



St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) – 19th October 2025

Parish Centre

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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

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Weekday Mass Times

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat – 9:15am

Every Wed – 7:00pm followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

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** 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**.

Are you a trained medical professional? The Parish needs your help.

The Parish would like to maintain a registry of all trained medical professionals (doctors, nurses, paramedics etc...) who may be able to assist in the event of a medical emergency. Please contact the Parish office to register your details.

Sri Lankan Food Sale – 15th & 16th November

The Sri Lankan community intend to host a food sale to contribute towards the construction of the Grotto. This week there will be lists provided in the church foyer requesting for people to sign up to provide food donations.

We would like to kindly request your help by donating food packets to make this fund raiser a success.

Please contact the following people for further information.

Sumith Olagama – 0419 233 629

Indra De Kauwe – 0422 617 044

Sherine Edwards – 0414 496 246

Every small contribution makes a difference.

Praying for the Holy Souls in November

The month of November has traditionally been the month we pray for and remember all those who have gone before us. The Parish Book of Remembrance will be placed on the sanctuary during every mass, whilst we pray for our loved ones. The Book contains all the names that were entered till November last year. **If you would like to include the name of someone who has passed away in the last one year, please fill in the sheets in the foyer.**

November Mass Intentions

If you would like to offer masses for your departed loved ones, please use the November mass intention envelope in your envelope set. For parishioners who require additional November mass intention envelopes, please use the ones available in the foyer.

Anniversary masses for deceased members

This year, for those wishing to offer masses for their loved ones whose anniversaries occur in the month of November, their names will be displayed on the screen, but not printed in the bulletin.

Save the Date – Memorial mass on Friday, 28th November at 7pm

ACYF Food Sale next weekend (25th and 26th October)

Thank you for supporting our youth who are going to ACYF this year.

Can and bottle collection amount till September 2025 - \$3585.70

What's On this week

Monday, 20th October: 5pm: Junior Legion of Mary

Tuesday, 21st October: 7pm: RCIA (School Hall)

Wednesday, 22nd October: Two Hearts devotion

Thursday, 23rd October: Parish Sacramental Program
Pre Confirmation Class (Church foyer)

Friday, 24th October: Alpha program (School Hall)



ROSTERS for 25th & 26th October

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, Ransiri, Michael, Gilbert, Marilyn

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$5357.80

Unpledged: \$2169.55

Presbytery: \$2492.80

Thank you!

This Sunday we Pray

Thanksgiving

Jordan Ansell

Mechelle, Lynn, Larissa and Marcus Balm

Alejandra Vasquez

For those who are sick:

Elcira Baez

Antonio Fortes Ratai

Alexander Ang

Mery Vasquez

Rick Blacker

Anthony Morril

Gregory Jacobs

Demosthenes Aledo

Oscar Francis

Rosario Giaquinta

For those who have died recently:

Fr Pius Gonsalves MSFS

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 for the Week:

Wednesday, 22nd October: St John Paul II, Pope

Thursday, 23rd October: St John of Capistrano

Friday, 24th October: St Margaret Mary Claret

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Blossom Briggs, Hugesson Briggs, Walter Lockwood, Reneir Noel Snr., All the souls in purgatory, George Hunter, Betty Duncan, Lorenz Jimenez, Milton & Stella Collins, William Francis, Angela and Philip Coutinho, Filomena and Filandro D'Sa, Isabelle Eileen Lynch, Marisa Venns Lagrada, Stephen Ward

Cleaning ministry

The Cleaning ministry is in need of parishioners to help keep our Church and surroundings clean. We have five teams who currently carry out this ministry for two hours every weekend on a rotating roster. Please make time to assist in this ministry. If you are interested in joining the cleaning ministry, please contact the Parish Office.

Advent Preparation: *THE PROMISE (From the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong)*

Advent is often a very busy time of year, and it's easy to forget that at its heart it is meant to be a season of preparation, waiting, and hope for the coming of Jesus into our world and into our lives.

All parishioners are warmly invited to join our Advent Prayer,

Reflection, and Discussion Group. Each session will include video reflections designed to deepen your spiritual journey with profound insights and contemplative thoughts that help you recognise God's promise fulfilled in Christ and live in joyful anticipation of His coming.

Session Details:

 **Thursdays, beginning 27 November**

 **After the 9:15am Mass – Church Foyer**

For those unable to attend in the morning, the same session will be repeated on Thursday evenings 7pm. Those interested please use the QR code to register.



Update on the Parish Building Plans

The plans and projected costs of the Parish building project have been uploaded to the Parish website and are available in the foyer.

Pastoral Letter to the Catholics of Victoria on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide

The State Government is seeking to amend Victoria's euthanasia and assisted suicide laws. If passed, the Government's Bill would further weaken protections for vulnerable patients and reduce protections for medical practitioners who conscientiously object to euthanasia and assisted suicide. In response to the Government's plans, the Bishops of Victoria have written to Catholics in Victoria to ask that they contact their local Members of Parliament to urge them to vote against the proposed laws. You can read the letter online and find out more www.bit.ly/EuthanasiaBill

Mothers Who Pray for their Children

All mothers, grandmothers, and spiritual mothers are warmly invited to join the Mothers Who Pray for Their Children group at St Kevin's who meet every **Friday at 5:00pm** in the **Parish office**. Together, we gather in prayer and fellowship, entrusting our families to the care of Our Blessed Mother and seeking strength and peace through the Word of God. Come and experience the grace of praying as a community of mothers united in faith and love.

