



St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



13th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) – 28th 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 all our parish families who cooked for the food sale held on Saturday, 20th June and Sunday 21st June to raise funds for the building of our new grotto. The total amount raised last weekend was **\$5460**. Thank you to Denver and Siromani De Rozario, Nezin and Carolyn Gozmao, Roger and Priscilla Allen, Elvin and Clara D'Moss, Demis and Kim Razu, Joseph Michael, Dolly Barlow, Denise Razu and their children, Elizabeth and Xavier and family, Thomas, Regina, Ruth and Dominic Abraham and Johnson George. Thank you to the following businesses who supported the food sale: The Banquet Caterers, Masala Dosa, Jeny's Cakes and Nibbles, Proppa South, Chef Mahen, Strings, Mabuhay Grocery, Delia Krella and Maria.

Welcome Mengjie

Seminarian Mengjie Li is visiting our Parish and will be with us till 24th July. Mengjie is in his eighth year of formation for the priesthood with the Society of the Divine Word (SVD). Please welcome Mengjie as he assists in our parish. Please feel free to invite him over for a cuppa.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

The RCIA program begins on **19th July** this year. If you are interested in joining our RCIA program, please use the QR code to fill in a form.



Marriage Anniversary Mass – Sunday, 12th July

Married couples and their families are cordially invited to join us as we celebrate the gift of marriage and family. Couples who register and are celebrating the following anniversaries—5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 or 40 years and above—will receive a commemorative certificate.

Please register for your spot by Tuesday 7 July at www.trybooking.com/DMQDP



Sri Lankan Food Sale – 18th & 19th July

The Sri Lankan community of St Kevin's parish is organising a food sale on Saturday, 18th July and Sunday, 19th July. We will be selling food after every mass and your donation of rice packets (10 packets if possible) will be greatly appreciated. Cash donations will also be accepted. Funds raised will go towards the building of the new grotto. **Donations of food required:**

Yellow rice, Dhall, Eggplant or beans fry with Beef/Chicken or pork curry
Fried rice, Potato vegetable, eggplant or beans fry with beef/chicken/pork curry
String hoppers, dhall, coconut sambhol or seeni sambhol with beef/chicken/pork curry, Kottu roti, chicken/beef or pork curry. Pan rolls – Beef/chicken/Fish.
Pastries/Savouries, Sweets. Containers of beef/chicken/pork curry. Cash donations Thank you for your generosity and God bless. Please contact Ingrid 0419702301 or Desiree 0477716740.

Holiness in Ordinary Life – Talk for men on Tuesday, 30th June at 8pm in the Parish Office

Food Sale – Saturday, 4th July and Sunday, 5th July

Fr Fabian's family will be cooking for a food sale being held after all the masses next weekend to raise funds for the building of the new grotto.



ROSTERS for 4th & 5th July

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

CHURCH CLEANERS

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

COUNTERS

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

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$5244.20

Unpledged: \$2282.10

Presbytery: \$2349.80

This Sunday we Pray

Thanksgiving

Maria Ivelja

Joseph Ambrose

Annamaria Vincent

Faye Lofamia

Sean Lenard Cabildo

William Francis and family

Dylan Gozmao

Khuram Jawad and family

Subramaniam Family

Francis Family

For those who are sick:

Mario De Leon

Lyndell Adikari

Patricia Rozario

Rafael

Prudence Hardman

Ian Arnold

K. Seraphin

Rosario Giaquinta

Sandra Wills

For those who have died recently:

Honorine Balasami

Sally D'Cruz

Pravin D'Souza

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, 29th June: Saints Peter and Paul

Tuesday, 30th June: The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

Friday, 3rd July: St Thomas

Saturday, 4th July: St Elizabeth of Portugal

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Clifford and Linda De Rozario, John and Antoinette Crasto, Lt. Col. A.J.Ambrose, All souls in purgatory, Laurence Maguire, Mina Carvalho, Esther Arumanayagam, Rita and Philomen Pillai, Irineo Olalia, Neelavathy Munuswamy, Paul Cesar, Herbert Reneaux, Cynthia and Ashton D'Costa, Francisco Guterres Lu Olo, Luzia dos Santos de Oliveira, Elena Batarina, Stella Paul Pillai, Belinda Claite Murat

