



St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) – 2nd August 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:

safeguarding.hamptonpark@cam.org.au

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.**

Archbishop's Campaign

The Archbishop's Campaign helps to bring the mission of the Church alive in our community. It does this by supporting the works of the Priest Retirement Foundation, the Corpus Christi College Building Fund, the CatholicCare Victoria Chaplaincy Program, Melbourne Overseas Mission, John Pierce Centre, the University of Divinity for the Catholic Theological College and grants to Catholic agencies and community service organisations.

The 2026 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a one-time or monthly pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Brochures with more information can be found around the church. There will be a third collection on 15th and 16th August to support the campaign.

National Vocations Awareness Week – 2nd to 9th August

Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

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.

Thanksgiving envelopes

Please pick up your next set of Thanksgiving envelopes from the boxes in the foyer. The envelopes cover the period 2nd August 2026 to 31st January 2027.

Peter's Pence Collection – 8th and 9th August

Your gift supports the Pope's mission to proclaim the Gospel to the whole world, while also supporting his charitable activities and providing timely aid in humanitarian emergencies.

Healing Mass – 4th August at 6pm

Fr Soji Olikkal from the Holy Spirit Missionaries will be visiting our Parish on Tuesday, 4th August for a healing mass, praise and worship and adoration.

Fr Antony's 10th anniversary of ordination

Fr Antony celebrates his 10th ordination anniversary on Wednesday, 19th August. We will have a cuppa after all the masses on 15th and 16th August to celebrate and wish Fr Antony. There will be a shared supper after mass on 19th August.

What's On

Tuesday, 4th August: 4.30pm: Parish Confirmation class,

7pm: RCIA (Parish Office meeting room)

Wednesday, 5th August: 9am: Two Hearts Devotion, **4.30pm:** Parish First Holy Communion class

Thursday, 6th August: 7.15pm: Baptism Preparation meeting

Friday, 7th August: 6.30pm onwards: Rosary, Adoration, First Friday Mass & Vigil

ROSTERS for 8th & 9th August

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

CHURCH CLEANERS

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

COUNTERS

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

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$5022.65

Unpledged: \$2482.30

Presbytery: \$2498.95

This Sunday we Pray

Thanksgiving

Clara Corbett

Amelia Vincent

Josef

Liana Maya De Leon

Alfred and Charmaine Matthews and family

Luz Cabildo

Adriana Blanche

Samantha, Matthew and Azalea Halge

John Andrew Laforgeue

For those who are sick:

Angela Hunter

Seetha Silva

Julian Perera

Anton Fortes Ratai

Marie Linda

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:

Larry Hookens

Eduardo Dias

Rafael Lopez

Danny Coyles

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, 3rd August: St Dominic

Tuesday, 4th August: St John Vianney

Wednesday, 5th August: Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major

Thursday, 6th August: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Friday, 7th August: St Sixtus and Companions, St Cajetan

Saturday, 8th August: St Mary MacKillop

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Teri Nichols, Sally D'Cruz, Peter Chirayath, Douglas Miller, Dominic Jude Abraham, Luz and Prospero Cabanayah, Lorenzo Sr. Tenio, Lucia Tenio, Filomeno Caysto, Augusto Tenio, Hermanieto Tenio, Gondilino Tenio, Popula Tenio, Carlito Caysdo, Bodofredo Sale, Bonifacio Toringan, Walter James McAllister, Colleen Tellis

CatholicCare sincerely thanks the parish community of St Kevin's for your generous support of this year's appeal. Your parish raised **\$2003.05**.

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.

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.

🎉 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**.

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: Warren Peters – 0423 247 093 | Brian D'Souza – 0414 363 725 | Florence D'Costa – 0433 851 662 | Anita Fernandez – 0402 505 676

**Memorial wall
Thanksgiving Wall**



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Feast Day – 4th August – St John Vianney

St. John Vianney, the Curé of Ars, Patron of Parish Priests

“If we really understood the priest on earth, we would die: not of fear, but of love.” St John Vianney’s whole life could be summed up in this saying attributed to him.

