



St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) – 5th July 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

St. Francis De Sales

Christine White - (03) 8773 6700

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.**

Congratulations Fr Antony!

We congratulate Fr Antony on his appointment as Administrator to St Patrick's, Kilmore. His appointment will be in effect from 25th November 2026.

The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, 7th July.

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.

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.



St Kevin's can and bottle collection

Thank you for your ongoing support of our can and bottle collection to raise funds for the building of the new grotto. In May, we raised **\$327.40** and in June we raised **\$530.30**. Thank you to the Knights of the Southern Cross for their commitment to this appeal.

Marriage Anniversary Mass – 12th July – St Patrick's Cathedral

Married couples and their families are cordially invited to join 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

Bethlehem Olive Wood Sale

On the 11th & 12th of July there will be a display of handcrafted olivewood religious items for sale. These items are hand crafted in Bethlehem the Holy Land by the Catholic families there. Your purchase helps support these families and supports preserving the Holy Sites in Bethlehem. Over 600 families rely on this work as their main source of income, but with the ongoing conflict, hardly any pilgrims are visiting Bethlehem. By purchasing these items, you are offering much-needed support to the Christian community in Bethlehem and helping to keep the faith in the Holy Land.

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.

ROSTERS for 11th & 12th July

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

CHURCH CLEANERS

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

COUNTERS

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

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$7521.50

Unpledged: \$2184.00

Presbytery: \$3168.50

This Sunday we Pray**Thanksgiving**

Ideera Perera

Antoinette Crasto

Lynn, Mechelle, Larissa, Marcus

Arvin and Amelia Vincent

Anastasia Oakes

Sayers Family

Calvin Andres

Petal Brambleby

Clinton and Kelly Brambleby

Celine Godfrey

Sonia Van Houten

For those who are sick:

Fr Tad Ziolkowski

Amber Elke Faska

Liam Roach

Mario De Leon

Lyndell Adikari

Patricia Rozario

Rafael

Prudence Hardman

Rosario Giaquinta

Sandra Wills

For those who have died recently:

Pravin D'Souza

Sally D'Cruz

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, 6th July: St Maria Goretti

Tuesday, 7th July: Blessed Peter To Rot

Thursday, 9th July: St Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions

Saturday, 11th July: St Benedict

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Maxwell De Rozario, Alister Dubier, Raymond Gonee, Donna Hale, Billy Hale, Ralph Boustead

Thursday, 9th July at 6.30pm – Healing mass – Fr Antony Parankimalil**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.

Peter's Pence Collection – Sunday, 9th August

On Sunday, 9th August we will take up a third collection to support the mission of our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV. Peter's Pence is a gesture of communion and participation in the Pope's mission to proclaim the Gospel, promote peace, and spread Christian charity.

Save the Date: August 8th, 2026 - Samoan Community Social

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.

A NIGHT OF MUSIC, DANCING & FUN! - Saturday, 19 September!

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 are on sale now – Contact for tickets - Warren Peters: 0423 247 093, Brian D'Souza:0414 363 725, Florence D'Costa:0433 851 662 or Anita Fernandez:0402 505 676

Memorial wall Thanksgiving Wall



To purchase a
plaque(s) Please
Scan QR Code

St Thomas the Apostle – Feast Day - 3rd July

Little is recorded of St Thomas the Apostle. Thomas was probably born in Galilee to a humble family, but there is no indication that he was a fisherman. He was a Jew, but there is no account of how he became an Apostle of Christ. Nevertheless, thanks to the fourth Gospel, his personality is clearer to us than some of the others of the Twelve. Thomas' name occurs in Matthew (10:3), Mark (3:18), Luke (6) and the Acts of the Apostles (1:13), but in the Gospel of John he plays a particularly distinctive part.

Thomas is often condemned for his lack of belief, but he was equally courageous, willing to stand by Jesus in dangerous times. He also relentlessly sought the truth. Like an inquisitive child, he constantly asked questions. And, his wonderful profession, "My Lord and my God," is the clearest declaration of Jesus' divinity in Holy Scripture.

