



St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) – 19th July 2026

Parish Centre

A: 120 Hallam Road,
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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 Fabian!

We pray for and congratulate Fr Fabian as he celebrates his 21st ordination anniversary on 23rd July. May the Lord pour out His Spirit upon you as you work in His vineyard. May He continue to use you for His glory.
Congratulations Fr Fabian!

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

The RCIA program begins on **Sunday, 19th July at 4pm in the Church foyer.** If you are interested in becoming Catholic or in coming into full communion with the Catholic church, we invite you to attend the first RCIA

'Meet and Greet' session. Please use the QR code to fill in the enrolment form.



Sri Lankan Food Sale – 18th & 19th July

The Sri Lankan community of St Kevin's parish is organising a food sale this weekend for the building of the new grotto. *Thank you for your generosity.*

Winter Appeal – 25th and 26th July 2026

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. St Vincent de Paul Society*

Knights of the Southern Cross Public Speaking Course

Confidence Building: Be Heard and Understood with Clarity and Interest.

The Knights of the Southern Cross are seeking interest from St Kevin's parishioners to participate in our Structured Course in Public Speaking which will be held in Hampton Park. The Course takes participants through basic principles and practices to become accomplished and confident speakers. This Ten-Week Program is set to take place on Thursday evenings from **6th August to 8th October** with a cost of \$30 per person. The Course is limited to 12 participants at a time so please respond early if interested. Please contact Michael Palma on 0437 002 089 or at mmpalma98@gmail.com to register your interest.

What's On

Sunday, 19th July: 4pm: RCIA 'Meet and Greet' session

Monday, 20th July: 7.30pm: Didasko Talk (Parish Office meeting room)

Tuesday, 21st July: 4.30pm: Parish Confirmation class, **7pm:** RCIA

Wednesday, 22nd July: 9am: Two Hearts Devotion

4.30pm: Parish First Holy Communion class

Friday, 24th July: 5pm: Mothers who Pray for their Children (Office)

ROSTERS for 25th & 26th July

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

CHURCH CLEANERS

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

COUNTERS

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

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$5247.00

Unpledged: \$2235.70

Presbytery: \$2451.95

This Sunday we Pray

Thanksgiving

Elora Mae Guanizo

Brandon Scurville

Grenville Scurville and family

Jazelle Chen

Brandon Chen

Patrick Chen

Tarquin DeSouza

Kelly Brambleby

Kelsey Way

Ashley and Linda Franklin

Tauro and George Family

Laura Fernandez and family

The people of Donetsk (Special intention)

Pedro Pastorpili

Clarissa Iraheta

Martin Family

For those who are sick:

Julian Perera

Anton Fortes Ratai

Marie Linda

Jenny Storer

Amber Elke Faska

Liam Roach

Mario De Leon

Lyndell Adikari

Patricia Rozario

Rafael

Prudence Hardman

Rosario Giaquinta

Sandra Wills

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, 20th July: St Apollinaris

Tuesday, 21st July: St Lawrence of Brindisi

Wednesday, 22nd July: St Mary Magdalene

Thursday, 23rd July: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Friday, 24th July: St Sharbel Makhluf

Saturday, 25th July: St James

For those who have died recently:

Fr Tad Ziolkowski

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Joseph Crasto, Romeo Montemayor Yabut, Departed souls of the Alphonso

Family, Gerty Fernandez, Epifanio Ambayec Sr., Milagros Ambayec,

Joseph Rogers, Zita Rogers, Hyacinth Weston, Oscar Weston, Stanislav

Schafer, Joze and Marija Juntez, Jozica and Janez Kastelic, Floryse Maingard,

Joachim Saldanha, Dioscoro and Crisigono Montecillo, Isaias Claracay,

Robert White, Maurice Rozario, Rita Tauro, Alexander and Edgar George,

Fani and Josip Drnovsek, Medved and Juntez Family, Matija and Franciska

Schafer, Veronica Rajic, Jelena Rajic, Rocky Samanovic, Eugene Woodfall,

Margaret Woodfall, Dino Fernandez, Maria Gloria Pastorpili, Claudette Henricus,

Edmund Tellis, Rajalakshmi Subramaniam

Youth Choir & Youth Mass – Expression of Interest (Ages 14–25)

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

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**

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.