1 The Baptism of Jesus: Like their mothers, Mary and Elizabeth, Jesus and John were associated in the plan of God. John had a specific role to play as the forerunner announcing the arrival of the Messiah and proclaiming a baptism of repentance. By the hand of John, Jesus is baptized in waters that symbolize his upcoming death, and as he rises again, the Spirit descends and the Father's voice is heard echoing across the Jordan. This mystery of Jesus' baptism offers a glimpse of that other baptism he will undergo on the cross—a total submersion into sin and death, two abominations that never should have been, but that man's free will brought into the world. By this baptism, Jesus is saying that he is ready to take it all on, that he is not afraid of our sin, and that he will do this for us because he loves us. In this mystery, Mary can help us to face our own challenges, especially the ones we fear most. Perhaps it is a long postponed confession, or an overdue reconciliation with a family member, or an act of honesty about something we would rather leave in the shadows. She can teach us to plunge into those cold waters with the confidence that we will rise again, made stronger and purer by the Father's grace.

2 The Wedding at Cana: The wedding in Cana is the first moment when Jesus performs a public miracle – an act of power that makes people start asking the crucial question: “Who is this man?” Mary is there with him, with her discreet and serene presence. When the wine runs short, she approaches Jesus with an implicit request that she knows will have tremendous consequences: “They have no wine.” Mary knows that if he works this miracle now, their hidden life together will never be the same, that he will leave Nazareth and begin his public ministry. It is a sacrificial request inspired by the Holy Spirit, and Jesus acts on it because he perceives the Father's will behind her words. In fact, his hour has come. He works the miracle, and the great mystery of his identity begins to attract attention. In our lives too, there are moments when other people with their needs and requests are actually the voice of God speaking to us, asking us to take a step that perhaps we know will have big consequences. Perhaps the timing is inconvenient, or we would rather not get involved. But that inconvenient request could be God's way of imploring us to step into an important mission in his plan. In this mystery, Mary can gain us the grace to “do whatever He tells you.”

3 The Proclamation of the Kingdom and the Call to Conversion: One of the ways that God reaches man is through words. The spoken word—and even the written word that seems to leap off of the page when we read it—has the power to pierce and move hearts. And when that word is full of truth, it has a mysterious resonance in the heart, a kind of magnetic attraction for the soul that is truly hungry for what is right, true, and good. When Christ came to proclaim the Kingdom of God, he made a series of appeals to the heart—invitations to a life of greater poverty, simplicity, honesty, and wholehearted service. Some perceived the beauty of that call and rose up to follow it. Others did not. Why? Perhaps some become entrenched in their own supposed righteousness, so burdened by the need to maintain appearances that they cannot rise up in response to the call. The accessories of success keep them weighted down. Others are so hungry for God, in some cases, so humiliated by life, that they feel entirely free to let go of everything, even their pride. Others are simply pure of heart, focused on what is good and not on self at all. There are so many reasons why some do and some do not follow Jesus, and he alone knows the story of each soul. Where do we stand? What does he see in our hearts? In this mystery, we can ask Mary to show us the way to get closer to that eternal Kingdom where obedience sets us free.

4 The Transfiguration: light bursts through and shatters the ordinary appearances of business-as-usual. Jesus allows them to see the dazzling light of glory, and to hear the Father's voice attesting to his Son. If Jesus' baptism prefigured his Passion and Death, the Transfiguration prefigures his Resurrection into glory. In the shining face of Jesus, the new Moses, the apostles see the glory that will be waiting for them too, once the sufferings of this life are through. Peter wanted to set up tents on the mountain, but he had it all backwards. They were not meant to dwell in that experience; it was meant to dwell in them, as a memory that would travel with them like a torch to enlighten the hard times ahead. In our lives too, sometimes we find ourselves nostalgic for our own mountain-top experiences, wishing we could return to bask in that blissful glow. But like Peter, we've got it all backwards. Those moments are given to us as an encouraging memory to spur us on in hard times, as a glimpse of the greater joy that lies ahead of us. In this mystery, Mary can help us remember that no matter how deep and shadowed the valleys—discouragement, depression, confusion, loneliness, anxiety—the light of heaven is real and there is much to look forward to. The best is yet to come.

5 The Institution of the Eucharist: The Eucharist is the greatest gift given to man... and probably one of the least appreciated. In this Last Supper—a supper that the disciples do not fully realize will be their last—Jesus opens his heart with such a deep yearning to give himself to his beloved ones. The disciples know that they are loved, but they have no idea how much. They do not yet realize that he is literally holding his heart in his hands and breaking it in front of them, offering it to them to eat. They are doing their best, but they cannot understand it all now. The Holy Spirit will help them to understand, little by little, through their own experience of loving others as Jesus has loved them. In our lives too, we grow in our ability to understand the mystery of the Eucharist only insofar as we learn to love others. There is a shell of egotism around the heart—sometimes camouflaged under the name of a virtue (detachment, prudence, giving others their space, not getting emotionally involved)—and as long as that shell is there, the heart will never be broken. But neither will it grow as it could. In the Eucharist, Jesus loves to the extreme. He does not protect his heart, but lays it on a paten as a free gift. Some souls have responded in love for him. But others have abused the gift of that heart, breaking it with their sins and sacrileges. Mary, the first heart to be broken by love, can teach us not to be afraid to learn to love like Jesus: taking the first step, risking rejection, giving people a chance, offering a sincere friendship... In this mystery, we can ask her for the courage to love others without fear.

For info on the meditations of the Holy Rosary visit www.regnumchristi.com

First Reading - Exodus 17:8-13

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

Responsorial Psalm - 120(121)

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the mountains;
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard.

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night.

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever.

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Second Reading - 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.
Alleluia!

Gospel - Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."' And the Lord said 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'