Known as the “Curé d’Ars,” Jean-Baptiste-Marie Vianney was born on 8 May 1786 in France in the town of Dardilly, near Lyons. His devout Catholic parents were farmers, and from an early age, John worked in the fields. Without formal education, as a young man he was functionally illiterate; but thanks to his mother’s teaching, Vianney was able to memorise and understand numerous prayers, and live a devout religious life.

“I would win many souls for God”

At that time in France, the winds of Revolution were blowing. Young John made his Confession at home, rather than in a church, to a “non-juring” priest – that is, a priest who had not sworn loyalty to the revolutionary government. The same priest gave him his First Communion in a barn, during an “underground” Mass. At the age of 17, John Vianney felt the call to the priesthood. “If I am to be a priest,” he said, “I will win many souls for God.”

But the path to ordination was not an easy one, due to the corrupted morals of the day. It was only thanks to some wise priests – including Father Balley, the parish priest of d’Écully, that he finally received Holy Orders on 13 February 1815, at the age of 29.

Long hours in the confessional

Three years later, in 1818, Father John Vianney was sent to the town of Ars, which, with just 230 residents, was little more than a small French village. Here the young priest dedicated all his efforts to the spiritual care of the faithful. He visited the poorest families, restored the village church, organized patronal feast days. He also founded La Providence, a home for girls.

But it was for his dedication to the Sacrament of Confession that the Curé of Ars is best known. He was always available to hear Confessions and offer forgiveness, spending up to sixteen hours a day in the confessional. Crowds of penitents travelled from every part of France to make their Confession to the holy priest. In time, Ars became known as “the great hospital of souls.” St John Vianney himself would keep vigils and fast to assist the expiation of the sins of the faithful. “I’ll tell you my recipe,” he told one of his confreres. “I give sinners a small penance, and the rest I do in their place.”

Patron of parish priests

Having given his whole life for God and his parishioners, John Vianney died on 4 August 1859. He was 73 years old. His relics can be found in Ars, in the sanctuary dedicated to him, which is visited by some 450,000 pilgrims every year. He was beatified by Pope St Pius X in 1905, and canonized twenty years later by Pope Pius XI. In 1929, the same Pope proclaimed him the “heavenly patron of all parish priests throughout the world.” During the centenary of his death in 1959, Pope St John XXIII dedicated an encyclical to St John Vianney, pointing him out as exemplary model for priests. Fifty years later, Pope Benedict XVI inaugurated a “Year of Priests” on the 150th anniversary of his birthday into heaven, in order “to deepen the commitment of all priests to interior renewal for the sake of a stronger and more incisive witness to the Gospel in today’s world.”

Source: *Vatican News*

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

First Reading - Isaiah 55:1-3

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!

Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.

Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?

Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things
to eat

and rich food to enjoy.

Pay attention, come to me;
listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant
out of the favours promised to David.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 144(145):8-9,15-18

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

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.

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.

You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live.

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.

He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts.

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Second Reading – Romans 8:35,37-39

Nothing can come between us and the love of
Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being
persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being

threatened or even attacked. These are the trials
through which we triumph, by the power of him
who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no
angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to
come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any
created thing, can ever come between us and the
love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,

but on every word that comes from the mouth of
God.

Alleluia!

Gospel - Matthew 14:13-21

When Jesus received the news of John the
Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely
place where they could be by themselves. But the
people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went
after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw
a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed
their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him
and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has
slipped by; so send the people away, and they can
go to the villages to buy themselves some food.'
Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go:
give them something to eat yourselves.' But they
answered 'All we have with us is five loaves and
two fish.' 'Bring them here to me' he said. He gave
orders that the people were to sit down on the
grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish,
raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing.
And breaking the loaves handed them to his
disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all
ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the
scraps remaining; twelve baskets full. Those who
ate numbered about five thousand men, to say
nothing of women and children.