



St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) – 26th 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

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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 to the Sri Lankan community for your generosity in conducting the food sales on 18th and 19th July. Thank you to all who cooked food and all who supported the food sale. Together you raised **\$5641.50** towards the new grotto.

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. 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. 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*

Friendship Group Food Sale – 1st & 2nd August

St Kevin's Friendship Group has organised a multicultural food sale after Saturday evening & Sunday morning masses, on 1st & 2nd August. All proceeds of the sale will be donated towards the cost of relocating our existing Grotto.

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.

Theft from the grotto

On Sunday, 19th July the picture of St Anthony was stolen from the grotto. If you see vandalism taking place on the church property, please call and report it. Please do not approach the miscreants.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

If you are interested in becoming Catholic or in coming into full communion with the Catholic church, we invite you to attend the next RCIA session on Tuesday, 28th July at 7pm. Please use the QR code to fill in the enrolment form.



What's On

Sunday, 26th July: 2pm-5pm: Youth choir practice

Monday, 27th July: 7.30pm: Didasko Talk (Church foyer)

Tuesday, 28th July: 4.30pm: Parish Confirmation class, **7pm:** RCIA

8pm: Talks on holiness for men (Parish office meeting room)

Wednesday, 29th July: 9am: Two Hearts Devotion

4.30pm: Parish First Holy Communion class

Friday, 31st July: 5pm: Mothers who Pray for their Children (Office)

ROSTERS for 1st & 2nd August

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

CHURCH CLEANERS

Team 4: Samoan Choir

COUNTERS

Team 3: Sumith, Samantha, Gilbert, Ransiri, Ferdinand, Marilyn, Priscilla

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$5014.75

Unpledged: \$1994.40

Presbytery: \$2195.85

This Sunday we Pray

Thanksgiving

Maria Ivelja

Shelly Aledo

Dennis Aledo

Dean Aledo

Dylan Aledo

Sofia Aledo

Chloe and James Anthony

Karena Karunakaran and Arley Black

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

For those who have died recently:

Leslie Patrick Tonkin

Honorine Balasami

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

Wednesday, 29th July: Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus

Thursday, 30th July: St Peter Chrysologus

Friday, 31st July: St Ignatius of Loyola

Saturday, 1st August: St Alphonsus Mary de Liguori

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Romeo Montemayor Yabut, Anthony Schwallie, Elmo De Silva, John Flynn, Carlyle Neydorff, Veronica Rajic, Jelena Rajic, Rocky Samanovic, Rosa Wijentunge, Carmelina Aledo, Demosthenes Aledo, Domingo Clencia, Yolanda Clencia, Vincentt Mariadoss, Lucette Brabant, Hulet Prosper, Sally D'Cruz, Augustine James Anthony, Raymond Cabral, Philip Countinho, Angela Countinho, Nazario Coutinho

Catholic Mission sincerely thanks the parish community of St Kevin's for your generous support of this year's Propagation of the Faith Appeal.

As the Pope's Mission Agency, Catholic Mission is privileged to work with and strengthen the local Church in more than 160 countries and over 1,100 dioceses. Your contribution of **\$3,515.95** has been gratefully received and will help bring education, dignity and hope to children and families in Kampira, Malawi, through the construction of a new primary school and the ongoing mission of the local Church. Your generosity is far more than a financial gift. It is a tangible expression of this year's World Mission theme, *"One in Christ, United in Mission,"* reminding our sisters and brothers in Malawi that they are not forgotten. Thank you for walking in mission with the Church in Malawi.

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

Message from Pope Leo XIV on the Feast Day of St Joachim and St Anne

I will never forget you (Is 49:15)

Dear brothers and sisters,

Through the prophet Isaiah, the Lord promises that he will never forget any of us. He assures us that he has engraved our faces on the palms of his hands (cf. Is 49:16) and that his love is greater than a mother's love for her child (cf. Is 49:15). The prophet gives us a glimpse of an intimate and intense dialogue in which God addresses, in familiar terms, each person individually and the people as a whole. Even today, we can read these words as referring to each of us, and everyone can hear that "I will never forget you" spoken directly to them. These are words that fill us with comfort and hope. They are the answer to an agonizing feeling that troubles the heart: "The Lord has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me" (Is 49:14). How often in Sacred Scripture, especially in the Psalms, does prayer spring from the despair of those who feel that their lives are of no interest to anyone and are being neglected! The painful feeling of being forgotten is, unfortunately, shared by many people, and among them are quite a few elderly people.

