



St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) – 27th September 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:

safeguarding.hamptonpark@cam.org.au

Team

Parish Priest: Fr. Fabian Smith

Assistant Priest: Fr Antony Santhiyagu

Parish Coordinator: Mrs. Macrina Martin

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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 so much for being part of Indian Community Fundraising Dance!

We are deeply grateful for your support. Thank you for buying a ticket, giving your time, and making a donation. Your presence and generosity made the event a huge success. Because of you, we raised **\$8345.13**, which will help with the building of the Grotto. We could not have done this without you.

Brian, Florence, Warren & Anita

Parish Office Hours

During the school holidays, the Parish Office will be open only on **Tuesday, 29th September**. Phone calls and emails will be monitored periodically.

St Kevin's Indian Community Breakfast & Lunch

Join us on **Sunday, 18 October 2026**, for a delicious 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, papadum, payasam, and your choice of chicken or 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!

Healing Mass on 28th September at 6pm

Fr John Jose Vettiyanal VC from Logos conference, Bangalore, India, will be visiting our parish on Monday, 28th September to celebrate mass at 6pm.

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.



Food Sale – 3rd and 4th October

Some of our parish families will be selling food cooked by them after the masses next weekend, to raise funds for the new grotto. Thank you for your support.

What's On

Monday, 28th September: 6pm: Healing Mass

Tuesday, 29th September: RCIA Topic: God the Holy Spirit

Wednesday, 30th September: 9.15am: Two Hearts Devotion

Thursday, 1st October: 7.15pm: Baptism Preparation Meeting

Friday, 2nd October: 6.30pm: First Friday devotions and Mass, followed by Vigil

ROSTERS for 3rd and 4th October

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 M, John, Jackie, Maria

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$5331.10

Unpledged: \$1962.20

Presbytery: \$2264.70

This Sunday we Pray

Thanksgiving

Lucien and Assunta Fernando

Isabella Giaquinta

Delan Adikari

Richard Rodrigues

James Anthony

Simreen and Rocky Holmes

George, Annemarie and Abigayle Taylor

Norma Andres

Patrick and Yolanda

Shane and Lyn

For those who are sick:

Frederic Johnston

Thia Mouton

Stany Menezes

Carmine Menezes

Anna

Sylvio Maingard

Mario De Leon

Liam Roach

Rosario Giaquinta

Sandra Wills

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for September For the care of water.

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

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, 28th September: St Wenceslaus, St Lawrence Ruiz and companions

Tuesday, 29th September: Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

Wednesday, 30th September: St Jerome

Thursday, 1st October: St Therese of Lisieux

Friday, 2nd October: The Holy Guardian Angels

For those who have died recently:

Stanley Perera, Vicentt M.D.J Pereira, Filomena Mauzinho, Therese Seerungen, Flordeliza Perez, Anicia Loyola Reyes, Laura D'Costa

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Gertrudes Maria Duarte, Jose Lontok Jr, Simeon Ambayec, Lorraine DeSouza, Leslie and Imelda Borthwick, Norberto and Hernane Pena, Lorna Alesna, Humberto Labata, Rita and Philomen Pillai, Austin and Zita D'Silva, Joseph Rogers, Zita Rogers, Hyacinth Weston, Oscar Weston, Sally D'Cruz, Thomas Williams, Creswell Joseph Abraham, Albert Mould, Philip Coutinho, Angela Coutinho, Nazario Coutinho, Mazie and Elmo De Silva, Edna Pereira

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

From **1st to 7th October**, *Aid to the Church in Need* invites you to join with Pope Leo XIV and Catholics worldwide for the *One Million Children Praying the Rosary* prayer campaign, for peace and unity in the world. Families, parishioners, prayer groups, and schools are all encouraged to register to take part! For free Rosary resources and to register, please visit:

www.acninternational.org/millionchildrenpraying

"When one million children pray the Rosary, the world will change." - Saint Padre Pio

Sunday 25th October 2026 - Devotional Reproduction of Our Lady of

Guadalupe's Mantle (Endorsed by His Eminence Cardinal Juan Sandoval Iniguez, Archbishop Emeritus of Guadalajara) One of Our Lady of Guadalupe's devotional reproduction mantles (3rd class relic that has been laid on the original tilma- one of only a few in the world) will be visiting St Thomas More Catholic Parish in Mount Eliza. Mass will be held at 10am and attendees will be able to wear the mantle and to receive prayer for healing. We look forward to seeing you there! **Where:** St Thomas More Catholic Parish, 313 Canadian Bay Road, Mount Eliza **When: 10am, Sunday 25th October 2026**

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 This is the 17th annual March for the Babies, and every year since 2009, thousands of Victorians have gathered peacefully with grief and hope to remember the ever-increasing number of babies killed by abortion in this state since the Government legalized abortion-till-birth on October 10, 2008.

Anchored - Loving Smarter: Keys to Relationship Success

Tuesday 27 October 2026, 7.30pm, Online

Join Drs Byron and Francine Pirola, founders of SmartLoving, as they share practical insights into what makes relationships flourish. During this online webinar, you will discover how understanding your spouse's unique needs can strengthen communication, deepen emotional connection and help you avoid common relationship pitfalls.

