



St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

HAMPTON PARK



Fourth Sunday Of Easter (Year A) – 26th April 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.

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Team

Parish Priest: Fr. Fabian Smith

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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.**

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.

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. Sign up using the QR code.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations (Good Shepherd Sunday)

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We welcome seminarian Nicolas Calandra who will speak at all our masses this weekend.

Pope Leo tells us:

Listen to the voice of the Lord who invites you to a full and fruitful life, calling you to put your talents to use (cf. Mt 25:14-30) and to unite your limitations and weaknesses with the glorious cross of Christ.

Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.

Deacon Graeme's farewell – 23rd and 24th May

Deacon Graeme will be with us at the 5pm mass on Saturday, 23rd May and the 11am mass on Sunday, 24th May. We will have a cuppa after those masses to thank Deacon Graeme for his service in our parish.

What's On

Monday, 27th April: 5-6pm: Junior Legion of Mary

Tuesday, 28th April: 4.30pm: Confirmation class

Wednesday, 29th April: 9am: Two Hearts Devotion

4.30pm: Reconciliation Class

Friday, 1st May: 6.30pm: Rosary, Adoration

7pm: Sacred Heart Devotion, First Friday Mass, First Friday Vigil

ROSTERS for 2nd & 3rd May

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

CHURCH CLEANERS

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

COUNTERS

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

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$5464.25

Unpledged: \$2353.35

Presbytery: \$2932.60

This Sunday we Pray

Thanksgiving

Mechelle and Lynn Balm and family

Douglas Isaacs and Lovey Isaacs

Francis and Cutinha Family

Clinton and Petal Brambleby

Joan Marvin

Grace John

Jessica Scurville

Grenville Scurville

Mary Eustace

Ethan Eustace

Santa Napit

For those who are sick:

Patrick

Sandra Willis

Elcira Baez

Greg Jacobs

Dominique

For those who have died recently:

Lynne Hunter

Prayer for Vocations

O God, who chose the apostles to make disciples of all nations, and who by Baptism and Confirmation has called us to build up your Holy Church, we implore you to choose from among us, your children, many priests and religious who will love you with their whole hearts and will gladly spend their lives to make you better known and loved by all. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen

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 27th April: St Louis Grignion de Montfort

Tuesday, 28th April: St Peter Chanel

Wednesday, 29th April: St Catherine of Siena

Thursday, 30th April: St Pius V, Pope

Friday, 1st May: St Joseph the Worker

Saturday, 2nd May: St Athanasius

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Walter Lockwood, All the souls in purgatory, Edward Cutinha, Mark Francis, Edgar George, Imelda Borthwick, Jabamalai Mary, Cynthia D'Costa, Raul Labata Sr., Teresa Carubio, Ma. Gloria Pastorpili, Renecito Pansoy, Mario Pastorpili, Renzie Scurville, Maurice Dubier, David Martin, Andre Ramalinga, Conrado Cabildo, Shirley Agustin, Stanley Anthony Grey, Fatima Simon, Bernadine Rosario, Edwin D'Moss, Albert Stanley Rodgers, Rosebita Briton, Deceased members of Gonsalves and Williamson Family, Peter Fernandez, Amelia Pinto, Valerian Henry Pinto, Pauline Flynn

Thank You!

Thank you to the Italian community for their generous contribution of **\$1700** towards the building of the grotto.

Project Compassion and Good Friday collection

Thank you for your generous support of the **Caritas Project Compassion**

Lenten Appeal, this year we raised **\$9056.95**. Your generosity through Project Compassion this year empowers some of the world's most vulnerable people to build better lives for themselves, their families, and their communities. Thank you so much for being part of Project Compassion 2026.

Thank you for supporting the Good Friday Holy Land Appeal. This year we raised **\$5034.35**. Your contribution helps those who are impacted by war in the Holy Land and the surrounding regions.

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.

Food Sale – 2nd and 3rd May

We will have a food sale after the masses next weekend. On Saturday, 2nd May, The Mothers who Pray for their Children group will be selling food after the 5pm mass and the Path to Holiness group will be selling food after the 7pm mass. Our Parish Legion of Mary Praesidiums will be organising the food sale on Sunday, 3rd May. All the funds raised will go towards the building of the new grotto.

Melbourne Synod 2026

Synodality is about mission

The purpose of synodality is not internal reform for its own sake. Its goal is evangelisation—helping the Church become more faithful, more welcoming, and more effective in proclaiming the Gospel to today's world.



Youth Group Meeting – Year 9 to 25 – Sunday, 3rd May at 4pm

All youth aged Year 9 to 25 years are welcome for an afternoon of formation, fellowship and fun. We will see you in the school hall from 4pm to 6pm. Parents please sign your children in and out.

Feast Day – 29th April – St Catherine of Siena

The Middle Ages were drawing to a close and the brave new world of the Renaissance was springing to life when Catherine Benincasa was born in Siena on the feast of the Annunciation, 1347.

