



St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) – 12th 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

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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.**

Thank You!

Thank you for supporting last weekend's Food Fundraiser for the Grotto. We raised **\$7000**. Thank you for all your support. I would like to thank my Family; My Mum, Dad, Sister, Brother-in-law, Nephew and Nieces, Godparents, Aunties, Uncles and Cousins and all those who contributed their Time, Talent and Treasure to help last weekend. Thank you.

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.



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. Funds raised will go towards the building of the new grotto. Thank you for your generosity and God bless. Please contact Ingrid 0419702301 or Desiree 0477716740.

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.

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.

Pope's Prayer Intention for July - For respect for human life.

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

What's On

Monday, 13th July: 7.30pm: Didasko Talk (Parish Office meeting room)
Topic: The Eucharist in Systematic Theology. Presented by Chris Wolter

Tuesday, 14th July: 4.30pm: Parish Confirmation class

Wednesday, 15th July: 9am: Two Hearts Devotion

4.30pm: Parish First Holy Communion class

Friday, 17th July: 5pm: Mothers who Pray for their Children (Office)

7pm: Alpha program (School Hall)

ROSTERS for 19th & 20th July

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

CHURCH CLEANERS

Team 2: Antonio, Samangi, Eileen, Joelle, Rennla, Kerwin

COUNTERS

Team 1: Anne, Michael, Tyronie, Renee, Alejandra, Kharece

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$5127.40

Unpledged: \$2102.50

Presbytery: \$1513.35

This Sunday we Pray

Thanksgiving

Warren Peters

Mechelle Balm

Rudolf Soans and family

Salome Bastian

Clinton and Kelly Brambleby

Petal Brambleby

Sarah Fritchley

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:

Susanne Pires

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, 13th July: St Henry

Tuesday, 14th July: St Camillus de Lellis

Wednesday, 15th July: St Bonaventure

Thursday, 16th July: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Pius Harold Francis, Max Mortimer, Hazel and Warner Balm, Mary Matilda Silva, Clement and Barbara Passagne, Sybil D'Silva, Edwin Anthony D'Moss, Stanley Anthony Grey, Rex Howell, Philomena and Dereck Kelaart, Starlene Moses, David Martinz, Ruth Dubier

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.

Samoan Community Social 8th August 6pm - 11.30pm

St Kevin's Hampton Park School Hall

Come and experience the warmth, hospitality, and spirit of the Samoan community. Everyone from St Kevin's is warmly invited to join us for an evening of laughter, shared food, new friendships and the music stylings of 'Humble Beginnings Band' and 'DJ Corey'. Any and all proceeds will be lovingly dedicated to Our Lady's Grotto. We'd love to welcome you. **Tickets are on sale from this weekend in the foyer or please contact, Telesia 0416272352 or Nora 0432371205**

Filipino Community Social – Sunday, 23rd August

The Filipino Community is hosting a social event on Sunday, 23 August, from 12:00 to 4:00 pm. Come along for an afternoon of games, delicious food (on sale) entertainment, and prizes. **For tickets contact Gina Thomas on 0425 809 103 or purchase after the weekend Masses in the foyer.**

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

Melbourne Synod 2026 – Theme Paper Release

The Synod theme papers are an important step in our journey of listening and discernment as we prepare for the Melbourne Synod. The papers aim to foster a spirit of hope and imagination—trusting that, as we walk together, God is calling us into a future marked by faithfulness.

**Memorial wall
Thanksgiving Wall**



Sts. Louis and Zélie Martin – Feast Day – 12th July

Sts. Louis and Zélie Martin are the “model of a couple” that the Church presents to young people and families in today’s “confused times”, Pope Leo XIV wrote in a message in French released on Saturday for the 10th anniversary of the canonization of St. Therese of Lisieux’s parents.

“In these troubled and confused times, when so many counter-models of unions — often fleeting, individualistic, and selfish, bearing bitter and disappointing fruits — are presented to the youth, the family as the Creator intended it might seem outdated and boring”, he highlighted.

