

ST. KEVIN'S PARISH

HAMPTON PARK

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year C)



8th & 9th December 2018

PARISH CENTRE

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday (9.30am – 4:00pm)

PARISH PRIEST	:	Fr. Desmond Moloney
ASSISTANT PRIEST	:	Fr. Jossy Kizhakkethalackal
DEACON	:	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.

MELBOURNE OVERSEAS MISSIONS APPEAL - TODAY

Since its foundation in 1969, Melbourne parishioners have supported Melbourne's own mission fund to help developing nations. This has marked our Archdiocese for its exceptional generosity. Currently, the major beneficiaries are people in Papua New Guinea, Vietnam, Gambia, Ghana, Pakistan, Botswana, Nigeria, Peru and Jerusalem. Archbishop Peter Comensoli commends the fund to your continuing support. *Donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible.*

NEW HORIZONS FOR FR. JOSSY

After more than three years as Assistant Parish Priest for St. Kevin's Parish, Fr. Jossy has received a new appointment. Archbishop Comensoli has appointed Fr. Jossy to St. Peter's, Clayton, as Assistant Parish Priest; a parish with a big hospital. Since Fr. Jossy will be taking his annual leave following on Christmas an opportunity to say farewell presents itself on Sunday 23rd December at the 11.00am Mass and afterwards in the Hall. Fr. Dong Tran has been appointed to St. Kevin's Parish as Assistant Parish Priest to begin on 9th January, 2019. Fr. Dong currently serves as Assistant Parish Priest for the parishes of Greensborough, Greensborough North and Diamond Creek.

PRESENTATION OF THE CATECHUMENS

This weekend, at the 9 am Mass, the following catechumens will be presented to the congregation:
Monica, Kourtney-Lee, Alberta, Melissa, Ricky, Sebastian, Manua, Ezekiel and Vetea.

They are participants in the RCIA process with a view to be received fully in the Catholic Church next Easter 2019. Please make them welcome and keep them in your prayers.

ST KEVIN'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP ANOINTING MASS

Mass will be celebrated with the Sacrament of Anointing on Thursday, 13th December at 11.00am, followed by fellowship in the church foyer. All are welcome. Please bring a plate to share.



BAPTISMS

There will be no Baptisms celebrated on the 30th December 2018 & the 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

15th & 16th

December 2018

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 2

Cynthia G, Jessica R, Taupau P,
Lucian G, Selina L

11.00am Sunday – Team 2

Anita F, Lorna B, Martin T, Pam
G, Zena T, Noela L, Annabelle V

7.00pm Sunday – Team 1

George I, Mirtza I, Sumith O,
Diana M, Kharece D,

Danielle D

CHURCH CLEANERS

Team 6 – Mirtza & George
Iraheta, Philip & Marilyn Dingle

COUNTERS

Team 3 – Roland & Sunita

D'Netto, Kevin D'Mello,
Gordon Joseph, Savio
Fernandes

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 2

Elsie M, Michael P, Patricia C

11.00am Sunday – Team 2

Kimberley V, Anita F,

Philomena P

7.00pm Sunday – Team 2

Danielle D, Diana M, Patrick M

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

9.00 am

Florence D'Costa,
Maria Palma

11.00 am

Gayathri
Hettiarachchi, Lorna Brito

LAST WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

Envelopes : \$3725.25

Unpledged : \$1789.55

Presbytery : \$3641.20

IN OUR PARISH

10th December	Monday 9.15am Mass
11th December	Tuesday 9.15am Mass
12th December	Wednesday 7.00pm Mass followed by Novena
13th December	Thursday - 9.15am Mass 11.00am Anointing Mass
14th December	Friday 9.15am Mass
15th December	Saturday 9.15am Mass 5.30pm Mass at Lynbrook 7.00pm Mass at St. Kevin's
16th December	Sunday 9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass 7.00pm No Mass 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm CHRISTMAS CAROLS

ST. KEVIN'S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

At the PPC meeting in the past week Denise Lyons was elected as Chairperson and Tyrone Paul as Vice-Chairperson. It is a most welcome development to have such roles undertaken for the good functioning of our PPC. Our congratulations, thanks, and good wishes are extended to both Denise and Tyrone.