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

**Memorial wall
Thanksgiving Wall**



To purchase a
plaque(s) Please
Scan QR Code

St Mary Magdalene – Feast Day – 22nd July

Called 'the Penitent'. St Mary Magdalen was given the name Magdalen because, though a Jewish girl, she lived in a Gentile town called Magdala, in northern Galilee. The Gospel tells us nothing of Mary's younger years, but tradition informs us that Mary Magdalen was young and pretty, and led a sinful life. It says in the Gospels that the Lord expelled seven devils from Mary (Luke 8:2). From the moment of her healing Mary led a new life, and became a disciple of the Saviour. The Gospels relate that Mary Magdalen was present at the Lord's Crucifixion. The Evangelists list among those standing at the cross the mother of the Apostle James, and Salome, and other women followers of the Lord from Galilee, but all mention Mary Magdalen first. St John, in addition to the Mother of God, names only her and Mary Cleopas. This indicates how much she stood out from all the women who gathered around the Lord. She was faithful to him not only in the days of his glory, but also at the moment of his extreme humiliation and insult. As Matthew relates, she was present at the burial of the Lord. On Easter Sunday, Matthew writes, the women came to the grave at dawn, or as Mark says, extremely early before the rising of the sun. John, elaborating upon these, says Mary came to the grave so early that it was still dark. Obviously, she waited impatiently for the end of night, but it was not yet daybreak. She ran to the place where the Lord's body lay. Mary went to the tomb alone. Seeing the stone pushed away from the cave, she ran away in fear to tell the close Apostles of Christ, Peter and John. Hearing the message that the Lord was gone from the tomb, both Apostles ran to the tomb and, seeing the shroud and winding cloths, they were amazed. The Apostles went and said nothing to anyone, but Mary stood about the entrance to the tomb and wept. Here in this dark tomb so recently lay her lifeless Lord. Wanting proof that the tomb really was empty, she went down to it and saw a strange sight. She saw two angels in white garments, one sitting at the head, the other at the foot, where the body of Jesus had been placed. They asked her, "Woman, why do you weep?" She answered them with the words which she had said to the Apostles, "They have taken my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." At that moment, she turned around and saw the Risen Jesus standing near the grave, but she did not recognise him. He asked Mary, "Woman, why do you weep? Whom do you seek?" She answered thinking that she was seeing the gardener, "Sir, if you have taken him, tell where you have put him, and I will take him away." Then she recognised the Lord's voice. This was the voice she heard in those days and years, when she followed the Lord. He spoke her name, and she gave a joyful shout, "Rabbi [Teacher]".

Respect and love, fondness and deep veneration at his splendour, all came together in this single outcry. She was able to say nothing more and she threw herself at the feet of her Teacher to wash them with tears of joy. But the Lord said to her: "Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father; but go to my brethren and tell them: 'I ascend to my Father, and your Father; to my God and to your God.'" She came to herself and again ran to the Apostles, to do the will of him sending her to preach. Again she ran into the house, where the Apostles still remained in dismay, and proclaimed to them the joyous message, "I have seen the Lord!" This was the first preaching in the world about the Resurrection.

Tradition testifies that when the Apostles left Jerusalem to preach to all the ends of the earth, Mary Magdalen went with them. A daring woman, whose heart was full of reminiscence of the Resurrection, she went to preach in pagan Rome. With this message, "I have seen the Lord!" she went all over Italy. Tradition relates that in Italy Mary Magdalen visited Emperor Tiberias (14-37 AD) and proclaimed to him Christ's Resurrection. She brought him a red egg as a symbol of the Resurrection, a symbol of new life with the words: "Christ is Risen!" Then she told the emperor that in his Province of Judea the unjustly condemned Jesus the Galilean, a holy man, a miracle worker, powerful before God and all mankind, had been executed at the instigation of the Jewish High Priests, and the sentence confirmed by the procurator appointed by Tiberias, Pontius Pilate. From Rome, the aged Mary Magdalen moved to Ephesus where the Apostle John unceasingly laboured. There she finished her earthly life and was buried.

Perseverance in faith

St Thomas Aquinas called Mary Magdalen "the apostle of the Apostles" even though she was not one of the Twelve. Mary's great love for Jesus made her stay at the tomb, so she was the first to encounter the Risen Lord, who told her to go and tell the Apostles the Good News. It is in this fact that St Thomas Aquinas bases his characterisation of Mary as "apostle to the Apostles", as just as the world was to come to know Christ through hearing the Good News from those who were witnesses to the life of Jesus, so they in the first instance "heard" the Good News of Jesus' Resurrection from Mary Magdalen.

Pope St Gregory the Great has a nice reflection on this in one of his homilies, with a great lesson about love, and desire and perseverance: "We should reflect on Mary's attitude and the great love she felt for Christ, for, though the disciples, Peter and John, had left the tomb, Mary remained. She still sought the one she had not found and as she sought, she wept. Burning with the fire of love, she longed for him, whom, she thought, had been taken away.

"And, so it happened that the woman who stayed behind to see Christ was the only one to see him. For perseverance is essential to any good deed; at first she sought but did not find, but when she persevered it happened that she found what she was looking for.

"Anyone who succeeds in attaining the truth has burned with such a love."

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

First Reading - Wisdom 12:13,16-19

There is no god, other than you, who cares for every thing,
to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.
Your justice has its source in strength,
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.
You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned
and you expose the insolence of those who know it;
but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement,
you govern us with great lenience,
for you have only to will, and your power is there.
By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people
how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men,
and you have given your sons the good hope
that after sin you will grant repentance.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 85(86):5-6,9-10,15-16

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice.

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God.

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me.

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Second Reading – Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

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 13:24-43

Jesus put another parable before the crowds: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.'"

He put another parable before them: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables
and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'