

ST. KEVIN'S PARISH HAMPTON PARK

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH (Year C)



29th & 30th December 2018

PARISH CENTRE

120 Hallam Road,
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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday (9.30am – 4:00pm)

PARISH PRIEST : Rev. Fr. Desmond Moloney
ASSISTANT PRIEST :
DEACON : Rev. Dr. Graeme Pender
PARISH SECRETARIES : Mrs. Michelle Rimmelzwaan
Mrs. Indrani Guinan
SCHOOL PRINCIPALS
ST. KEVIN'S : Anni Miers – 9702 8177
ST. FRANCIS DE SALES : Christine White – 8773 6700

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Vigil Masses:
St. Francis de Sales: 5:30pm
St. Kevin's Church: 7.00pm

Sunday: 9:00am, 11:00am & 7:00pm

Healing Mass is on the 4th Sunday of the Month at 7.00pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday : 9:15am
Tuesday : 9:15am
Wednesday : 7:00pm (followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help)
Thursday : 9.15am
Friday : 9.15am
First Fridays : An extra Mass at 7:30pm followed by devotions to the Sacred Heart.

RECONCILIATION

On Saturday mornings after Mass till 10:30am

BAPTISMS

Celebrated on the first and last 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 7:15 pm in the Church and must bring a copy of their own baptism certificate.

WEDDINGS

Please give at least 6 months notification prior to a wedding at our Church. If an annulment is involved, we will require at least a year's notice for the annulment process to take place.



“Bulletin” Points

- **Fr. Jossy's Farewell:** It was a very fitting farewell to Fr. Jossy. People entered into the hall and were able to pick up something to eat and drink, and enjoy a light repast possibly coming straight from the 11.00am Mass. Given that it was the day before Christmas Eve the attendance was quite good. Members of the Social Group were busily engaged in serving their fellow parishioners. The hall had already been prepared by them to offer hospitality. Soon enough there were some formalities. Though not to make the occasion too formal. Denise Lyons, chairperson of the Parish Pastoral Council, was the first to speak. Then, Danielle D'Souza, one of our youth leaders, followed with her words of gratitude and farewell. In turn, Fr. Desmond followed her and Fr. Jossy gave his response. The Social Group, then, rounded off the formalities by paying their farewell tribute. There was a sense that all was done simply, but very genuinely. Our thanks to the Social Group. Fr. Jossy received a cheque for the amount of \$1,500 as a farewell gift from the parishioners of St. Kevin's Parish.
- **Christmas Masses:** All four Christmas Masses saw congregations of similar size. Those who came to St. Kevin's Church for Christmas Mass seemed to spread themselves fairly evenly across the four Masses. Our thanks to all who assisted in any way with the Christmas liturgies.



BAPTISMS

There will be no Baptisms celebrated on the 30th December 2018 & 6th of January 2019. There will also be no Baptism Preparation meeting held in January 2019. The next preparation meeting for the new year will be on the 7th of February 2019.

**ROSTERS FOR NEXT
WEEKEND
5th & 6th January
2019**

**EXTRA ORDINARY
MINISTERS**

5.30pm Saturday – Team 1
Candice V, Carlton V,
Diahann D, Indira P, Tessy N
7.00pm Saturday – Team 2
Christobelle G, Gerard B,
Michelle V, Helen S, Gilda B
9.00am Sunday – Team 1
Aloysius W, Monique C,
Chloe H, Christine S, Noreen B
11.00am Sunday – Team 1
Mary K, Pam D, Sherine E,
Teri N, Warren P, Philomena P,
Judy F
7.00pm Sunday – Team 1
George I, Mirtza I, Sumith O,
Diana M, Kharece D,
Danielle D

CHURCH CLEANERS

Team 3 – Colin Pereira, Dilini
Rodrigo, Hasitha Weerakoon

COUNTERS

Team 6 – Lorna & Mervyn
Brito, Zena & Martin Thomas

READERS

5.30pm Saturday – Team 2
Annabelle V, Indira P, Tessy N
7.00pm Saturday – Team 2
Jade D, Benita P, Sunita D
9.00am Sunday – Team 1
Florence D, Michael P, Jessica R
11.00am Sunday – Team 2
Kimberley V, Anita F,
Philomena P
7.00pm Sunday – Team 1
Bernadette C, Rohan P,
Vanessa I

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There will be no Children's
Liturgy until next year.

LAST WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

Envelopes : \$2988.70
Unpledged : \$983.35
Presbytery : \$2278.75

IN OUR PARISH

31st December	Monday No morning Mass 7.30pm Adoration followed by 8.00pm Mass
1st January	Tuesday 10.00am Mass – Feast of Mary, Mother of God No evening Mass
2nd January	Wednesday 7.00pm Mass followed by Novena
3rd January	Thursday 9.15am Mass
4th January	Friday 9.15am Mass 7.30 pm Mass followed by Devotions to the Sacred Heart
5th January	Saturday 9.15am Mass 5.30pm Mass at Lynbrook 7.00pm Mass at St. Kevin's
6th January	Sunday 9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass 7.00pm Mass

CATHOLIC CARE

CatholicCare would like to thank the community of St. Kevin's Hampton Park Parish for its generous donation of \$2450.95 to the recent CatholicCare Sunday Appeal. Your generosity supports the vital work of CatholicCare, who work on behalf of the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Together we fulfil the Church's mission of service to the community. We help families and individuals to develop strong and healthy relationships, and ease the pain of difficult life transitions so that they can live 'life to the full'. Thank you for enabling us to continue this vital work

Let's reflect...

