



St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) – 4th October 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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School Principals:

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 Gisele Farkas and her team for organising the plant sale on 26th and 27th September. They raised **\$1024** towards the building of the new grotto. Thank you to Justin and Sita Faoa-Harris and all their helpers for organising the BBQ held after all the masses last weekend. They raised **\$3112** towards the new grotto. Thank you to all who supported both fundraising initiatives.

Ordination to the Diaconate

All parishioners are invited to witness the ordination to the diaconate of our parishioner Ryan Martin by Archbishop Peter Comensoli on **Saturday, 14th November at 10am at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne.** Ryan will preach at the 11am mass on Sunday, 15th November. After the mass, we will gather in the school hall for a celebration. Let us pray for Ryan as he prepares for his ordination.

Welcome Fr Joseph Nguyen

The Archbishop has appointed **Fr Joseph Nguyen as Assistant Priest** to St Kevin's Parish from 25th November. Since **Fr Joseph** will be away on holidays, his first day in our parish will be Tuesday, 8th December.

St Kevin's Indian Community Sit-Down Breakfast & Lunch

Join us on **Sunday, 18 October 2026**, for a delicious served sit-down Indian meal and warm community fellowship.

Breakfast – \$20 per person

Session 1: 9:00 am–10:00 am Session 2: 10:00 am–11:00 am

Enjoy idlis, pooris with potato bhaji, masala or plain dosa, sambhar, chutney, filter coffee or tea, and kesari.

Lunch – 12 noon | \$25 per person

Enjoy a traditional Indian lunch featuring rice, vegetable dishes, sambhar or rasam, tamarind curry, papadam, payasam, and your choice of pepper chicken or Kerala beef.

Places are limited, so purchase your tickets early to avoid disappointment! Tickets will be on sale after each Mass.

Come along, enjoy authentic Indian flavours, and share a wonderful meal with our parish community!

Fr Antony's Farewell

Fr Antony's farewell will be held on **Sunday, 15th November after the 11am mass** in the School Hall. At all the masses next weekend **10th and 11th October**, we will take up a **third collection** for a farewell gift for Fr Antony.

Save the Date - Gospel Music Night – 8th November in the School Hall

What's On

Tuesday, 6th October: RCIA Topic: Creation, The Fall, Salvation History

Wednesday, 7th October: 9.15am: Two Hearts Devotion

Friday, 9th October: 6.45pm: Reconciliation commitment mass

Sunday, 11th October: 3pm: Altar Servers Training

ROSTERS for 10th & 11th October

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, Michael, Gilbert, Marilyn, Priscilla,

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$4897.00

Unpledged: \$2088.20

Presbytery: \$2081.90

This Sunday we Pray

Thanksgiving

Rahul Fernandez and family

Jauffray Family

Emma Jauffray and Jeremy Arokeum

Lawrence D'Souza

Althea Xavier

Vinuka Wijesinghe

For those who are sick:

Mario De Leon

Anita Thoy

Tyronne Vannitamby

Frederic Johnston

Thia Mouton

Stany Menezes

Carmin Menezes

Anna

Sylvio Maingard

Liam Roach

Rosario Giaquinta

Sandra Wills

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for October For mental health ministry.

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

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, 5th October: St Faustina Kowalska

Tuesday, 6th October: St Bruno

Wednesday, 7th October: Our Lady of the Rosary

Friday, 9th October: St John Henry Newman, St John Leonardi, St Denis and Companions

For those who have died recently:

Hazel Giron (40th day), Stanley Perera, Vicent M.D.J Pereira, Filomena Mauzinho, Therese Seerungen, Flordeliza Perez, Anicia Loyola Reyes, Laura D'Costa, Maria De Lourdes Alexandrino Joaquim, Caitano Gusmao, Humberto Joaquim

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Joaquim C.Lay, Honorio Pablico, Didi Pimentel, Rita and Vincentt Mariadoss, Dennis Lawrence Darrel Rodrigo, Rosa Pereira do Rego, Marcelina Pereira, Nicolau Moniz, Ines Varudo, Jaoo Varudo, Sabina Varudo de Melo, Dorothy Abeyadeera

Our Lady of Guadalupe Tilma replica visiting St. Thomas More Catholic Parish

When: Sunday 25th October 2026

Where: St. Thomas More Catholic Parish, 313 Canadian Bay Road, Mount Eliza
Mass will be held at 10am (with Adoration from 9-10am beforehand) with the tilma available for those needing healing to wear at the conclusion of Mass. This is a special privilege for the parish, as this tilma replica is one of only a handful in the world that have been laid on the original tilma given to St. Juan Diego by Our Lady.

Children's Catechism Classes in October

The Sisters from the Alliance of the Holy family International will be conducting Catechism classes in our parish for children attending primary school. The classes will be held in St Kevin's School Hall on the following days after the 11am mass:

4th October, 11th October, 18th October, 25th October and 1st November.



March for the Babies

Come and show your support and march for the babies at **1.00pm** on **Saturday, 10th October** - Treasury Gardens, Cnr. Spring St and Wellington Pde, Melbourne. Wear pink and blue for the Babies!

www.marchforthebabies.com

Pray with Pope Leo XIV: One Million Children Praying the Rosary

For free Rosary resources and to register, please visit:

www.acninternational.org/millionchildrenpraying

October is the month of the holy rosary

Join us as we pray the rosary together every morning (except Wednesdays) after the 9.15am mass. Or

Join our Parish Rosary Group on Zoom at 6:00 PM daily.