Catherine and a twin sister who did not long survive were the youngest of 25 children. As a child Catherine was so merry that the family gave her the pet name of Euphrosyne, which is Greek for Joy and also the name of an early Christian saint. At the age of six she had the remarkable experience which may be said to have determined her vocation. With her brother she was on the way home from a visit to a married sister, when suddenly she stopped still in the road, gazing up into the sky. She did not hear the repeated calls of the boy, who had walked on ahead. Only after he had gone back and seized her by the hand did she wake as from a dream. She burst into tears. Her vision of Christ seated in glory with the Apostles Peter, Paul, and John had faded. A year later she made a secret vow to give her whole life to God.

When Catherine was 12, her mother, with marriage in mind, began to urge her to pay more attention to her appearance. To please her mother and sister, she dressed in the bright gowns and jewels that were fashionable for young girls. Soon she repented of this vanity, and declared with finality that she would never marry. When her parents persisted in their talk about finding her a husband, she cut off the golden-brown hair that was her chief beauty. As punishment, she was now made to do menial work in the household, and the family, knowing she craved solitude, never allowed her to be alone. Catherine bore all this with sweetness and patience. Long afterwards, in *The Dialogue*, she wrote that God had shown her how to build in her soul a private cell where no tribulation could enter.

Catherine's father at last realised that further pressure was useless, and his daughter was permitted to do as she pleased. In the small room now set apart for her use, a cell three metres by one, she gave herself up to prayers and fasting; she scourged herself three times daily with an iron chain, and slept on a board. At times now she was enraptured by celestial visions, but often too she was subjected to severe trials. Loathsome forms and enticing figures would present themselves to her imagination, and the most degrading temptations assailed her. There were long intervals during which she felt abandoned by God. 'O Lord, where wert thou when my heart was so sorely vexed with foul and hateful temptations?' she asked, when after such a time of agonising he had once more manifested himself. She heard a voice: 'Daughter, I was in thy heart, fortifying thee by grace.' The voice then said that God would now be with her more openly, for the period of probation was nearing an end.

On Shrove Tuesday, 1366, while the citizens of Siena were keeping carnival, and Catherine was praying in her room, a vision of Christ appeared, accompanied by his mother and the heavenly host. Taking the girl's hand, Our Lady held it up to Christ, who placed a ring upon it and espoused her to himself, bidding her to be of good courage, for now she was armed with a faith that could overcome a temptations. The years of solitude and preparation were ended and soon afterwards she began to mix with her fellow men and serve them. She volunteered to nurse the sick in the city hospitals, choosing those afflicted with loathsome diseases. There came a terrible outbreak of the plague in Siena, during which she and her circle worked incessantly to relieve the sufferers. Her pity for dying men was not confined to those who were sick. She made it a practice to visit condemned persons in prison, hoping to persuade them to make their peace with God.

Her deeds of mercy, coupled with a growing reputation as a worker of miracles, now caused the Sieneese to turn to Catherine in all kinds of difficulties. In settling disputes and healing old feuds she was so successful that she was constantly called upon to arbitrate.

In February, 1375, she visited Pisa, where she had another of her spiritual experiences. She had made her Communion in the little church of St Christina, and had been gazing at the crucifix, when suddenly there descended from it five blood-red rays which pierced her hands, feet and heart, causing such acute pain that she swooned. The wounds remained as stigmata, visible to herself alone during her life, but clearly to be seen after her death.

She was still in Pisa when she received word that the people of Florence and Perugia had entered into a league against the Holy See and the French. From Avignon, meanwhile, after an unsuccessful appeal to the Florentines, the Pope, Gregory XI, sent Cardinal Robert of Geneva with an army to put down the uprising. The rulers of Florence sent to Siena, to ask Catherine to mediate with the Pope.

Catherine arrived in Avignon on June 18, 1376, and was graciously received by the Pope. 'I desire nothing but peace,' he said; 'I place the affair entirely in your hands, only I recommend to you the honour of the Church.' As it happened, the Florentines proved untrustworthy and continued their intrigues to draw the rest of Italy away from allegiance to the Holy See. Although she had failed in this matter, her efforts in another direction were successful. Many of the troubles which then afflicted Europe were, to some degree at least, due to the 74-year residence of the popes at Avignon, where the Curia was now largely French. Gregory had been ready to go back to Rome with his court, but the opposition of the French cardinals had deterred him. Since in her letters Catherine had urged his return so strongly, it was natural that they should discuss the subject now that they were face to face. 'Fulfill what you have promised,' she said, reminding him of a vow he had taken and had never disclosed to any person. Greatly impressed by what he regarded as a supernatural sign, Gregory resolved to act upon it at once.

Although Catherine was only 33, her life was nearing its close. On April 21, 1380, a stroke made her helpless from the waist downwards, and eight days later she died. Pope Pius II canonised her in 1461.

Source: www.ewtn.com

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year A)

First Reading - Acts 2:14,36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 22(23)

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;

there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures

where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me,

to revive my drooping spirit.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

He guides me along the right path;

he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness

no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff;

with these you give me comfort.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You have prepared a banquet for me

in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;

my cup is overflowing.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me

all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell

for ever and ever.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading - 1 Peter 2:20-25

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel - John 10:1-10

Jesus said:

'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

All others who have come

are thieves and brigands;

but the sheep took no notice of them.

I am the gate.

Anyone who enters through me will be safe:

he will go freely in and out

and be sure of finding pasture.

The thief comes

only to steal and kill and destroy.

I have come

so that they may have life and have it to the full.'