



St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) – 20th September 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:

safeguarding.hamptonpark@cam.org.au

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!

The Mauritian community would like to thank every parishioner who helped make last weekend's food sale a wonderful success. We raised a total of **\$5,959.15** that will go towards the building of the grotto. Thank you to those who contributed through cash donations, prepared food and everyone who volunteered their time in selling the food. A special thank you also to the Sunday Pancake team for their great work!

Plant Sale – 26th and 27th September

There will be a plant sale on 26th and 27th September, anyone with a green thumb would like to prep some pots and contribute it for the sale, that would be appreciated. Please drop off the plants before or after any of the masses this week.

Parish Office Hours

During the school holidays, the Parish Office will be open only on **Tuesday, 22nd September** and **Tuesday, 29th September**. Phone calls and emails will be monitored periodically.

Healing Mass on 28th September at 6pm

Fr John Jose Vettiyanal VC from Logos conference, Bangalore, India, will be visiting our parish on Monday, 28th September to celebrate mass at 6pm.

Children's Catechism Classes in October

The Sisters from the Alliance of the Holy family International will be conducting Catechism classes in our parish for children attending primary school. The classes will be held in St Kevin's School Hall on the following days after the 11am mass: 4th October, 11th October, 18th October, 25th October and 1st November.



Social Services Sunday – 20th September 2026

Social Services Sunday is observed in the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne on the third Sunday of September. It is an opportunity to give thanks, pray for and stand with the thousands of dedicated staff and volunteers who serve those who are poor, disadvantaged and marginalised in our communities. It also provides us with the opportunity to reflect on what our role might be in this work of service and justice.

Why is Social Services Sunday important?

Catholic Social Teaching provides us with a rich tradition of wisdom in how we can live out the values of justice and mercy that permeate the Scriptures – respecting the dignity of the human person, having a preferential option for the poor, committing ourselves to solidarity with our human family, caring for our common home, ensuring subsidiarity and participation, and working for the common good.

What's On

Monday, 21st September: 7.30pm: Didasko Talk: Thomas Aquinas on the Eucharist and Corpus Christi

Tuesday, 22nd September: RCIA Topic: God the Father

Wednesday, 23rd September: 9.15am: Two Hearts Devotion

ROSTERS for 26th & 27th September

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

CHURCH CLEANERS

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

COUNTERS

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

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$5165.00

Unpledged: \$2404.10

Presbytery: \$2683.25

This Sunday we Pray**Thanksgiving**

Marichu Pastorpile

St Kevin's Charismatic Prayer Group

Judith Gomes

Greg and Monika Howell

Shayana Mannays

For those who are sick:

Frederic Johnston

Thia Mouton

Stany Menezes

Carmine Menezes

Anna

Sylvio Maingard

Emileja Silas

Nijole Uskiene

Eugenja Zelviene

Mario De Leon

Audrey Puri

Adam Murray

Liam Roach

Rosario Giaquinta

Sandra Wills

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for September**For the care of water.**

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

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, 21st September: St Matthew

Wednesday, 23rd September: St Pius of Pietrelcina

Saturday, 26th September: St Cosmos and St Damian

For those who have died recently:

Matthew Clement Waring, Julian Perera, Gorgonio Usaraga, Rajendra Kandasamy

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Denzil D'Netto, Dolly and Tommy Lane, Carlyle Lane, Philomena Kelaart, Josiane Michel, Patrick D'Silva, Valerie Myepa, Maria Gloria Pastorpili, Dorothy and Martin Braz, Placida and Johnson Gomes, Ernest and Phyllis De Livera, Sally D'Cruz, Ivan D'Silva, Craig D'Silva, Marie Stephenson, Maryann Xavier

Caritas Australia's Women for the World Appeal

Safe childbirth shouldn't depend on luck. But in Papua New Guinea, many women still face pregnancy and childbirth without access to the care, equipment and support they need. Health centres are often under-resourced, and distance, cost and extreme weather can make reaching care a challenge. By supporting Caritas Australia's Women for the World appeal, you can help upgrade rural health centres, giving women a safer chance to bring new life into the world. Your gift today can help support safer pregnancies, safer births and healthier futures for mothers and babies.

Learn more or donate today at www.caritas.org.au/wftw

Online information Session on the Permanent Diaconate

The permanent diaconate is open to single and married men, aged from 30 into their 50's, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. The information session is open to everyone interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate.

