



St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

H A M P T O N P A R K



Divine Mercy Sunday (Year A) – 12th April 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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St. Kevin of Glendalough

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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.**

News from Fr Fabian

Dear Parishioners,

I convey to you the sad news that Father Grant James O'Neill died suddenly on Sunday 29 March 2026 at George Maher House, Fitzroy North, aged 79 years. Fr Grant O'Neill was our First Parish Priest of our newly established parish of Hampton Park in 1990.

Funeral details:

The Requiem Mass for Fr Grant O'Neill will be celebrated on Tuesday 14 April 2026 at St John the Baptist Church, 61 Queens Parade, Clifton Hill, at 11.00am.

The Rite of Committal will be at Kilmore Cemetery on Wednesday 15 April at Kilmore Catholic Cemetery, 155 Kilmore – Lancefield Road, Kilmore at 11.00am.

We pray for the repose of his soul.

" O God, listen favourably to our prayers offered on behalf of your servant and priest, and grant that Grant, who committed himself zealously to the service of your name, may rejoice forever in the company of your saints. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen"

May he rest in peace.

Happy Birthday Fr Fabian and Fr Antony!

We wish Fr Fabian (15th April) and Fr Antony (8th April) a happy birthday. We pray that the Risen Lord will continue to bless each of you and your priestly ministry as you minister to His people.

You're Invited to Alpha – Explore Life, Faith, and Meaning

Alpha is a welcoming and interactive series that creates a safe space for everyone to explore life's big questions, deepen their understanding of faith, and experience authentic community. It offers a unique opportunity to encounter the person of Jesus Christ and to renew and re-ignite one's relationship with Him. Alpha is also a powerful communal experience of faith and transformation through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

When: Starting in May (Thursdays or Fridays)

Time: 7:00–9:00 PM (includes dinner, video, and group discussion)

Duration: Eleven consecutive sessions

Who: Open to all aged 18 and above

Each session begins with a shared meal, followed by a short video and a small group discussion in a friendly and respectful environment.

Come and be enriched in your faith journey.

Parish Office Closure – Tuesday, 14th April and Thursday, 16th April

The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, 14th April and Thursday, 16th April.

For urgent enquiries, please call 0397992108 and leave a message, we will contact you.

Karaoke Saturday – 16th May at 6pm in St Kevin's School Hall

Presented by the South African community and friends

Raffles, prizes, Food on sale

Bring your vocals, dancing shoes, good vibes and plenty of gold coin for a night of musical fun and live entertainment. Tickets on sale after all the weekend masses.

ROSTERS for 18th & 19th April

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, Ferdinand, Gilbert, Marilyn, Priscilla

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$5505.25

Unpledged: \$5135.85

Presbytery: \$3524.35

Thank you!

This Sunday we Pray

Thanksgiving

Angus Jacobs

Mirtza Iraheta

Samuel Joseph De Leon

For those who are sick:

Patrick

Fallon

Sunil

Sandra Wills

Anna

Elcira Baez

Greg Jacobs

Dominique

Jason Large

John Vasquez

For those who have died recently:

Fr Grant O'Neill

Philomena Kelaart

Connie Smith

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:

Monday 13th April: St Martin I, Pope

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Walter Lockwood, Teodosia Sab, Tilak D'Silva, Roger Persich, Jabamalai Mary, Fr Michael Shadbolt, Onofre De Leon, Valerie Roussety, Dorothy Mould, Floryse Maingard

Divine Mercy Sunday – 12th April

We will not have a 6pm mass on Divine Mercy Sunday. Instead, there will be a 3pm mass.

Relic of the True Cross

The Servants of the Two Hearts will be bringing the 1st Class Relic of the True Cross of Christ for Veneration at all Divine Mercy Weekend Masses on 11th and 12th April 2026. They together with *Reaching Out Because We Can* will also have several Piety items on sale in support of their Community Outreach Program.

Update on the Can and Bottle Collection

Thank you for donating to our Can and Bottle Fundraiser which raises funds for the building of our grotto. This year we have raised **\$513.40** in January, **\$337.00** in February and **\$329.40** in March. We look forward to your ongoing support during the Easter season.