Register now <https://melbournecatholic.org/events/anchored-loving-smarter>

St Therese of Lisieux – Feast Day – 1st October

THÉRÈSE MARTIN was born at Alençon, France on 2 January 1873. Two days later, she was baptized Marie Frances Thérèse at Notre Dame Church. Her parents were Louis Martin and Zélie Guérin. After the death of her mother on 28 August 1877, Thérèse and her family moved to Lisieux.

Towards the end of 1879, she went to confession for the first time. On the Feast of Pentecost 1883, she received the singular grace of being healed from a serious illness through the intercession of Our Lady of Victories. Taught by the Benedictine Nuns of Lisieux and after an intense immediate preparation culminating in a vivid experience of intimate union with Christ, she received First Holy Communion on 8 May 1884. Some weeks later, on 14 June of the same year, she received the Sacrament of Confirmation, fully aware of accepting the gift of the Holy Spirit as a personal participation in the grace of Pentecost.

She wished to embrace the contemplative life, as her sisters Pauline and Marie had done in the Carmel of Lisieux, but was prevented from doing so by her young age. On a visit to Italy, after having visited the House of Loreto and the holy places of the Eternal City, during an audience granted by Pope Leo XIII to the pilgrims from Lisieux on 20 November 1887, she asked the Holy Father with childlike audacity to be able to enter the Carmel at the age of fifteen. On 9 April 1888 she entered the Carmel of Lisieux. She received the habit on 10 January of the following year, and made her religious profession on 8 September 1890 on the Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In Carmel she embraced the way of perfection outlined by the Foundress, Saint Teresa of Jesus, fulfilling with genuine fervour and fidelity the various community responsibilities entrusted to her. Her faith was tested by the sickness of her beloved father, Louis Martin, who died on 29 July 1894. Thérèse nevertheless grew in sanctity, enlightened by the Word of God and inspired by the Gospel to place love at the centre of everything. In her autobiographical manuscripts she left us not only her recollections of childhood and adolescence but also a portrait of her soul, the description of her most intimate experiences. She discovered the little way of spiritual childhood and taught it to the novices entrusted to her care. She considered it a special gift to receive the charge of accompanying two "missionary brothers" with prayer and sacrifice. Seized by the love of Christ, her only Spouse, she penetrated ever more deeply into the mystery of the Church and became increasingly aware of her apostolic and missionary vocation to draw everyone in her path.

On 9 June 1895, on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, she offered herself as a sacrificial victim to the merciful Love of God. At this time, she wrote her first autobiographical manuscript, which she presented to Mother Agnes for her birthday on 21 January 1896. Several months later, on 3 April, in the night between Holy Thursday and Good Friday, she suffered a haemoptysis, the first sign of the illness which would lead to her death; she welcomed this event as a mysterious visitation of the Divine Spouse. From this point forward, she entered a trial of faith which would last until her death; she gives overwhelming testimony to this in her writings. In September, she completed Manuscript B; this text gives striking evidence of the spiritual maturity which she had attained, particularly the discovery of her vocation in the heart of the Church. While her health declined and the time of trial continued, she began work in the month of June on Manuscript C, dedicated to Mother Marie de Gonzague. New graces led her to higher perfection and she discovered fresh insights for the diffusion of her message in the Church, for the benefit of souls who would follow her way. She was transferred to the infirmary on 8 July. Her sisters and other religious women collected her sayings. Meanwhile her sufferings and trials intensified. She accepted them with patience up to the moment of her death in the afternoon of 30 September 1897. "I am not dying, I am entering life", she wrote to her missionary spiritual brother, Father M. Bellier. Her final words, "My God..., I love you!", seal a life which was extinguished on earth at the age of twenty-four; thus began, as was her desire, a new phase of apostolic presence on behalf of souls in the Communion of Saints, in order to shower a rain of roses upon the world.

She was canonized by Pope Pius XI on 17 May 1925. The same Pope proclaimed her Universal Patron of the Missions, alongside Saint Francis Xavier, on 14 December 1927. Her teaching and example of holiness has been received with great enthusiasm by all sectors of the faithful during this century, as well as by people outside the Catholic Church and outside Christianity. On the occasion of the centenary of her death, many Episcopal Conferences have asked the Pope to declare her a Doctor of the Church, in view of the soundness of her spiritual wisdom inspired by the Gospel, the originality of her theological intuitions filled with sublime teaching, and the universal acceptance of her spiritual message, which has been welcomed throughout the world and spread by the translation of her works into over fifty languages.

Mindful of these requests, His Holiness Pope John Paul II asked the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, which has competence in this area, in consultation with the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith with regard to her exalted teaching, to study the suitability of proclaiming her a Doctor of the Church.

On 24 August, at the close of the Eucharistic Celebration at the Twelfth World Youth Day in Paris, in the presence of hundreds of bishops and before an immense crowd of young people from the whole world, Pope John Paul II announced his intention to proclaim Thérèse of the Child Jesus and of the Holy Face a Doctor of the Universal Church on World Mission Sunday, 19 October 1997.

Source: Vatican News

First Reading – Ezekiel 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: "You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 24:4-9

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour.

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord.

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor.

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Second Reading - Philippians 2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests

instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,
yet he did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.

But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel - Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'