



St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) – 14th 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

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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!

Thank you to Vincent, Rozeta, Joseph, Jude and Trish Ambrose for cooking and organising a food sale on Saturday, 6th June. Thank you to everyone who supported the sale to raise funds for the building of our new grotto. The amount raised last Saturday was \$1760.

Catholic Mission Appeal – 13th and 14th June

This week, you are invited to partner with Catholic Mission and the Church in Malawi as we support families rebuilding after devastating floods and help children access education close to home. Through projects like St Peter's Nyamikuta Primary School, the Church is creating a place where children can learn, be nourished, and grow with dignity, regardless of their background or beliefs. As we celebrate 100 years of World Mission Day, we are reminded by Pope Leo XIV that we are *'One in Christ, United in Mission'*.

Join with us in celebration and action by supporting this work with a compassionate gift. Use the provided appeal envelope, scan the QR code on the poster, or visit catholicmission.org.au/united to make a difference today.

Thank you! Light into the City

Thank you to all our parishioners who so generously contributed to the *Light into the City Appeal* held on 6th and 7th June. Together you raised \$1977.10 towards the appeal. The Parish has contributed \$22.10 towards the appeal to make the total collected \$2000.

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.**



Pilgrimage Highlights

Thursday 13 August - Depart Melbourne late evening by coach (bus)

Friday 14 August - Full Retreat Day

- Spiritual talks, presentations, prayer, reflection, and fellowship

Saturday 15 August - Visit to the Cathedral in Sydney

- Pilgrimage to the Tomb of Saint Mary MacKillop
- Sydney Harbour sightseeing tour (time permitting)

Sunday 16 August - Holy Mass

- Return journey to Melbourne
 - En route visit to Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy, Penrose Park
- Cost – Approximately \$450 per person** (Includes Bus costs, Meals all day Friday, Breakfast Sat & Sun)

Registration & Payment

Those wishing to participate are asked to:

1. Scan the QR Code provided.
2. Complete the online registration form.
3. Make payment using the parish bank account details provided within the form.

Closing Date - Wednesday, 17th June 2026

Places are limited and will be confirmed upon receipt of payment.

Altar Servers Training – Sunday, 14th June, 3pm to 4.30pm – Church

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

ROSTERS for 20th & 21st June

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

CHURCH CLEANERS

Team 3: Jeneview, Khuram, Priscilla, Maria, Jerome, Doreen

COUNTERS

Team 2: Roland, Rosalia, Jackie, Savio, John, Jackie, Shehan, Maria

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$5053.30

Unpledged: \$2342.00

Presbytery: \$2264.80

This Sunday we Pray**Thanksgiving**

Cindy and Dexter Dubier

Angeline D'Silva

Caszo Family

George Iraheta

Petal Brambleby

Clinton and Kelly Brambleby

Jerome Pereira

Lisa Belot and family

For those who are sick:

Mario De Leon

Lyndell Adikari

Patricia Rozario

Rafael

Prudence Hardman

Ian Arnold

For all the sick in our Parish

K. Seraphin

Rosario Giaquinta

Sandra Wills

For those who have died recently:

Lily Hayes

Lilia Potente

Maurice Rozario

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

Friday, 19th June: St Romuald

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Max Mortimer, John and Antoinette Crasto, Ernest and Blanche de Livera, Rahelamma, Aproniano Beredo, Daylinda and Jovani Solde, Robert McGrath, Mr and Mrs Ponnuthurai, Helen and Denise Blanche, Elvis Edmonds, Ainsley Ferdinand, Demosthenes Aledo

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.

Eucharist '28 - Didasko – The Eucharist in Scripture

In preparation for the International Eucharistic Congress being held in Sydney in 2028, the Parish has signed up for a series of talks offered via Zoom. All are welcome to participate and attend the talks being held **at 7.30pm on Monday 15th June, 22nd June and 30th June**. Please arrive at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start.

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. The Youth Mass will provide opportunities for youth to participate in different ministries including choir and music, altar serving, special ministers, readers, and other roles within the Mass. 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.

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 in August this year. If you are interested in joining our RCIA program, please use the QR code to fill in a form.

**🎉 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!

Food Sale – 20th and 21st June

A few families from our Parish will be holding a food sale after the 5pm and 7pm masses on Saturday, 20th June and after the 9am and 11am masses on Sunday, 21st June. We look forward to your support to raise funds for the new grotto.

Memorial wall Thanksgiving Wall



To purchase a
plaque(s) Please
Scan QR Code

St Anthony of Padua – Feast Day - 13th June

Though St Anthony of Padua (1195—1231) worked in Italy, he was born Fernando Martins de Bulhões in Lisbon, Portugal. He first joined the Augustinian Order and then left it and joined the Franciscan Order in 1221, when he was 26 years old. The reason he became a Franciscan was because of the death of the five Franciscan protomartyrs — St Bernard, St Peter, St Otho, St Accursius, and St Adjutus — who shed their blood for the Catholic faith in the year 1220, in Morocco, in North Africa, and whose bodies had been brought to St Anthony's monastery on their way back for burial. St Anthony became a Franciscan in the hope of shedding his own blood and becoming a martyr. He lived only 10 years after joining the Franciscan Order.