Winter Appeal - Note from the SVDP Hampton Park conference

St Vincent de Paul Society of St Kevin's Parish has been providing much needed assistance to the needy in our local community for over 30 years. Through home visits, conversations, practical assistance and simply being present for people during difficult times, our members & volunteers demonstrate the compassion that defines our Society. Calls for help by the people whose lives are affected by the rising cost of living, increase every year. In the last twelve months the Hampton Park conference has received 630 calls for assistance. We have provided help to the value of \$ 51,450.00 in grocery vouchers, educational, medical, Rent, Vinnies store vouchers & bill payments.

A third collection will be held for the Winter Appeal on **Saturday, 25th July and Sunday, 26th July**. Your contribution to our Winter Appeal, is much appreciated and will go directly towards the good works in Hampton Park & Lynbrook communities. Thank you for your faith, compassion & generosity.

Youth Group Meeting

All youth aged Year 9 to 25 years are invited to attend the next Youth Group meeting on **Sunday, 5th July at 4pm** in the School Hall.

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.

Working Bee – Saturday, 22nd August

We would like to clean the inside and outside of our church and grounds. If you can spare an hour or more of your time, please sign up for the Parish Working Bee on **Saturday, 22nd August from 8am**. Please contact Brian D'Souza via the Parish Office 03 97992108.

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. If you are interested in joining the Youth Choir, please contact Joseph Ambrose 0469826600 or the Parish Office on 0397992108.

🎉 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!**

🎫 Tickets will be on sale soon – keep an eye out for further announcements!

Memorial wall Thanksgiving Wall



To purchase a
plaque(s) Please
Scan QR Code

Saints Peter and Paul – Feast Day – 29th June

Veneration of the two great Apostles, Peter and Paul, has its roots in the very foundations of the Church. They are the solid rock on which the Church is built. They are at the origin of her faith and will forever remain her protectors and her guides. To them Rome owes her true greatness, for it was under God's providential guidance that they were led to make the capital of the Empire, sanctified by their martyrdom, the centre of the Christian world whence should radiate the preaching of the Gospel. St Peter suffered martyrdom under Nero, in 66 or 67 AD. He was buried on the hill of the Vatican where recent excavations have revealed his tomb on the very site of the basilica of St Peter's. St Paul was beheaded in the via Ostia on the spot where now stands the basilica bearing his name.

St Peter

Peter's original name was Simon. Christ himself gave him the name Cephas, or Peter, when they first met and later confirmed it. This name change was meant to show both Peter's rank as leader of the Apostles and the outstanding trait of his character — Peter (in Aramaic Kephass) the Rock. Peter was born in Bethsaida on the Sea of Galilee. Like his younger brother Andrew, he was a fisherman and dwelt at Capernaum. Peter's house often became the scene of miracles, since the Master would stay there whenever He was teaching in that locality. After the miraculous draught of fish on the Sea of Galilee, Peter received his definitive call and left wife, family and occupation to take his place as leader of the Twelve. Thereafter we find him continually at Jesus' side, whether it be as spokesman of the apostolic college (John 6:68; Matthew 16:16), or as one specially favoured (eg, at the restoration to life of Jairus' daughter, at the Transfiguration, during the Agony in the Garden). His sanguine temperament often led him into hasty, unpremeditated words and actions; his denial of Jesus during the Passion was a salutary lesson. It accentuated a weakness in his character and made him humble. After the Ascension, Peter always took the leading role, exercising the office of chief shepherd that Christ had entrusted to him. He delivered the first sermon on Pentecost and received the first Gentiles into the Church (Cornelius; Acts 10:1). After his miraculous deliverance from prison (Easter, 42 AD), Peter "went to a different place," most probably Rome. Details now become scanty; we hear of his presence at the Council of Jerusalem (Acts 15:1), and of his journey to Antioch (Galatians 2:11). It is certain that Peter labored in Rome as an Apostle, that he was the city's first bishop, and that he died there as a martyr, bound to a cross (67 AD). According to tradition he also was the first bishop of Antioch. He is the author of two letters, the first Christian encyclicals. His burial place is Christendom's most famous shrine, an edifice around whose dome are inscribed the words: Tu es Petrus, et super hanc petram aedificabo ecclesiam meam: "You are Peter and on this rock I will build my church."