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." 1 JOHN 3:1

During this season of giving, let us remember the most important gift we have received – being children of God. As God's children, it's important that we express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children and other family members and friends that you love them, frequently.

NO PARKING BEHIND THE PARISH HOUSE

Please do not park behind the Parish House on a weekday unless you have a Pass issued by the Principal or Parish Priest.

CONFIRMATION PHOTOGRAPHS

There are still some Photographs and Banners from Mary's Confirmation Group to be collected from the Parish Office. Please collect them as soon as possible.

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

For the sick:

Harry Hume (4)

Michael Guinan (3)

Amanda Fernandez (3)

Maria Bastian (2)

Benjamin Paul (2)

For those who have died recently:

Julie Rodrigues

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Joseph Castro

Adino Ricci

Austin Peters

Boniface Quintin Hendricks

CHRISTMAS REPORT – ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

As another year draws to a close, we would like to thank you for your ongoing support for the Society to continue its good work in the community. It is my pleasure to present you with the details of the assistance provided by the St Vincent de Paul Society of Hampton Park, to callers from Hampton Park and Lynbrook this year. We have had over 860 calls for assistance, including 1452 adults and 1356 children, where we have been able to provide the following assistance: \$38,000 in food vouchers, \$24,534 in assistance with household goods, \$7,026 in accommodation assistance, \$2,840 in bill payments, \$1,710 in educational assistance, \$936 in medical assistance, \$2,650 in clothing vouchers, and given out donated groceries to the value of \$1,500.

In the last few days leading to Christmas, conference members and volunteers gathered to pack and distribute food hampers and toys to 109 families in our local community. We thank all those who gave generously, and took out the time to help in any way possible, particularly our conference members who put in a lot of work to ensure everything ran smoothly, and for working tirelessly throughout the year to provide assistance and care to those in need.

Finally, we thank the Catholic community of Hampton Park and Lynbrook, for your generous donations towards our Christmas Appeal and also to those who have given charity in secret throughout the year. With grateful hearts, we are pleased to announce, that the total amount raised for the appeal was \$3,694.50, which will go a long way to help those less fortunate in our society. Once again, on behalf of those we assist, the Hampton Park Conference would like to thank you all for your support and generosity throughout 2018, and wish you and your family a prosperous New Year.

If you would like to know more about the Society, or become a member of the conference, please feel free to leave your details at the Piety stall, and a member will get in touch with you.

Ami Leaumoeana
Conference President

POPE FRANCIS' MESSAGE FOR 2019 (an excerpt)

52nd World Day of Peace

The theme of his message is Good politics is at the service of peace.

In these days, we celebrate the seventieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted in the wake of the Second World War. In this context, let us also remember the observation of Pope John XXIII: "Man's awareness of his rights must inevitably lead him to the recognition of his duties. The possession of rights involves the duty of implementing those rights, for they are the expression of a man's personal dignity. And the possession of rights also involves their recognition and respect by others". [7]

Peace, in effect, is the fruit of a great political project grounded in the mutual responsibility and interdependence of human beings. But it is also a challenge that demands to be taken up ever anew. It entails a conversion of heart and soul; it is both interior and communal; and it has three inseparable aspects:

-peace with oneself, rejecting inflexibility, anger and impatience; in the words of Saint Francis de Sales, showing "a bit of sweetness towards oneself" in order to offer "a bit of sweetness to others";

-peace with others: family members, friends, strangers, the poor and the suffering, being unafraid to encounter them and listen to what they have to say;

-peace with creation, rediscovering the grandeur of God's gift and our individual and shared responsibility as inhabitants of this world, citizens and builders of the future.



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH - YEAR C

FIRST READING – Samuel 1: 20-22, 24-28

A reading from the first book of Samuel

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.' When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there forever.'

When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with the. They slaughtered the bull and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.'

There she left him, for the Lord.

■ The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

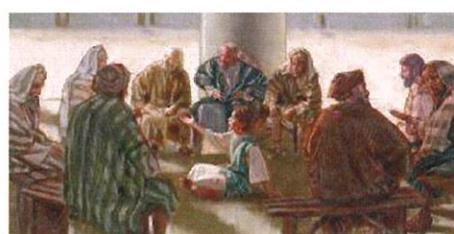
How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

How lovely is your dwelling place,
Lord, God of Hosts.

My soul is longing and yearning
Is yearning for the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my soul ring out their joy
to God, the living God. **R.**

They are happy, who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.
They are happy, whose strength is in you;
they walk with ever growing strength. **R.**

O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer,
Give ear, O God of Jacob.
Turn your eyes, O God, our shield,
Look on the face of your anointed. **R.**



SECOND READING – John 3: 1-2, 21-24

A reading from the letter of St. John

Think of the love that the father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed, all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

■ The word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord,
To listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL – Luke 2: 41-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant. He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in Wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

■ The Gospel of the Lord