



St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) – 18th 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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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.**

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.

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.

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

Thanksgiving and Memorial Wall Plaques

For those who have registered for plaques on the thanksgiving and memorial wall of the new grotto, there are letters to be picked up from the sacristy. Please pick up your envelope this weekend and return your form to the sacristy as soon as possible.

Welcome Fr Joe (Joseph) Nguyen

The Archbishop has appointed **Fr Joe (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.

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.

World Youth Day Seoul 2027 Information Session

Wednesday 4 November 2026,
7-9pm, St Christopher's Church, Syndal

What's On

Monday, 19th October: 7.30pm: Didasko Talk: The Eucharist and Morality

Tuesday, 20th October: 7pm: RCIA: **Topic:** The incarnation, God the Son

Wednesday, 21st October: 9.15am: Two Hearts Devotion

Friday, 23rd October: 5pm: Mothers who Pray for their Children (Parish Office)

ROSTERS for 24th & 25th October

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

CHURCH CLEANERS

Team 1: Sophia, Fred, Dominic, Veronique, Cyril

COUNTERS

Team 5: Lorna, Mervyn, Anita, Howard, Jennifer, Cheryl, Owen, Ian

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$5074.00

Unpledged: \$2193.25

Presbytery: \$2296.25

This Sunday we Pray

Thanksgiving

Britto Family

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

For those who died recently:

Babylin Dacayanan Villar

Andrew Banks

Clara Umrigar

Desmond D'Silva

Christine Balendra

Cindy Linder

Marcia Bezern Seixas

Tyron D'Coutho

Evelyn Escares

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, 19th October: St John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues & Companions

Thursday, 22nd October: St John Paul II, Pope

Friday, 23rd October: St John of Capistrano

Saturday, 24th October: St Anthony Mary Claret

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Elizabeth Terry, Pansoy Family, Desmond, Lorenz Jimenez, Ma. Gloria

Pastorpili, George Hunter, Betty Duncan, Adoracion Tupas Sobrepena, Marissa

Venus Lagrada, Baptist and Dorothy Abeyadeera, Stewart and Christobel De La

Motte, Isabelle Eileen Lynch, Stephen Ward, Paily KP, Sally D'Cruz,

Demosthenes Aledo, Carmelina Aledo, Domingo Ciencia, Yolanda Ciencia,

Raphael Mannays

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.

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

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.

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.



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>

The Bethany Way – Introductory Retreat

Open to all who wish to go deeper in their faith and encounter

Christ anew. Saturday 31 October 2026, 12pm-4pm (11.30am Mass)

Catholic Leadership Centre, East Melbourne

Register <https://www.trybooking.com/au/event/1644191>

The school of suffering

Karol Wojtyła – “Lolek” to his family and friends – learned a great deal from suffering. The boy, born in 1920 in Wadowice, Poland, lost his mother when he was nine. When he was twelve, his elder brother died. He enrolled at university in Krakow at the age of nineteen to study his passion, Polish literature, but a year later Germany invaded Poland, the university was closed, and the professors deported to concentration camps. In the hungry, bleak years of the German occupation, Karol, the aspiring actor who staged clandestine theater performances with his friends, came to know the world of manual laborers, the hardness of their lives as well as their great dignity, becoming a laborer himself in a stone quarry and a chemical plant. There was light even in this dark time. His father, a man of profound prayer, taught him how to invoke the Holy Spirit. A friend, the tailor Jan Tyranowski, showed Karol the beauty of the interior life. Loss struck again: Karol’s father died in 1941, leaving the young man alone in the world. But with this new grief came illumination: “God was calling me to be a priest.”

Priest and bishop

Karol studied for the priesthood in Krakow’s clandestine seminary and was ordained in 1946. His bishop noted the young priest’s intellectual and spiritual gifts and sent him to complete a doctorate in Rome. After some time as pastor of a parish and a university chaplain, Fr. Wojtyła became a professor of moral theology and ethics at Krakow and Lublin, where a group of students often accompanied him on hikes in the mountains. There, far from the prying ears of Poland’s communist regime, the young people discussed philosophy, theology, the Christian life, and often, their marriages with “Wujek,” “uncle” – the title they gave to Fr. Wojtyła on their outings to disguise the fact that he was a priest. It was experiences such as these, Wojtyła would later say, that made him “fall in love with human love.” They would become the living basis for his “theology of the body,” or theology of human love. On one of these outings, in 1958, Wojtyła received news that he would become a bishop. The communist authorities had approved his appointment, believing that a “philosopher and poet” would not cause them much trouble. They would soon learn otherwise. This young bishop whom they supposed to have his head in the clouds was a powerful preacher who began annually celebrating Christmas midnight Mass in a field for the inhabitants of Nowa Huta, a worker’s neighborhood that authorities had deliberately built without a church. Soon great events were taking place in the Church: a new ecumenical Council, convoked by Pope John XXIII to help the Church to carry out her mission in the modern world. From 1962-1965 Bishop Wojtyła participated extensively in Vatican Council II, contributing to the drafting of the Pastoral Constitution *Gaudium et spes* and to the document on religious freedom, *Dignitatis humanae*. In 1967 he became a Cardinal.