St Paul

Paul, known as Saul (his Roman name) before his conversion, was born at Tarsus in the Roman province of Cilicia about two or three years after the advent of the Redeemer. He was the son of Jewish parents who belonged to the tribe of Benjamin, was reared according to the strict religious-nationalistic party of the Pharisees, and enjoyed the high distinction of Roman citizenship. As a youth he went to Jerusalem to become immersed in the Law and had as a teacher the celebrated Gamaliel. At the time of Jesus' ministry he no longer was at Jerusalem; neither did he see the Lord during his earthly life. Upon returning to the Holy City, Paul found a flourishing Christian community and at once became its bitter opponent. When Stephen impugned Law and temple, Paul was one of the first at his stoning. Breathing threats of slaughter against the disciples of Jesus, he was hurrying to Damascus when the grace of God effected his conversion (34 AD). After receiving baptism and making some initial attempts at preaching, Paul withdrew into the Arabian desert (c34-37 AD), where he prepared himself for his future mission. During this retreat he was favoured with special revelations, Christ appearing to him personally. Upon his return to Damascus he began to preach but was forced to leave when the Jews sought to kill him. Then he went to Jerusalem "to see Peter". Barnabas introduced him to the Christian community, but the hatred of the Jews again obliged him to take secret flight. The following years (38-42 AD) he spent at Tarsus until Barnabas brought him to the newly founded Christian community at Antioch, where both worked a year for the cause of Christ; in the year 44 he made another journey to Jerusalem with the money collected for that famine-stricken community. The first major missionary journey (45-48) began upon his return as he and Barnabas brought the Gospel to Cyprus and Asia Minor (Acts 13-14). The Council of Jerusalem occasioned Paul's reappearance in Jerusalem (50). Spurred on by the decisions of the council, he began the second missionary journey (51-53), traveling through Asia Minor and then crossing over to Europe and founding churches at Philippi, Thessalonica (his favourite), Berea, Athens, Corinth. He remained almost two years at Corinth, establishing a very flourishing and important community. In 54 he returned to Jerusalem for the fourth time. Paul's third missionary journey (54-58) took him to Ephesus, where he laboured for three years with good success. He then returned to Jerusalem for a fifth time (Pentecost, 58). There he was seized by the Jews and accused of condemning the Law. After being held as a prisoner for two years at Caesarea, he appealed to Caesar and was sent to Rome (60). Shipwrecked and delayed on the island of Malta, he arrived at Rome in the spring of 61 and passed the next two years in easy confinement before being released. The last years of the saint's life were devoted to missionary excursions, probably including Spain, and to revisiting his first foundations. In 66 he returned to Rome, was taken prisoner, and beheaded a year later. *Source: From The Church's Year of Grace by Pius Parsch, Sources: www.catholicculture.org*

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

First Reading - 2 Kings 4:8-11,13-16

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. He said to his servant Gehazi, 'Call our Shunammitess. Tell her this: "Look, you have gone to all this trouble for us, what can we do for you? Is there anything you would like said for you to the king or to the commander of the army?"' But she replied, 'I live with my own people about me.' 'What can be done for her then?' he asked. Gehazi answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. This time next year,' he said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 88(89):2-3,16-19

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.

Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss.

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;

by your favour it is that our might is exalted;
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel.

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading – Romans 6:3-4,8-11

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.

Praise God who call you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

Gospel - Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'