ADORATION NIGHT

The St Kevin's youth group is organising a Eucharistic adoration night for all youth in the parish aged 13 to 30 on Friday December 14th at 7:00pm.

CAROLS EVENT - COMBINED YOUTH CHOIR

All youth are invited to join in a combined choir for the carols event on the 16th of December. The St Kevin's and St Francis de Sales youth choirs will be combining for the event and we encourage all youth in the parish to join us. Practices are currently running on Tuesdays in the church at 8:15 pm. We understand that many of our youth have exams, and for those that wish to participate after this period is over we will be scheduling more practices closer to the date. For further information please contact Danielle on 0422 680 957.

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.



When you choose a Global Gift card to give to family or friends this Christmas, you are supporting women give birth safely with access to expert care before and after babies are born. Order Global Gift cards online at www.globalgifts.org.au or call us on 1800 024 413.



THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

In Thanksgiving:

Yves Lebrasse

For the sick:

Michael Guinan (4)

Maria Bastian (3)

Denzil La Frenais (2)

Harry Hume

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Corrina Lyonette
Derek Gordon

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Privacy legislation requires the **written permission of an authorized 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, on the basis of written permission of an authorized person the name can be re-added to the list.



Let's reflect...

"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..."

PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10

Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our stewardship values and distort our needs and wants. It is important that during this season of endless buying we remember that each of us also has the need to give back to God and to those that are in need.

REQUEST TO NOTIFY THE PARISH OFFICE ... ABOUT A CAR INCIDENT!

A white Kia Rio [1IG 3CE] was scraped and scratched on Thursday during the day – no notification was left. The affected area is the rear passenger side of the car. The car was parked in the second car park near to the back of the Parish House.

CHRISTMAS TREE BY ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The Christmas Tree has been put up by the members of St. Vincent de Paul. Please take a wish tag and bring a gift by the 16th of December so that they can be distributed in time. Thank you for your generosity.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL - 15th & 16th of December

As we approach Christmas, the St Vincent de Paul society is once again seeking the generosity of our parishioners for those less fortunate in our community. As the calls for assistance continue to grow, we would greatly appreciate your assistance in raising funds to enable us to continue our good works. Through our combined efforts, the St Vincent de Paul Society will be able to assist many families and individuals who are experiencing difficulties and hardship. The Society thanks you for your ongoing support and express our sincere gratitude on behalf of the people we assist.

ROSTER FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASSES

Current Readers and Extraordinary Ministers are asked to fill in the forms placed in the foyer if you wish to serve at the Christmas and New Year Masses.

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.

PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2018

Week Day	Program	Time
Thursday 13th December	Anointing Mass for the Friendship Group	11 am with fellowship time after Mass
Sunday 16th December	St Kevin's Carols (There will be no 7 pm Mass)	6.30 pm – 8.30 pm
Thursday 20th December	Reconciliation in preparation for Christmas	7.30pm
Sunday 23rd December	Farewell for Fr. Jossy	Following the 11 am Mass
Monday 24th December	Christmas Family Mass Carols - followed by Midnight Mass	7.00 pm 11.30 pm
Tuesday 25th December	Mass Mass No evening Mass	9.00 am 11.00 am
Monday 31st December	No morning Mass Adoration followed by Mass	.
7.30 pm 8.00 pm		
Tuesday 1st January 2019	Mass – Feast of Mary, Mother of God	10.00 am

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C

FIRST READING – Baruch 5 : 1-9

A reading from the prophet Baruch

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'.

Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them.

Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory.

For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God.

And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

■ The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.**

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. R.

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. R.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. R.

They go out, they go out, full of tears carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song

carrying their sheaves. R.

SECOND READING – Philippians 1: 3-6, 8-11

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

■ The word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL – Luke 3: 1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.
Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

■ The Gospel of the Lord