“Be not afraid!”

In 1978, Albino Luciani was elected Pope John Paul I, but died a month later. The shocked Cardinals entered a conclave to elect a pope for the second time in a year. Thousands of people’s attention was riveted on St. Peter’s when the new pope’s name was announced, then people

turned to one another in confusion: Who? A non-Italian? For the first time in 455 years? The new Pope “from a far country” had been prepared for his task through his own suffering and the suffering of his people. He knew what it was to face fear. So, on October 22, 1978, at the inaugural Mass of his pontificate, Pope John Paul II cried out to the whole world, “Do not be afraid! Open wide the doors to Christ!” To Christ in whom alone the human being understands himself, to Christ the Redeemer of Man. This Pope from afar would go far, traveling some 1,100,000 kilometers around the world to show people the love of this Redeemer of Man, and to invite them to let go of their fear.

“Totus tuus”

On May 13, 1981, the feast of Our Lady of Fatima, the Pope would find a different way to show the world what it means to face fear, armed only with the love of God, the power of forgiveness, and the protection of the Mother of God. During that day’s papal audience, an assassin aimed and fired. St. Peter’s Square erupted into panic as the Pope fell. He came close to death, saying later that the Mother of God, to whom he had entrusted his pontificate, had protected him on her feast day; he made a pilgrimage to Fatima to place the bullet in her crown. He made another pilgrimage, too: to prison, to forgive the “brother who shot me” face-to-face.

A tireless defender of human dignity

John Paul II was a prolific author and tireless preacher, always convinced that the human person is “the way of the Church” and that “*the splendor of truth shines forth ... in a special way, in man, created in the image and likeness of God*” (*Veritatis Splendor* 1). The Pope who had experienced two forms of totalitarianism firsthand was outspoken whenever he encountered any ideology that threatened the dignity of the human person, from dictatorships to Marxism to unbridled capitalism. The Solidarity movement in his own country drew strength from his words and example, which helped precipitate the fall of communism throughout Eastern Europe. From the beginning of his pontificate, John Paul II sought to heal the divisions between the Christian churches, especially with his Orthodox brothers and sisters. He was convinced that the wound of division was contrary to the will of the Lord and weakened Christian witness. In everything he did as a defender of human dignity and shepherd of the People of God, John Paul II was conscious of his task of leading the Church and the world to a celebration of the 2,000th anniversary of the birth of *Jesus Christ* and, through this, into the new millennium. The Great Jubilee of the year 2000 was a privileged moment when believers praised the Holy Trinity for the Redeemer who “became our companion on life’s path ... in the journey we make together ... towards the new heaven and the new earth.”

“...to my Father’s house”

In the 1990s, John Paul II was diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease. So began the final chapter of his pontificate and mission, in which the energetic preacher who had traveled the world had one more “homily” to give, not with words but, as he gradually lost the capacity to speak, with silence. As his successor Pope Benedict XVI observed, this “master of words” still had, not to say, but to show that “the Lord redeemed us with his cross, with the passion, as an extreme act of love.” On April 2, 2005, the vigil of the feast of Divine Mercy, John Paul II died. His last words were whispered, “Let me go to my Father’s house.”

Source: Vatican News

First Reading – Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:

‘It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you
that men may know from the rising to the setting
of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.’

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 95(96):1,3-5,7-10

Give the Lord glory and honour.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples.

Give the Lord glory and honour.

The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens,
Give the Lord glory and honour.

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts.
Give the Lord glory and honour.

Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: ‘God is king.’
He will judge the peoples in fairness.
Give the Lord glory and honour.

Second Reading - 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church
in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and
peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and
thank God for you all, and constantly remember
before God our Father how you have shown your
faith in action, worked for love and persevered
through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and
that you have been chosen, because when we
brought the Good News to you, it came to you
not only as words, but as power and as the Holy
Spirit and as utter conviction.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life
Alleluia!

Gospel - Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees went away to work out between
them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they
sent their disciples to him, together with the
Herodians, to say, ‘Master, we know that you are
an honest man and teach the way of God in an
honest way, and that you are not afraid of
anyone, because a man’s rank means nothing to
you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to
pay taxes to Caesar or not?’ But Jesus was
aware of their malice and replied, ‘You
hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let
me see the money you pay the tax with.’ They
handed him a denarius, and he said, ‘Whose
head is this? Whose name?’ ‘Caesar’s’ they
replied. He then said to them, ‘Very well, give
back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to
God what belongs to God.’