occurred, even though it is humble and hidden.... The people are able to live the faith with joy, with a sense of wonder, of surprise and of gratitude. Do I feel a sense of wonder when I see the Lord’s works, when I hear about evangelization or the life of a saint?... Am I able to feel the Spirit’s consolation or am I closed?” (Pope Francis, Angelus, 24 June 2018)

The name

Those who were present for his circumcision want to give the baby his father’s name, Zechariah. But something out of the ordinary happens – Elizabeth intervenes and says his name must be John. This was the name that God himself had indicated through the angel: “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall name him John” (Lk. 2:13). Zechariah had at first demonstrated unbelief toward God which left him mute. Now, obeying God’s request – you shall name him John – a new story began.

The opportunity

The text makes us understand what has opened up. An old, barren woman gives birth to a son; an old mute man speaks. These two signs attest that where things seem impossible, God always holds a possibility in store as the prophet Isaiah recalls: “See, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?” (Is. 43:19)

Source: Vatican News

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First Reading - Jeremiah 20:10-13

Jeremiah said:

I hear so many disparaging me,

“Terror from every side!”

Denounce him! Let us denounce him!

All those who used to be my friends

watched for my downfall,

‘Perhaps he will be seduced into error.

Then we will master him

and take our revenge!’

But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;

my opponents will stumble, mastered,

confounded by their failure;

everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.

But you, O Lord of Hosts, you who probe with

justice,

who scrutinise the loins and heart,

let me see the vengeance you will take on them,

for I have committed my cause to you.

Sing to the Lord,

praise the Lord,

for he has delivered the soul of the needy

from the hands of evil men.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 68(69):8-10,14,17,33-35

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

It is for you that I suffer taunts,

that shame covers my face,

that I have become a stranger to my brothers,

an alien to my own mother’s sons.

I burn with zeal for your house

and taunts against you fall on me.

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

This is my prayer to you,

my prayer for your favour.

In your great love, answer me, O God,

with your help that never fails:

Lord, answer, for your love is kind;

in your compassion, turn towards me.

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

The poor when they see it will be glad

and God-seeking hearts will revive;

for the Lord listens to the needy

and does not spurn his servants in their chains.

Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,

the sea and all its living creatures.

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Second Reading – Romans 5:12-15

Sin entered the world through one man, and through

sin death, and thus death has spread through the

whole human race because everyone has sinned.

Sin existed in the world long before the Law was

given. There was no law and so no one could be

accused of the sin of ‘law-breaking’, yet death

reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though

their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of

breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift

itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain

that through one man’s fall so many died, it is even

more certain that divine grace, coming through the

one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an

abundant free gift.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of truth will bear witness to me, says the

Lord,

and you also will be my witnesses.

Alleluia!

Gospel - Matthew 10:26-33

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: ‘Do not be

afraid. For everything that is now covered will be

uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made

clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the

daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from

the housetops.

‘Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but

cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy

both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two

sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the

ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair

on your head has been counted. So there is no need

to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of

sparrows.

‘So if anyone declares himself for me in the

presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the

presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who

disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in

the presence of my Father in heaven.’