“Louis and Zélie Martin testify that this is not the case: they were happy—deeply happy! — in giving their life, radiating and transmitting the faith, and in seeing their daughters grow and flourish under the gaze of the Lord”.

The message was signed on October 1, the feast day of St. Therese of Lisieux, and is addressed to Bishop Bruno Feillet of the Diocese of Séez, where the hometown of the Martin family, Alençon, is located. Sts. Louis and Zélie, canonized in 2015 by Pope Francis, were the first married couple to be recognized as saints together by the Church. The Pope expressed the hope “that this anniversary will be an opportunity to raise awareness of the life and merits of this incomparable couple and parents” so that families - “so dear to God’s heart but also sometimes so fragile and tested” - may find in the Martins “the support and graces necessary to continue on their journey”.

A model for young people and families

Sts. Louis and Zélie Martin are “a radiant and inspiring model” that “the Holy Church presents to young people who wish — perhaps with some hesitation — to embark on such a beautiful adventure”, the Pope highlights.

St. Therese of Lisieux’s parents are an example “of fidelity and attentiveness to one another”, “of fervor and perseverance in faith”, “of Christian education of children”, “of generosity in the practice of charity and social justice” and “of trust in times of trial”. But above all, Pope Leo writes, “this exemplary couple bears witness to the ineffable happiness and deep joy that God grants”, especially “to those who commit themselves to this path of faithfulness and fruitfulness”.

He underscores in this regard some aspects of the Martin family’s daily life, such as gathering “on Sundays after Mass around the table”, “sharing in each person’s joys, sorrows, plans, and hopes” or getting together for “moments of shared prayer” or “family events that mark the passage of time”. The Pope points out as well “the comfort” of being “together in times of trial, united with the Cross of Christ when it appears” and with the “hope to one day be reunited in the glory of heaven”.

An example of ordinary sainthood

Pope Leo XIV emphasizes how Sts. Louis and Zélie did not put into action “their desire to become saints and educate their children in holiness by withdrawing from the world”, but rather they fulfilled this duty through “the ordinary course of everyday life”. Citing an expression coined by his predecessor, Pope Francis, Pope Leo explained how these parents “are part of that immense crowd of saints next door”.

The pilgrims who will visit Alençon to mark the 10th anniversary of the canonization will “grasp the concrete, everyday setting in which the Martins lived” and their commitment to the society around them “through their parish, their professional activities, their charitable works, their circles of friends, and, of course, their family life”, the Pope insists. He, in fact, adds that this family’s “seemingly ‘ordinary’ life was filled with a truly ‘extraordinary’ presence of God”, and “God first” was the “motto on which” they built their existence.

Their story, the Pope continues, “highlights marriage as a path to holiness” and “among the vocations to which men and women are called by God, marriage is one of the most noble and exalted”.

Put Jesus at the centre of your lives

Pope Leo then encourages couples “to persevere courageously on the path” they have begun, acknowledging that it is “sometimes difficult and demanding, but filled with light”. “Above all, place Jesus at the center of your families, your activities, and your decisions”, he stresses.

“Help your children discover His boundless love and tenderness, and strive to teach them to love Him in return as He deserves”. He reflects, “How could Therese have loved Jesus and Mary so deeply — and then passed on to us such a beautiful teaching — if she had not learned it from her saintly parents from the earliest age?”

For the Pope, this is the “great lesson that Louis and Zélie give us for today, a lesson that both the Church and the world need so greatly”.

By Isabella H. de Carvalho, Source: Vatican News website

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

First Reading - Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 64(65):10-14

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain.

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows;
you level it, soften it with showers;
you bless its growth.

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows.

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy, yes, they sing.

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Second Reading – Romans 8:18-23

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

Gospel - Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables. He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!' Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied, 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled: You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.' But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it. 'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'