



# St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) – 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026

## 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:

[safeguarding.hamptonpark@cam.org.au](mailto:safeguarding.hamptonpark@cam.org.au)

## Team

**Parish Priest:** Fr. Fabian Smith

**Assistant Priest:** Fr Antony Santhiyagu

**Deacon:** Rev. Dr Graeme Pender

**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.

## 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**.

## Garage Sale – 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> February and Traffic management

The garage sale will take place from 3pm to 8.30pm on **Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> February** and from **10am to 2pm on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> February**. Please note that roundabout will be closed to all traffic. The four disabled car parks in front of Church will not be accessible next weekend. However, you may park in front of the temporary bollards on either side of the roundabout.

## Lenten Preparation: COMPASSIO Lenten Program 2026

Lent is a sacred time to refocus our hearts on God and to make a more intentional effort to place Him at the centre of our lives. All parishioners are warmly invited to join our Lenten Prayer, Reflection, and Discussion Group. Session Details

Thursdays, beginning **19 February 2026**

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

For those unable to attend in the morning, the same session will be repeated on Thursday evenings at **7:00pm**. Those interested are kindly asked to register using the QR code, where you can select your preferred session time.



## Safeguarding session – Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm in the School Hall

All parishioners who are in ministry are required to attend the Parish Safeguarding session on **Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm**. Tamara Cugnetto, Safeguarding officer from the Archdiocese will be addressing us at the session.

## Memorial Wall in the new grotto – Last date for EOI 15<sup>th</sup> February

Over the last month, information has been provided about the installation of memorial tiles on the walls of the new grotto. The information is also available on our Parish website and social media. We are currently seeking expressions of interest. **Please use the QR code to express interest.**



## Caritas – Project Compassion Sunday 2026

This Lent, we are called to Unite Against Poverty through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. Your generosity this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need. Please donate today. You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code on the poster. Or online at: [www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate](http://www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate) Or by calling: 1800 024 413. Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*

## What's On

**Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> February: 5pm:** Junior Legion of Mary

**Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February: 7pm:** RCIA, **7.30pm:** Exodus 90 meeting (Office)

**Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> February: Ash Wednesday Masses:**

**7am, 9.15am, 5pm and 7pm**

**Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> February: 6pm:** Holy Hour and Confessions

**7pm:** Stations of the Cross followed by Mass

**ROSTERS for 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

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

**CHURCH CLEANERS**

Team 1: Sophia, Brian, Miriam, Veronique, Cyril

**COUNTERS**

Team 5: Lorna, Mervyn, Anita, Howard, Jennifer, Cheryl, Owen, Ian

**Last Weekend's Collection**

Envelopes: \$5392.90

Unpledged: \$2786.70

Presbytery: \$2088.05

**Thank you!**

**This Sunday we Pray****Thanksgiving**

Denise Lubin

Guy Lubin

Didier Lubin

Pope Leo, all the Catholic priests and consecrated religious

S.A. Wijeyesakere

Grenville Scurville and family

Jayden Scurville

Zachary Robbins

Marilou Cabido

Troy and Anna Yates and family

Tristan, Stephanie and Thatcher Yates

Dylan, Teagan and Elyse Collins

Fernandez family

Scott and Ashley Burnett

Lorraine, Leslie and Liam Lopez

**For those who are sick:**

John Vasquez

Jean Pierre Michaud

Baby Vash

Samantha

Giedrius Kalvaitis

Felicity Rulach

Lily Hayes

Charles

Sistek Shalia

**For those who have died recently:**

Anne Free

Pedro Mau Ribus Da Silva

Marcelino Alvares Pereira

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:**

Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> February: Ash Wednesday

Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> February: St Peter Damian

**For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

Walter Lockwood, Deceased members of Alphonso Family, Sugath Olagama, For the repose of the souls in purgatory, Gerald Caszo, Dean Moses, Desmond Joseph Hookens, Grenville Nicholas, Brenda and George Jackson, Avinash Fernandez, Peter Fernandez, Damiana Sismar Piastro, Dolores Van Moorsel, Ceferina Unabia, Moises Sismar, Bebiana Librea, Fernando Marques, Maria Carlota

**Lenten Program 2026**

Date	Event	Time
18 <sup>th</sup> February	Ash Wednesday	7am Mass 9.15am Mass 5pm Mass 7pm Mass
20 <sup>th</sup> February 27 <sup>th</sup> February 6 <sup>th</sup> March 13 <sup>th</sup> March 20 <sup>th</sup> March 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Fridays in Lent	6pm to 6.50pm Holy Hour and Confessions 7pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Palm Sunday procession (TBC)	3pm to 5pm
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Palm Sunday	5pm and 7pm - Vigil Masses on 28 <sup>th</sup> March 9am 11am 6pm
30 <sup>th</sup> March	First Rite of Reconciliation	5.30pm to 7pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Holy Thursday	8pm Mass Followed by Adoration in the School Hall till 11pm (No Morning Mass)
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Good Friday	8.30am Divine Mercy Novena (repeated for one week) 9am Passion Play 3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion. 6 to 7pm Veneration of the Cross
4 <sup>th</sup> April	Holy Saturday	8pm Easter Vigil Mass
5 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Sunday	9am Mass 11am Mass No evening mass
12 <sup>th</sup> April	Divine Mercy Sunday	1 to 3pm Confessions 1.30pm Holy Rosary and Prayers 3pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy followed by Mass (no evening mass)

## Feast Day: February 6— St Paul Miki and Companions

When the first missionaries, like St Francis Xavier, went to Japan in 1549, they were welcomed. Many Japanese became Christians.

