



St. Kevin's Catholic Parish

H A M P T O N P A R K



Sixth Sunday Of Easter (Year A) – 10th May 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

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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.**

Happy Mother's Day!

A Prayer for Mothers

Lord Jesus, we thank You for the gift of Catholic mothers, who nurture our faith and guide us with love. May their hearts be filled with joy and strength as they fulfill their sacred calling. Bless them with Your grace and let them feel our appreciation for their sacrifices and unwavering devotion. May they continue to inspire us in our journey of faith. Amen.

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers in our Parish. We pray for God's continuous grace and blessing on you as you fulfil your vocation.

Thank you!

Thank you to the members of all the groups who contributed to the food sales held on 2nd and 3rd May. Together you raised **\$4755** towards the grotto. Thank you to the Mothers who Pray for their Children group, Path to Holiness group and the Legion of Mary Praesidium.

St Kevin's Feast Day Celebration - Sunday 7th June

We need your help!

Our parish family is joyfully preparing to celebrate the Feast Day of our patron, St Kevin of Glendalough, a beautiful opportunity to come together in faith, unity, and gratitude. Following the **11am Holy Mass (approx. 12:30pm)**, we will gather as one community to share food, culture, and the richness of who we are, united in Christ. This is a joyful reflection of our vibrant parish, where each culture, family, and person brings something unique and meaningful.

We are deeply grateful to our wonderful volunteers whose generosity and service bring these celebrations to life each year. This year, we warmly invite both familiar and new faces to be part of it, there is a place for everyone.

We especially encourage new and emerging communities within our parish to step forward and be part of this celebration, sharing your culture, traditions and gifts with us.

Get Involved: Clipboards will be available in the foyer to add your name and contact details, share your gifts and join a community.

Come and be part of this special day as we celebrate, connect and grow together in Christ.

Pope Leo's prayer intention for May - That everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

What's On

Monday, 11th May: 5-6pm: Junior Legion of Mary,
7.30pm Didasko Formation Talk in Church Foyer

Tuesday, 12th May: 4.30pm: Confirmation class

Wednesday, 13th May: 9am: Two Hearts Devotion
4.30pm: Reconciliation Class

Friday, 15th May: 5pm: Mothers who pray for their Children (Office)
6pm to 8pm: Youth Group (Church foyer)

ROSTERS for 16th & 17th May

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

CHURCH CLEANERS

Team 3: Jeneview, Khuram, Priscilla, Maria, Jerome, Doreen, Michael

COUNTERS

Team 2: Roland, Rosalia, Jackie, Savio, John, Jackie M, Shehan, Maria

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$5199.50

Unpledged: \$2393.75

Presbytery: \$2214.90

This Sunday we Pray Thanksgiving

Antoinette Crasto

Matthew Hall

Petal, Clinton and Kelly Brambleby

Ashwin Subramaniam

For those who are sick:

Andree Jeanne

K. Seraphin

Rosario Giaquinta

Sandra Wills

Elcira Baez

Greg Jacobs

Dominique

For those who have died recently:

Rakesh Bharat

Demosthenes Aledo

Teresa Fernandes

Colin Webster

Baldomino Jose Soares

Joana Soares

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

Tuesday, 12th May: Sts Nereus & Achilleus

Wednesday, 13th May: Our Lady of Fatima

Thursday, 14th May: St Matthias

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Margaret Francis, Anthoniammal Francis, Rajalaksime Subramaniam,

Gerty Fernandez, Max Mortimer, Joachim Antonio Li, Everard Paris,

Mary Salena, Baptist and Dorothy Abeyadeera, Dereck and Philomena Kelaart,

Myline Lagrada, Marissa Venus Lagrada, Walter Lockwood, Flaviana Rosario,

Justino Rosario, Philomena Paris, George and Mallika Fernando, Rosa do Rego,

Ines Varudo, Nico Lau Moniz, Domingos Soares, Lucia Soares, Orlando

Soares, Maxi and Pamela Gonsalvez, Mulai Jejen Mulai

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal – 9th and 10th May

This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal (previously held during the month of August). CatholicCare Victoria works with those facing homelessness, those experiencing mental health challenges, families struggling with relationship problems, newly arrived refugees and asylum seekers, and those experiencing grief and trauma. This year, the Appeal aims to give hope and support to people experiencing homelessness. Our faith calls us to welcome the stranger and care for those most in need. Your compassion ensures individuals and families are supported with safe housing, practical assistance, and compassionate care as they rebuild their lives.

Your generosity helps open the door to safety, dignity and hope. Please donate to CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. You can donate using the appeal envelope available in our parish, donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9967 2515. All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible.

"For I was a stranger and you welcomed me." (Matthew 25:35)

Youth Group Meeting – 15th May at 6pm in the Church Foyer

All youth aged Year 9 (school grade) to 25 years are invited to attend the next youth group meeting being held on Friday, 15th May from 6pm to 8pm in the School Hall. Come for the formation, fellowship and fun!

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.

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 9am & 11am masses or contact Anne 0412983993 or Mary 0418560331 to arrange payment and secure your seats.

Eucharist '28

Didasko – The Eucharist in Scripture

In preparation for the International Eucharistic Congress being held in Sydney in 2028, the Parish has signed up for a series of talks offered via Zoom. All are welcome to participate and attend the talks being held **at 7.30pm on Monday 4th May, Monday 11th May and Monday 18th May**. Please arrive at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start.

She's saintly! 12 Saints who were also Mothers

1. St Helena (c. 248-c. 328) - Helena was the mother of Constantine, the Roman emperor who in 313 ended the persecution of Christians throughout the empire. She was born in Asia Minor, married a Roman general named Constantius Chlorus, and gave birth to Constantine in 274 in what is now Serbia. She became a Christian in 312, and thereafter was known for her devotion, prayerfulness and generosity to the poor. In about 326, she went to the Holy Land, where she spent her last years humbly doing the housework in her convent but also building churches on holy sites. She reportedly found the 'true cross' of Calvary. Her feast day is on **18 August**.