Thomas, loyal follower

When Jesus announced his intention of visiting the recently deceased Lazarus in Judea—a few miles from Jerusalem and dangerously close for someone as unpopular as he—Thomas said to his fellow disciples: "Let us also go, that we may die with him" (John 11:16). When the worried disciples wanted to keep Jesus from going for fear he would be stoned, Thomas, in a moment of bravery not often expressed by the Apostles before Pentecost, rallied the others to stay by their Master come what may.

Thomas, inquisitive student

Later, in John 14:1-5 it was St Thomas who raised an objection at the Last Supper: Jesus said: "Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to myself, that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way where I am going." Thomas said to him: "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How do we know the way?" With the keenness typical of the Twelve, Thomas misunderstands Jesus' reference to his Death and Resurrection. Thomas' question provides Jesus an opportunity to teach one of the most profound and difficult truths of his ministry. Jesus said to Thomas: (John 14:6) "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through me."

Thomas, doubting Apostle

Last, and more famously, St Thomas is remembered for being absent from the Upper Room the first time Jesus appeared to the disciples after his Resurrection. Thomas dismissed the accounts of the others by saying, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe" (Luke 20:25). Eight days later Thomas made his act of faith. He fell at the feet of Jesus and said: "My Lord and my God!" and Jesus replied: "Because you have seen me, Thomas, you have believed. Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet believe" (John 20:25-29). This incident gave rise to the expression "doubting Thomas". Although Thomas is best remembered for having doubted, it must not be forgotten that, having doubted and having been given opportunity to actually touch Our Lord—while the rest of the Apostles only saw—he then did believe and uttered the unequivocal and powerful statement of his conviction of Our Lord's divine nature when he said, "My Lord and my God". So, we remember in this Year of Faith that Our Lord himself promised that those who have not seen and yet believe are blessed; and he meant us.

Thomas, reluctant missionary

Accounts of Thomas' missionary activities are largely unreliable, but the most widely accepted report holds that he preached in India, although he was reluctant to start the mission. According to an apocryphal source (that is, a work not accepted as inspired Scripture), the Acta Thomae, the Apostles divided up the world for their missionary labours, and India fell to Thomas. However, Thomas claimed that he was not healthy enough and that a Hebrew could not teach Indians; even a vision of Christ could not change his mind. Christ then appeared to a merchant and sold Thomas to him as a slave for his master, a king who ruled over part of India.

One story suggests that Thomas offered to build a palace for the Indian king that would last forever. The king gave him money, which Thomas gave to the poor. Asked to show his progress, St Thomas explained that the palace he was building was in heaven, not on earth. Ultimately, after giving in to God's will, Thomas was freed from slavery. He planted seeds for the new Church, forming many parishes and building many churches along the way.

To this day, St Thomas is venerated as the Apostle of India. In fact, there exists a population of Christians along the Malabar Coast, on the western coast of India, who lay claim to conversion by St Thomas. Their tradition holds that he built seven churches, was martyred during prayer by a spearing on the 'Big Hill' near Madras, and was buried in Mylapore, on the east coast of India.

Ultimately, St Thomas' remains were transported to Ortona, Italy, where they reside today.

St Thomas the Apostle is the patron saint of the blind (due to his occasional spiritual blindness), craftsmen (for example, architects, carpenters and masons), geometricians and theologians (for his definitive statement of faith).

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

First Reading - Zechariah 9:9-10

The Lord says this:

Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!
See now, your king comes to you;
he is victorious, he is triumphant,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will banish chariots from Ephraim
and horses from Jerusalem;
the bow of war will be banished.
He will proclaim peace for the nations.
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 144(145):1-2,8-11,13b-14

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

I will give you glory, O God my king,

I will bless your name for ever.

I will bless you day after day

and praise your name for ever.

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.

They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God.

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.

The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down.

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Second Reading – Romans 8:9,11-13

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel - Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'