Join our Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/98851874202?pwd=MmUntGHnK3bD3AyjeUCa9XmqEOJ69T.1>

Meeting ID: 988 5187 4202

Passcode: 032337

Altar Servers Training – Sunday, 11th October, 3pm to 4.30pm

St John Henry Newman – Feast Day – 9th October

Preparation

“Great acts take time,” wrote John Henry Newman, who in his thirties was already one of the most esteemed preachers of the Church of England. The acts of God, too, undergo a long and hidden preparation. Such was the “journey,” as Newman would call it, that led this Oxford professor, a moral and a literary giant of his time, into the Catholic Church. Born in London in 1801 to a middle-class family, John Henry Newman had his first real experience of God at age fifteen. He converted to evangelical Christianity and began university studies at Oxford. The more-than-capable student could have taken many paths to worldly success, but chose instead to pursue the priesthood in the Church of England. Newman even decided to remain celibate – unusual for an Anglican cleric. He became a beloved pastor, while lecturing and tutoring at Oriel College, Oxford. At Oriel, Newman began to study the Fathers of the Church, those great figures of the early Church who articulated the foundations of the Christian faith. Something stirred inside of him. The Fathers had a vision of the Church alive in her faith, unified and growing. “Some portions of their teaching,” Newman wrote, “came like music to my inward ear.”

“...a work to do in England”

The seed of a mission had been planted. On a tour of southern Europe in 1833, Newman fell ill in Sicily and almost died. Delirious, he said to his servant, “I shall not die.... I have a work to do in England.” He recovered and returned to England. The outward journey had ended, but the inward journey, hard and earnest, had intensified. Newman wanted to live in that Church of the Fathers. So first, with friends – he was a man of deep friendships – he embarked on what became known as the Oxford Movement. The movement was an attempt to renew the Church of England from within, returning to its elements of the liturgy, mentality and zeal of the ancient Church. It bore fruit among his countrymen. Yet Newman himself was ill at ease, as he read and pondered what the Fathers described. The unease was reflected in his writings, which drew the attention of Oxford authorities for being too little Protestant, and Newman left the university.

“The whole man moves”

In 1842, he withdrew to the village of Littlemore with friends, praying and wrestling with his prejudices against the Church of Rome. Why did she teach things that did not seem to be present in the early Church? He was reasoning, but not abstractly, for he wanted any shift of his opinions to be based on something stronger than abstract reason. “It is the concrete being who reasons.” Or again, “*the whole man moves*,” and this takes time. For three years, he prayed and studied. In 1845, he published what would become a Christian classic, *An Essay on the Development of Doctrine*, showing how the Church develops her understanding and articulation of dogma over time. Dogma “*changes... in order to remain the same*,” for what Christians believe about the triune God, Jesus Christ and the Church is something alive and life-giving, and living things grow. In that same year, John Henry Newman, the brilliant professor and renowned preacher, asked a poor Italian missionary to hear his confession and entered the Catholic Church. He, too, was alive, and in order to stay true to his conscience, he changed. Friends abandoned him, accusing him of betrayal. He had to leave his beloved Oxford definitively. It was, he wrote, like “*setting out onto the open sea*.”

“Heart speaks to heart”

Two years later, in Rome, Newman was ordained a Catholic priest. He entered the Oratory of St. Philip Neri, bringing that community's form of priestly life to England the following year. From 1854-1858, he was in Dublin, at the Irish bishops' request that he begin a Catholic university there. Back in England, he was a priest tending to poor immigrants and factory workers who worshipped at the Oratory.

In 1862, in response to a public attack that questioned his conversion, Newman published an autobiography that remains a masterpiece of the English language: *Apologia Pro Vita Sua*, “*a defense of my life*.” He understood that some accusations could only be answered by the testimony of a life, an “argument” in the flesh.

By 1879, this convert of such obvious integrity had drawn the eye of Pope Leo XIII, who named Newman a cardinal – and granted Newman's plea not to be consecrated a bishop. “*Cor ad cor loquitur*,” “Heart speaks to heart,” Newman chose as his motto. Christianity had come to him in a personal way at fifteen, when God spoke to his heart, and something of this personal character marked his preaching, his deep friendships and thinking all his life.

“Lead, kindly Light ... lead Thou me on!”

Great acts take time, and in 1890, God's act of fashioning the life of his servant was completed. “*Lead, kindly Light*,” the young Newman had prayed. God did lead him: out of the places, ideas and relationships in which he had been comfortable, until finally, in the words inscribed on his tombstone, John Henry Newman stepped “out of the shadows and images into the truth.” Pope Francis canonized him in 2019. In November 2025, Pope Leo XIV declared him a Doctor of the Church.

First Reading – Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend
the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend has a
vineyard on a fertile hillside.
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice
vines in it.
In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all
that it gave.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I
ask you to judge between my vineyard and me.
What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not
done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour
grapes instead?
Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my
vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed
on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.
I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it.
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah
that chosen plant.
He expected justice, but found bloodshed,
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm – Ps 79:9, 12-16, 19-20

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field.
The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted.
The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.
The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Second Reading - Philippians 4:6-9

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you
need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and
thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much
greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts
and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill
your minds with everything that is true, everything that is
noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that
we love and honour, and everything that can be thought
virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things
that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and
have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will
be with you.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

Gospel - Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the
people: 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a
landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round,
dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it
to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew
near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his
produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed
one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some
more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt
with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to
them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the
tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the
heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his
inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the
vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the
vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They
answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched
end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will
deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.'
Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the
scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders
that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing
and it is wonderful to see?'

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken
from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'