2. St Monica (331-387) This North African laywoman married Patricius, and St. Augustine of Hippo was their eldest child. She tried to bring him up a Christian but also was ambitious for his worldly success. He scorned Christianity and had a son with his mistress. In 383 Monica followed Augustine to Italy, where she was a follower of St Ambrose. Three years later, Augustine was baptised. Monica fell ill and died before their return to Africa. Years before, a bishop had famously counseled her: 'It is not possible that the son of so many tears should be lost.' Her feast day is on **27 August**.

3. St Emmelia of Caesarea (died c. 375) - St Emmelia is from a family of saints. Her husband is St Basil the Elder, a lawyer and son of St Macrina the Elder. Of their 10 children, four are canonised: Sts Basil the Great, Gregory of Nyssa, Macrina the Younger and Peter of Sebaste. St Emmelia was dedicated to her children's education and knowledge of Scripture. After raising her children, St Emmelia with her daughter Macrina renounced their high standard of living and formed a small monastic community of nuns on the family's estate. Her feast day is **30 May**.

4. St Elizabeth of Hungary (1207-1231) - Elizabeth's short life was nonetheless full; she had a happy marriage and children, was a secular Franciscan, and was so devoted to the poor and sick that she gave away royal robes and founded hospitals. The daughter of a Hungarian king, Elizabeth married a nobleman of Thuringia, Louis, at age 14. He complained about the expense of her many charities until he witnessed a miracle involving Elizabeth, bread and roses. After he died during a Crusade, she became a Third Order Franciscan at Marburg, Germany, where she founded a hospital to care for the sick. Elizabeth is the patron of bakers, young brides, widows, those falsely accused, countesses and secular Franciscans. She was canonised in 1235. Her feast day is **17 November**.

5. St Bridget of Sweden (c. 1303-1373) - Bridget, or Birgitta, married a Swedish nobleman and they had eight children, including St Katherine of Vadstena. About 1335 Bridget was appointed chief lady-in-waiting at the Swedish court. After she was widowed in 1344, she founded the Order of the Most Holy Savior, known as Brigittines. Bridget spent much time in Rome, living austere and caring for the poor and sick. She died there after a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Bridget claimed to have visions and inspirations throughout her life, prompting both influence and controversy. She was canonised in 1391. Her feast day is **23 July**.

6. St Frances of Rome (1384-1440) - This laywoman and foundress, born a Roman aristocrat, married Lorenzo Ponziano when she was 13; they had several children. In 1409, their palazzo was pillaged by Neapolitan soldiers and Lorenzo was exiled for five years, returning home a broken man. He died in 1436. Frances, known for her great charity during epidemics and civil war, organized a ladies society dedicated to self-denial and good works. It became the Oblates of Tor de Specchi, which she directed for her last four years. She is the patron saint of motorists, perhaps because she was guarded for 23 years by an archangel visible only to her. Her last words were: "The angel has finished his work. He is beckoning me to follow." She was canonised in 1608. Her feast day is **9 March**.

7. St Louise de Marillac (1591-1660) - Born in Auvergne, France, Louise married an official of the royal court, Antoine Le Gras. Following his death in 1625, and despite strained finances and bouts of melancholy, she was an active supporter of St Vincent de Paul's charitable works and became co-founder with him of the Daughters of Charity. She drew up the first draft of their rule. By the time of her death, the order had established 40 houses in France, and Daughters of Charity were looking after the sick poor in Parisian parishes and sheltering hundreds of women. St Louise de Marillac was canonised in 1934. Her feast day is **15 March**.

8. St Elizabeth Ann Seton (1774-1821) - Raised Episcopalian in colonial New York City, Elizabeth married William Magee Seton, a merchant. The couple had five children. William died in 1803 in Italy, where Elizabeth learned about Catholicism from the family who gave her hospitality. Wars had bankrupted the family's shipping business. After becoming a Catholic in New York in 1805, the now-poor Elizabeth was abandoned by old friends, but accepted the offer of a Baltimore priest to open a school for girls there. In 1809 she founded the US Sisters of Charity, whose schools and orphanages grew in number. She became the first native-born US saint in 1975 and is the patron of converts. She was canonised in 1975. Her feast day is **4 January**.

9. St Zélie Martin (1831-1877) - Zélie Martin was a woman of deep religious faith and an industrious work ethic as a lacemaker. She and her husband, St Louis Martin, had Zélie nine children, five of whom survived to adulthood. Their most famous child is St Thérèse of Lisieux, a doctor of the Church, but their daughter Léonie Martin, a Visitation sister, also has an open cause for canonisation. She and Louis were known as affectionate and loving parents, but Zélie's writings reveal challenges she faced as a mother, some a result of the neglect and poverty she experienced as a child. She died of breast cancer when Therese, her youngest daughter, was 4 years old. In 2015, Zélie and Louis became the first married couple to be canonised together. Their feast day is **12 July**.

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year A)

First Reading - Acts 8:5-8,14-17

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 65(66):1-7,16,20

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,

O sing to the glory of his name.

O render him glorious praise.

Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

'Before you all the earth shall bow;

shall sing to you, sing to your name!

Come and see the works of God,

tremendous his deeds among men.

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

He turned the sea into dry land,

they passed through the river dry-shod.

Let our joy then be in him;

he rules for ever by his might.

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Come and hear, all who fear God.

I will tell what he did for my soul:

Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me.

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Second Reading – 1 Peter 3:15-18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel - John 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans;

I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live.

On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'