



St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) – 11th 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

Admin Assistant: Miss Nikita Ravi

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 Abey Abraham and family, the Eustace and Scurville families for cooking and selling the food at the food sales held on 3rd and 4th October. They raised **\$4367** towards the building of the new grotto. Thank you for your support.

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.**

Bus for the Ordination

A bus has been organised from the parish to St Patrick's Cathedral. 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.

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.

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

Last opportunity to purchase tickets at after all the masses this weekend for the for a delicious served sit-down Indian meal and warm community fellowship being held on **Sunday, 18 October 2026.**

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 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!

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 next weekend.

What's On

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

Monday, 12th October: 7.30pm: Didasko Talk: The Eucharist and Morality

Tuesday, 13th October: 7pm: RCIA: **Topic:** The incarnation, God the Son

Friday, 16th October: 5pm: Mothers who Pray for their Children (Parish Office)

ROSTERS for 17th & 18th October

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

CHURCH CLEANERS

Team 5: Tyrone, Tyronie, Emeli, Pelenato, Susanne

COUNTERS

Team 4: Gerard, Margaret, Ashley, Linda, Sydney, Veera, Sanath

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$4980.00

Unpledged: \$2063.70

Presbytery: \$2243.90

This Sunday we Pray

Thanksgiving

Sheldon and Mariah D'Silva

Gene Dias

Kayden Dias

Gonsalves and Eastbury families

Micaela Immaculata Moore

Elaina, Michelle and Eric and family

Edwina Fernandes

Shawn Large

Shanika Costa

Leanne D'Cruz

Jude Pereira

Angelique Vencatachellum

Martin Family

Triston Ferdinand

Stephan Ferdinand

Roshani Abeyesundara

Rahul Fernandez and family

The Hanekom Family

Mary Ann and Brian D'Souza

For those who are sick:

Mario De Leon

Anita Thoy

Tyronne Vannitamby

Frederic Johnston

Thia Mouton

Stany Menezes

Carmine Menezes

Anna

Sylvio Maingard

Liam Roach

Rosario Giaquinta

Sandra Wills

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, 12th October: St Carlo Acutis

Wednesday, 14th October: St Callistus I, Pope

Thursday, 15th October: St Teresa of Jesus

Friday, 16th October: St Hedwig, St Margaret Mary Alacoque

Saturday, 17th October: St Ignatius of Antioch

For those who have died recently:

Marcia Bezern Seixas, Tyron D'Coutho, Evelyn Escares

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Desmond Bearder, George K.P, Rex Howell, All the souls in purgatory, Solange Gonee, Gertrude Ferdinand, Milton and Stella Collins, Ernest Eugene Rodrigues, Maria Concepcion Aguilar Barrara, Joyce Hookens, Gladwin D'Silva, John Peter Perera, Ruban Sisil Perera, Rita Perera, Geethani Perera, MaryAnn Xavier, Linda and Clifford de Rozario, Philomena Paris, William Francis, Hugesson and Blossom Briggs

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.



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.

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

Update on the can and bottle collection

Thank you for your ongoing support of this fundraising initiative, which raises funds for our new grotto. Thank you to Michael Palma and the Knights of the Southern Cross for their commitment and support. In September, the amount raised was \$412.20, which brings this year's total to **\$4,161.80**

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>

Pope'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.

St Teresa of Jesus – Feast Day – 15th October

From novels to hard reality

The daughter of a Jewish convert and his second wife, Saint Teresa of Avila, was born on March 28, 1515. She had a happy childhood with her brothers and cousins, and was fascinated by novels that told tales of chivalry. After the death of her elder brother, John, in 1524 and the loss of her mother, Beatrice, the young woman was sent to study at the Augustinian Monastery of Our Lady of Grace, where she was struck by a first existential crisis. After serious illness, she returned to her father's home, and witnessed the departure of her beloved brother Rodrigo for the Spanish colonies overseas. In 1536, she was hit by the so-called "great crisis" and came to the firm decision to enter the Carmelite monastery of the Incarnation at Avila. Her father, however, was opposed, and Teresa fled home. Accepted by the nuns, she made her profession on 3 November, 1537.

"I felt shaken to the core"

Teresa's health once again failed her. Despite the consequent return to the family, her case is deemed hopeless, and Teresa is returned to the convent, where the nuns begin to prepare her funeral. Inexplicably, however, the gravely ill Teresa returns to life and health. Partially released from the commitments of cloistered life owing to her convalescence, cheerful of character, a lover of music, poetry, reading and writing, Teresa would weave a dense fabric of friendships, drawing to her person various people eager to meet her. She would quickly come to feel these encounters a distraction from the principal task of prayer, and experience her "second conversion": "My eyes fell on a picture ... It was our Lord covered with sorrows. As soon as I looked at Him I felt completely shaken ... I threw myself before His feet and shed tears, and I begged Him to give me strength not to offend Him anymore."

Portrayed by Bernini

The most mysterious and interesting parts of Saint Teresa of Avila's life are her visions and ecstasies. In her Autobiography (written on the order of the bishop), and in other texts and letters, Teresa describes the various stages of divine, visual and auditory manifestations. She is seen to levitating, falling into disarray, and laying still as death (as Bernini depicts her around 1650, in the statue in the church of Our Lady of Victory in Rome). These events corresponded to a great spiritual growth, which Teresa, who had a natural gift for the literary, would pour into her mystical texts, which are among the clearest, most powerful poetics ever written.

Her intense spirituality did not always meet with understanding. Some of her confessors would even consider her a victim of demonic illusions. She was supported by the Jesuit, St. Francis Borgia, and the Franciscan friar, St. Pietro d'Alcántara, who dissipated the doubts of her accusers.

The inner castle

Teresa felt she had to rebuild Carmel to remedy a certain internal disorganization. In 1566 the Superior General of the Order authorized her to found various monasteries in Castile, including two convents of Discalced Carmelites. So were convents born in Medina, Malagon and Valladolid (1568); Toledo and Pastrana (1569); Salamanca (1570); Alba de Tormes (1571); Segovia, Beas and Seville (1574); Soria (1581); Burgos (1582), inter alia.

Decisive was the 1567 meeting between Teresa and a young student of Salamanca, just ordained a priest: under the name of John of the Cross, the young man would take the habit of the Discalced Carmelites, and accompany the foundress on her travels. They would overcome various painful events, including divisions within the order and even charges of heresy.

In the end, Teresa would have the best of it: with the birth of the reformed Order of Carmelites and the Discalced Carmelites.

Teresa's most famous work is certainly the Interior Castle, the soul's journey in search of God through seven particular steps of elevation, alongside her Way of Perfection, and the Book of Her Foundations, as well as numerous maxims, poems and prayers.

Tireless despite her constant health struggles, Saint Teresa of Avila died in Alba de Tormes in 1582, during one of her journeys.

Source: Vatican News

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First Reading – Isaiah 25:6-10

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 22

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name,
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.
I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.
I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Second Reading - Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere; full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.
Alleluia!

Gospel - Matthew 22:1-10

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited," he said, "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.