Special Mother's Memorial Cuppa – Mother's Day Weekend (9th/10th May)

Parishioners are warmly invited to sponsor a Special Mother's Memorial Cuppa on Mother's Day weekend, 9th/10th May, in cherished memory of mothers who have gone before us. Together, we will remember them with love and thanksgiving for all they have given us through their care, sacrifice, and guidance. **Sponsorship: \$50** A slideshow will be shown on the TV in the foyer which will include each mother's name and, optionally, her photograph, together with the sponsor's name. For more information, please contact Warren Peters (0423 247 093), Anita Fernandez (0402 505 676), or any Social Group member.

Parish Raffle Winners Announcement

We are delighted to share the results of our Easter Parish Raffle!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who purchased tickets.

Congratulations to our winners:

1st Prize Ticket #190: Shani Fernando, 2nd Prize Ticket #417: Joel

3rd Prize Tickets #504: Adrian Muller,

Consolation Prize Ticket #360: Sebastian

Please collect your prize from the parish office if you haven't already done so.

May God continue to bless each of you for your kindness and generosity.

Thank you again, and we look forward to another wonderful event next year!

Melbourne Synod 2026 - Building the Synodal Way Together

As we enter the Easter season, we are invited to continue growing as a Church that listens, learns, and walks together.



The Synodal Way calls each of us—clergy, religious, and lay—to participate actively in discernment and dialogue, guided by the Holy Spirit.

Reflection question: How can we deepen our understanding of synodality in our parish life?

The first meeting of the Diocesan Synod Commission will be held on Thursday 9th April. We ask for your prayers as we gather to discern and plan for the work of the Synod. If you would like to become involved in the preparation toward the Melbourne Synod please email: Synod2026@cam.org.au

Feast Day – 13th April – St Martin I, Pope

Martin I, Saint, POPE, martyr, b. at Todi on the Tiber, son of one Fabricius; elected pope at Rome, July 21, 649, to succeed Theodore I; d. at Cherson in the present peninsula of Krym, September 16, 655, after a reign of six years, one month and twenty-six days, having ordained eleven priests, five deacons, and thirty-three bishops. July 5 is the date commonly given for his election, but July 21 (given by Lobkowitz) "Statistik der Papste", Freiburg, 1905) seems to correspond better with the date of death and term of reign (Duchesne, "Lib. Pont.", I; 336); his feast is on November 12 The Greeks honor him on April 13 and September 15, the Muscovites on April 14. In the hymns of the Office the Greeks style him infallibilis fidei magister because he was the successor of St. Peter in the See of Rome (Nilles, "Calendarium Manuale", Innsbruck, 1896, I, 336). Martin, one of the noblest figures in the long line of Roman pontiffs (Hodgkin, "Italy", VI, 268), was, according to his biographer Theodore (Mai, "Spicil. Rom.", IV, 293) of noble birth, a great student, of commanding intelligence, of profound learning, and of great charity to the poor. Piazza, II, 457 states that he belonged to the Order of St. Basil. He governed the Church at a time when the leaders of the Monothelite heresy, supported by the emperor, were making most strenuous efforts to spread their tenets in the East and the West. Pope Theodore had sent Martin as apocrysiary to Constantinople to make arrangements for the canonical deposition of the heretical patriarch, Pyrrhus. After his election Martin had himself consecrated without waiting for the imperial confirmation, and soon called a council in the Lateran at which one hundred and five bishops met. Five sessions were held on 5, 8, 17, 19, and October 31, 649 (Hefele, "Conciliengeschichte", III, 190). The "Ecthesis" of Heraclius and the "Typus" of Constans II, were rejected; nominal excommunication was passed against Sergius, Pyrrhus, and Paul of Constantinople, Cyrus of Alexandria, and Theodore of Pharan in Arabia; twenty canons were enacted defining the Catholic doctrine on the two wills in Christ. The decrees signed by the pope and the assembled bishops were sent to the other bishops and the faithful of the world together with an encyclical of Martin. The Acts with a Greek translation were also sent to the Emperor Constans II.