God's love, which forgets no one, offers itself as an act of justice and a response to the anonymity in which human life all too often ends up lost. The lives of many elderly people, in particular, seem to be covered by a veil that blurs the features of their faces and shrouds them in oblivion. This is what happens in homes where loneliness reigns and also in those care facilities where each person's uniqueness risks being reduced to a bed number or an illness.

The celebration of the **World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly** is an opportunity to rediscover that the Church is called to be a mother to all and that at any age it is always possible to recognize ourselves as sons and daughters of God. May this day, therefore, be an inspiration for everyone, especially the young, to revive the beautiful custom of visiting their grandparents, the elderly members of the family and even those who have no one to visit them. Bring them, through this message and your presence, the closeness and affection of the Pope. Ensure that the words of the prophet, "But I will never forget you," take the form of a tender and affectionate encounter. "In an era that favors speed and fragmentation, the human person still yearns to receive care and recognition from attentive minds, kind words and hands capable of tenderness. The digital culture multiplies connections and offers new opportunities for interaction; yet, the human heart retains an irrevocable need for genuine closeness" (*Encyclical Letter, Magnifica Humanitas*, 239).

The Church understands the suffering of her elderly members; she knows full well that they are all too often viewed through the lens of stereotypes and considered a burden; she is aware that a profit-driven economy weakens family ties; she knows that many elderly people are left behind by children who are forced to migrate or, in some cases, to fight in wars. For each of these reasons, she joyfully proclaims the Lord's promise: "But I will never forget you!" It is a joy, at any age, but especially when we are no longer young, to discover, as John Paul I said, that we are the recipients "of undying love on the part of God. We know: he has always his eyes open on us, even when it seems to be dark. He is our father; even more he is our mother" (Angelus, 10 September 1978). Even if it does not come naturally to think this way, the truth is that even in old age we do not cease to be sons and daughters; therefore, the invitation to return to the arms of God — whose love is both paternal and maternal — remains worthwhile at any age. For many, the discovery of God's tenderness takes place over the course of their lives, sometimes even in its final stages. Indeed, unlike in the past, it is increasingly common to reach old age without having had a genuine experience of faith. In such cases, old age — beginning with the questions that arise with greater urgency during this season of life — can become the right time to begin or resume a spiritual life. On this new journey, one can recognize that God, as Saint Augustine says, "is a mother because he cherishes, because he nourishes, because he nurses, because he protects" (Commentary on Psalm 27, II, 18). It is an awareness that helps us not to feel ashamed of the fragility that emerges and also to understand that we are always in need of one another and in need of attention and care. To God, who draws near to us and whom we learn to recognize in his tenderness, we can now turn with filial trust in prayer. It is never too late to begin turning to him. It can be a great gift for everyone.

Dear elderly men and women, Pope Francis spoke of you as a "new people" (Catechesis, 23 February 2022), since the number of older adults has never been so large in human history. It is, therefore, more important than ever to reflect with you, this "new people," on what our vocation might be when fragility — the human person's companion from birth — seems to take over. I would like to say to you: do not be afraid of fragility! It is precisely this weakness that holds within itself a new potential that also illuminates the other stages of life. Indeed, when "we acknowledge our fragility, our hearts become open to supporting one another and to invoking the One who can grant what no human power can ensure: the profound reconciliation of hearts and, with it, true peace" (Meeting with the Algerian community, Basilica of Our Lady of Africa, Algiers, 13 April 2026).

This is how we can live out our old age as Christians: "fragile" yet at the same time "called." A man and a woman can, in fact, be born anew in old age (cf. Jn 3:4-6) and exclaim, with the prophet: "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength" (Is 30:15). This strength can become an invitation not to resort to the ways of arrogance and power to ensure human coexistence, but to the ways of reconciliation and true peace. In this time, so harshly marked by the violence of war and social unrest, many wonder what the world in which their grandchildren will grow up will be like. I urge you, dear friends, to join me in praying earnestly that peace may soon come to the whole world.

Dear elderly brothers and sisters, I thank you for supporting me every day with your prayers, especially when you recite the Holy Rosary. I return this gratitude from the bottom of my heart and leave you with this prayer: may the Lord always renew us in faith, hope and love — He who never forgets us!

Source: *Vatican Dicastery of Communication*

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

First Reading - 1 Kings 3:5,7-12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its number cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 118(119):57,72,76-77,127-130

Lord, I love your commands.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.

The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold.

Lord, I love your commands.

Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.

Let your love come and I shall live
for your law is my delight.

Lord, I love your commands.

That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold,
why I rule my life by your precepts,
and hate false ways.

Lord, I love your commands.

Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.

The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple.

Lord, I love your commands.

Second Reading – Romans 8:28-30

We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

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 13:44-52

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'