Tuesday, 22 September 2026 beginning **19:00 – 20:00**

Location: via ZOOM

Attendance will be by invitation. Express your interest by emailing Deacon Kevin Pattison Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au

In the week before the session the ZOOM link will be sent to those who have expressed interest.

March for the Babies

Come and show your support and march for the babies at **1.00pm** on

Saturday, 10th October - Treasury Gardens, Cnr. Spring St and Wellington Pde, Melbourne. Wear pink and blue for the Babies!

www.marchforthebabies.com This is the 17th annual March for the Babies, and every year since 2009, thousands of Victorians have gathered peacefully with grief and hope to remember the ever-increasing number of babies killed by abortion in this state since the Government legalized abortion-till-birth on October 10, 2008.

Anchored - Loving Smarter: Keys to Relationship Success

Tuesday 27 October 2026, 7.30pm, Online

Join Drs Byron and Francine Pirola, founders of SmartLoving, as they share practical insights into what makes relationships flourish. During this online webinar, you will discover how understanding your spouse's unique needs can strengthen communication, deepen emotional connection and help you avoid common relationship pitfalls.

Register now <https://melbournecatholic.org/events/anchored-loving-smarter>

St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) – Feast Day – 23rd September

A poor brother who prays

Born into a poor Italian farm family, from a young age Francesco Forgione desired to be a friar. When he was sixteen, he entered the novitiate of the Capuchin Order, and took the name Brother Pius (Fra Pio). He was ordained to the priesthood in 1910; six years later, joined the convent of Santa Maria delle Grazie in San Giovanni Rotondo. He spent many hours every day hearing Confessions. The height of his apostolic commitment was the celebration of the Holy Mass. He described himself as “a poor brother who prays.” “Prayer is the greatest weapon we have,” he said. It is “a key to open the heart of God.”

An extraordinary meeting

In 1948, Padre Pio heard the Confession of a young Polish priest, Father Karol Wojtyła, who thirty years later would ascend the throne of Peter, taking the name John Paul II. It was during John Paul’s pontificate that Padre Pio was declared blessed. During the rite of beatification, the Pope said that in the humble friar, we see the image of Christ suffering and risen. “His body,” he said, “marked by the ‘stigmata,’ showed the intimate connection between death and resurrection... Not less sorrowful, and humanly much more scorching, were the trials he had to suffer as a consequence, one could say, of his singular charisms.” For Padre Pio, “suffering with Christ” was a gift: “In contemplating the Cross on Jesus’ shoulders,” he said, “I always feel strengthened and I exult with holy joy... All that Jesus suffered in His Passion, I too have suffered, insofar as it is possible for a human creature.”

“Relief from suffering”

The life of Padre Pio also shows an intense commitment to alleviate the sufferings of families. In 1956 he inaugurated the “Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza” (the House of Relief from Suffering), a new state of the art hospita. “It is the apple of my eye,” the friar said when the hospital opened. “This is the creation that Providence, with your help, has created. Gaze at it in wonder, and with me bless the Lord God. He has placed upon the earth a seed that He will warm with His rays of love.”

Death

Padre Pio died during the night of 23 September 1968, at the age of 81. On 16 June 2002, he was proclaimed a saint by Pope John Paul II. In his homily, the Pope said, “The life and mission of Padre Pio prove that difficulties and sorrows, if accepted out of love, are transformed into a privileged way of holiness, which opens onto the horizons of a greater good, known only to the Lord.”

Various thoughts of Padre Pio

You must speak to Jesus also with the heart, besides with the lips; indeed, in certain cases you must speak to Him only with the heart.

Do not worry over things that generate preoccupation, and anxiety. One thing only is necessary: to lift up your spirit and love God.

Always live under the eyes of the Good Shepherd and you will walk unharmed through evil pastures.

If Jesus reveals Himself, thank Him; if He hides Himself thank Him also. All is a peasantry of His love. May the merciful and compassionate Virgin continue to obtain for you from the ineffable goodness of the Lord the strength to endure to the end so many proofs of charity which He bestow on you. My wish for you is that you will come to expire on the Cross with Jesus and be able sweetly to exclaim in Him: “Consummatum est!”

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First Reading – Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 *The Lord is near to all who call him.*

I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured.
The Lord is near to all who call him.

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 Lord is near to all who call him.

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 Lord is near to all who call him.

Second Reading - Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results - I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.
Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

Gospel - Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'