The pope appointed John, Bishop of Philadelphia, as his vicar in the East with necessary instructions and full authority. Bishop Paul of Thessalonica refused to recall heretical letters previously sent to Rome and added others, he was, therefore, formally excommunicated and deposed. The Patriarch of Constantinople, Paul, had urged the emperor to use drastic means to force the pope and the Western bishops at least to subscribe to the "Typus". The emperor sent Olympius as exarch to Italy, where he arrived while the council was still in session. Olympius tried to create a faction among the Fathers to favor the views of the emperor, but without success. Then upon pretense of reconciliation he wished to receive holy communion from the hands of the pontiff with the intention of slaying him. But Divine Providence protected the pope, and Olympius left Rome to fight against the Saracens in Sicily and died there. Constans II, thwarted in his plans, sent as exarch Theodore Calliopas with orders to bring Martin to Constantinople. Calliopas arrived in Rome, June 15, 653, and, entering the Lateran Basilica two days later, informed the clergy that Martin had been deposed as an unworthy intruder, that he must be brought to Constantinople and that another was to be chosen in his place. The pope, wishing to avoid the shedding of human blood, forbade resistance and declared himself willing to be brought before the emperor. The saintly prisoner, accompanied by only a few attendants, and suffering much from bodily ailments and privations, arrived at Constantinople on September 17, 653 or 654, having landed nowhere except at the island of Naxos. The letters of the pope seem to indicate that he was kept at Naxos for a year. Jaffe, n. 1608, and Ewald, n. 2079, consider the annum fecimus an interpolation and would allow only a very short stop at Naxos, which granted the pope an opportunity to enjoy a bath. Duchesne, "Lib. Pont.", I, 336, can see no reason for abandoning the traditional account; Hefele, "Conciliengeschichte", III, 212, held the same view (see "Zeitschr. fur Kath. Theol.", 1892, XVI, 375).

From Abydos messengers were dispatched to the imperial city to announce the arrival of the prisoner, who was branded as a heretic and rebel, an enemy of God and of the State. Upon his arrival at Constantinople Martin was left for several hours on deck exposed to the jests and insults of a curious crowd of spectators. Towards evening he was brought to a prison called Prandearia and kept in close and cruel confinement for ninety-three days, suffering from hunger, cold, and thirst. All this did not break his energy and on December 19 he was brought before the assembled senate where the imperial treasurer acted as judge. Various political charges were made, but the true and only charge was the pope's refusal to sign the "Typus". He was then carried to an open space in full view of the emperor and of a large crowd of people. These were asked to pass anathema upon the pope, to which but few responded. Numberless indignities were heaped upon him, he was stripped of nearly all his clothing, loaded with chains, dragged through the streets of the city and then again thrown into the prison of Diomede, where he remained for eighty-five days. Perhaps influenced by the death of Paul, Patriarch of Constantinople, Constans did not sentence the pope to death, but to exile. He was put on board a ship, March 26, 654 (655) and arrived at his destination on May 15. Cherson was at the time suffering from a great famine. The venerable pontiff here passed the remaining days of his life. He was buried in the church of Our Lady, called Blachernae, near Cherson, and many miracles are related as wrought by St. Martin in life and after death. The greater part of his relics are said to have been transferred to Rome, where they repose in the church of San Martino ai Monti. Of his letters seventeen are extant in P.L., LXXXVII, 119.

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Source: <https://www.catholic.com/encyclopedia/pope-martin-i-saint>

Divine Mercy Sunday (Year A)

First Reading - Acts 2:42-47

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 117(118):2-4,13-15,22-24 *Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.*

Let the sons of Israel say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let the sons of Aaron say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let those who fear the Lord say:

‘His love has no end.’

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.

I was thrust down, thrust down and falling,
but the Lord was my helper.

The Lord is my strength and my song;
he was my saviour.

There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.

Second Reading - 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time.

This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

Gospel - John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, ‘Peace be with you’, and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, ‘Peace be with you.

‘As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.’

After saying this he breathed on them and said:
‘Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.’

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, ‘We have seen the Lord’, he answered, ‘Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.’ Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. ‘Peace be with you’ he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.’ Thomas replied, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him: ‘You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.’ There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.