In fact, Christianity spread like wildfire in 16th-century Japan. By the 1580s, less than 40 years after Francis Xavier had introduced the faith, the Church counted 200,000 converts.

The growth had proceeded despite the opposition of Buddhist priests and many petty rulers.

However, in 1587, Emperor Hideyoshi, who feared that Christians would take over the government, ordered the banishment of all Catholics, and destroying their churches. The Jesuit missionaries were forced to operate from hiding. These missionary priests dressed like Japanese in order to minister to the Christians

But outright persecution did not break out until late 1596, when Hideyoshi arrested and condemned to death the friars of Miako. Among them were three Japanese Jesuits, six Franciscans (four of them Spanish), and 17 Japanese laymen.

Charged with attempting to harm the government, they were sentenced to crucifixion. Some of them were very young: Louis was 10; Anthony, 13; Thomas, 16; and Gabriel, 19.

Among them was Paul Miki, a Jesuit novice who had just completed 11 years of training. Paul's noble family was converted when he was a child and at age five he was baptised. Educated by Jesuits, the gifted youth joined their novitiate at age 22. He had studied closely the teachings of the Buddhists so as to be able to debate their priests. He welcomed his chance at martyrdom, but may have wished just a little that it would be delayed long enough for him to be ordained a priest.

Hideyoshi had the left ears of the 26 martyrs severed as a sign of disrespect and paraded them through Kyoto. Dressed in his simple black cassock, Paul stood out among them. Most onlookers realised that this noble young man could have worn the samurai's costume, with two swords on his belt. The whole display had the unexpected effect of evoking compassion from the crowd, some of whom later were converted.

The martyrs were then forced to walk more than 500 kilometres from Miako to Nagasaki through snow and ice and freezing streams. Along the way they preached to the people who had come out to see them. They sang psalms of praise and joy. They prayed the Rosary and told the people that such a martyrdom was an occasion of rejoicing, not of sadness.

Finally, on February 5, 1597, they reached Nagasaki, where 26 crosses awaited them on a hill now called the Holy Mountain. It is said that the Christians ran to their crosses, singing. Soldiers bound them to the crosses with iron bands at their wrists, ankles, and throats. Then they thrust them through with lances. Many people came to watch the cruel deaths. Hideyoshi and his soldiers had hoped the example would frighten other Christians. Instead, it gave them the courage to profess their faith as the martyrs had.

An eyewitness gave this account:

When the crosses were set up it was a wonderful thing to see the constancy of all of them. Our brother Paul Miki, seeing himself raised to the most honourable position that he had ever occupied, openly proclaimed that he was a Japanese and a member of the Society of Jesus. And that he was being put to death for having preached the Gospel. He gave thanks to God for such a precious favour.

He then added these words: "Having arrived at this moment of my existence, I believe that no one of you thinks I want to hide the truth. That is why I declare to you that there is no other way of salvation than the one followed by Christians.

Since this way teaches me to forgive my enemies and all who have offended me, I willingly forgive the king and all those who have desired my death. And I pray that they will obtain the desire of Christian baptism."

At this point, he turned his eyes toward his companions and began to encourage them in their final struggle. The faces of them all shone with great gladness. Another Christian shouted to him that he would soon be in paradise. "Like my Master," murmured Paul, "I shall die upon the cross. Like him, a lance will pierce my heart so that my blood and my love can flow out upon the land and sanctify it to his name."

As they awaited death the entire group sang the canticle of Zachary (see Luke 1:67–79).

The executioners stood by respectfully until they had intoned the last verse. Then at a given signal they thrust their spears into the victims' sides. On that day, February 5, 1597, the church of Japan welcomed its first martyrs.

Around this time, more than 3000 Christians were martyred in Japan.

In 1858, Japan again permitted Christianity in Japan. Missionaries found thousands of Christians still in Japan. For 200 years they had carried on the faith in secret.

Paul Miki (1564?–1597) was born in Japan and educated by the Jesuits. He would have been the very first Japanese priest if he had escaped arrest, for he had already completed his studies for the priesthood.

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

### First Reading - Ecclesiasticus 15:16-21

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

### Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 118(119):1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34

#### **Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!**

They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law!

They are happy who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts.

#### **Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!**

You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care.

May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes.

#### **Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!**

Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word.

Open my eyes that I may see the wonders of your law.

#### **Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!**

Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end.

Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart.

#### **Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!**

### Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths 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 5:17-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, not one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven. 'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven. 'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny. 'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell. 'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery. 'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'