St Anthony was only 36 years old when he died. He is called the 'Hammer of the Heretics'. His great protection against their lies and deceits in the matter of Christian doctrine was to utter, simply and innocently, the Holy Name of Mary. When St Anthony found he was preaching the true Gospel of the Catholic Church to heretics who would not listen to him, he then went out and preached it to the fishes. This was not, as liberals and naturalists may say, for the instruction of the fishes, but rather for the glory of God, the delight of the angels, and the easing of his own heart. St Anthony wanted to profess the Catholic faith with his mind and his heart, at every moment.

St Anthony was canonised less than one year after his death. So simple and resounding was his teaching of the Catholic faith, so that the most unlettered and innocent might understand it, that he was made a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius XII in 1946. He is typically depicted with a book and the Infant Child Jesus, who miraculously appeared to him, and is commonly known today as the 'finder of lost objects'.

Two anniversaries

It is 750 years since the discovery of St Anthony's relics by St Bonaventure. St Anthony was buried in Padua in the church of Santa Maria Mater Domini, which had been his spiritual refuge during the period of his most intense apostolic work. On April 8, 1263, after a large part of the construction of a new church had been completed, it was decided to transfer St Anthony's body.

St Bonaventure of Bagnoregio, who was then Minister General of the Franciscans, presided over the ceremony. While examining the holy remains, before they were placed in a new wooden chest, he realised that St Anthony's tongue was incorrupt. Bonaventure exclaimed: "O blessed tongue, which always blessed the Lord and made others bless him, now you show all the great merits you have acquired with God." On that occasion, the tomb with St Anthony's mortal remains was probably set in the centre of the transept, under the conical cupola, in front of the presbytery.

St Anthony on prayer

A fundamental idea vibrates in Anthony's Sermons. It is the meaning of life polarised in God, to whom everything is subordinate. Anthony calls the fact that everything is oriented towards God by one name: prayer. Everything has the common denominator of prayer, despite the variety of types of ascension toward God or one's level of perfection.

On no page of Anthony's writings is one not touched by the meaning and the taste for prayer and the capacity to pray.

Disciple of Augustine, the doctor of grace, Anthony was the first to practise what he preached, and he never ceased to ask in every moment, even during the act of preaching, for the merciful help of the Lord.

For the saint, prayer is, above all, a love relationship, which creates an intimate union with the loved one (that is, between God and man), and it then leads to a tender dialogue with the loved one provoking an ineffable joy, while streams of light gently enfold the soul in prayer. Anthony is a natural orator, due to his need to give vent to what he loves.

Prayer, for him, is, above all, a movement of the heart which, by filling the mind with heat, converts a meeting with God into a conversation of love. Prayer with God requires the presence of all the soul's faculties. The first, however, is still the heart. For this, Anthony prefers the idea of prayer as an "elevation of the heart" to the current definition, but he does not leave out the comprehension of the mind, illuminator of the heart in its itinerary towards God.

Illustrating Paul's text in Timothy 2:1, "Be advised, therefore, before all else, to ask questions, supplications, prayer and thanks", Anthony distinguishes four phases in prayer: **obsecratio**, **oratio**, **postulatio** and **gratiarum actio**.

Obsecratio is the first phase of prayer. This expresses the sentiments of the soul who wants to gain favour with God.

The second phase, or **oratio**, is a moment of affectionate contact with God.

Once having entered into confidence, the soul reaches the third moment, **postulatio**, which is where questions are asked. Anthony makes it clear that the ray of the request transcends earthly things, as it extends to the Infinite, supreme object of every desire.

"Ask God for God"; this is, in order of dignity, the first question that should be at the base of every question. Here the saint, once again giving vent to his soul, underlines the Christ-centrality of his prayer, which is an aspect of that spiritual Christ-centrality which is so evident in his writings and which he condensed in an expression full of meaning, Christ was given to us by his Father because "living for him, we would love him; without him, living is dying".

The final phase of prayer is the **gratiarum actio**, or praise. Praise which should never be forgotten, since it is identified with charity and with uninterrupted prayer, a perennial song of gratitude that rises up from the life of the aided soul.

Source: www.catholic.org, www.saintanthonyofpadua.net

First Reading - Exodus 19:2-6

From Rephidim the sons of Israel set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."'

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 99(100):2-3,5

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing for joy.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Know that he, the Lord, is God.

He made us, we belong to him,

we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.

He is faithful from age to age.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Second Reading – Romans 5:6-11

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we

may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near;
repent and believe the Good News!
Alleluia!

Gospel - Matthew 9:36-10:8

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'