

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT - YEAR B

FIRST READING – Isaiah 63: 16-17, 64: 1, 3-8

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,
Our Redeemer is your ancient name.
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways
and harden our hearts against fearing you?
Return, for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your inheritance.
Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and
come down
–at your Presence the mountains would melt.
No ear has heard,
no eye has seen
any God but you act like this
for those who trust him.
You guide those who act with integrity
and keep your ways in mind.
You were angry when we were sinners;
we had long been rebels against you.
We were all like men unclean,
all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.
We have all withered like leaves
and our sins blew us away like the wind.
No one invoked your name
or roused himself to catch hold of you.
For you hid your face from us
and gave us up to the power of our sins.
And yet, Lord, you are our Father;
we the clay, you the potter,
we are all the work of your hand.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Ps. 79: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19.

R. Lord, make us to turn to you, let us see you face
and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
Shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. R.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right has planted. R.

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. R.

SECOND READING – Corinthians 1: 3-9

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

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL – Mark 13: 33-3744

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!’

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



ST. KEVIN'S PARISH HAMPTON PARK

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year B)



28th & 29th Nov 2020

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: Rev. Fr. Dong Tran
DEACON: Rev. Dr. Graeme Pender
PARISH SECRETARIES: Michelle Rimmelzwaan
Indrani Guinan
SCHOOL PRINCIPALS
ST. KEVIN'S: Jason Micallef – 9709 8600
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Christine White – 8773 6700

Parish Website
<https://stkevins.org.au/>

‘Support us’ page
<https://stkevins.org.au/support-us/>

YouTube Channel
<https://youtu.be/k-qBOvfy-I0>
(st kevins parish hampton park)

You can now follow us on Facebook too!

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE / RECONCILIATION
On Saturday mornings after the 9.15 Mass until
10:30 am.

WORKING BEE

Calling all parishioners who can help out! There will be a working bee on the 12th of December from 7 am. Could everyone helping out please bring garden tools and cleaning material for the inside of the church?

Announcement of New Appointments

Archbishop Peter Comensoli has appointed Father Dong Tran as Assistant Priest to St. Andrew's Parish, Werribee (where Father Albert Yogarajah is Parish Priest). Father Anil Mascarenhas (presently in the Werribee Parish) has been appointed by the Archbishop as Assistant Priest to St. Kevin's Parish, Hampton Park. These appointments will take effect on the 13th January, 20

Latest Updated Guidelines

Churches are now permitted to hold 150 people plus the Faith Leader. This is a very welcome development. Our hope is that there will be further positive developments to come early in December.

As it currently stands, a likely way forward, which could be put to the test with Christmas in view, is for the celebration of Sunday Masses outside the church with 300 permitted to be in attendance. The area could possibly be the school grounds of St. Kevin's where the Good Friday Stations of the Cross are conducted. COVIDsafe measures would have to be in place, including the recording of contact details

St. Kevin's Parish has a COVIDsafe plan. It continues to be important that contact recording occurs; that the density quotient of 1 person per 4sq.m is kept; face coverings are worn; and hand sanitising is attended to.

The Guidelines point out that, unfortunately, under current restrictions, a liturgy cannot be live-streamed into another room on the church premises like a hall. The permissions for public worship apply to one gathered event on a site at a time. This leaves St. Kevin's Parish in a position where it is not feasible to have the usual celebration of Sunday Masses when only 150 can be in attendance. St. Kevin's parishioners would simply not be treated fairly across the board. The average Sunday Mass attendance is upwards of 1700.

Adjusted Mass timetable for Weekdays (temporary times)

Monday: 9.15 am

Tuesday: 9.15am

Wednesday: 7 pm (followed by Novena).

Thursday: 9.15 am

Friday 9.15 am & 7 pm

Saturday 9.15 am

Sunday Mass will continue to be online

**This Friday (First Friday in December) Mass will be at 7 pm
(followed by Sacred Heart devotions)**

ROSTERS

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS

READERS

CHURCH CLEANERS

Team –

COUNTERS

Team –

From the Piety Stall.....



The Columban Art Calendar for 2021 is available for \$10 now. Please let Noreen know if you want a copy or two.....

The book, "Word of God 2021" – scripture reflections is also available now. Please contact Noreen after the daily morning Mass in Church.

BAPTISMS



There will be no Baptisms celebrated between the 20th of December 2020 & the 30th of January 2021. Baptism preparation meetings will be held by appointment only until further notice.

ADVENT

New Year of Grace

The primary evangelist for Year B is Mark.

It is best to understand Mark not as giving us information about the life of Jesus or as a source of Peter's teaching but rather as a Gospel created by an independent and fascinating theologian who crafted the story of Jesus to communicate deep theological insight about Christian life in Christ. How Mark does this is to take us deep into an understanding of the two primary sacraments of the earliest Christian Churches: the immersion in water known as Baptism and the sacred meal known as the Lord's Supper.

Writing in poor Greek style, Mark has created a brilliant theological narrative whose message is as relevant today as it was then: our Baptism unites all of us to Christ and joins us together at the Eucharist meal to experience a new life and new creation united with God. (*Sourcebook*)

The Advent Wreath



The Advent wreath was first used by Lutherans in Germany in the 16th century, and in 1839, Lutheran priest Johann Hinrich Wichern used a wreath made from a cart wheel to educate children about the meaning and purpose of Christmas, as well as to help them count its approach. Eventually, the branches were shaped into wreaths, symbols of joy and victory in classical times. Together, the circular shape and the evergreen material make the wreath a representation of eternal life. It is also a representation of faith, and a candle is often placed on the wreath during Advent to symbolize the light that Jesus brought into the world. Many families use an Advent wreath a part of their celebration. Advent wreaths usually consist of an evergreen circle, three purple candles, one rose candle and one white candle (centre of wreath). Some people forego the white candle, opting only for four candles. The purple and pink candles represent the four weeks before Christmas, called Advent and the white candle represents the Birth of Christ.

The colour purple advent wreath candles symbolizes reverence and prayer.

Advent Grace (before meals)

Bless us, Lord Jesus, in this season as we prepare to celebrate Christmas. We ask you to bless all in our family as we give thanks for all we have received. Open our hearts and minds to welcome you and help us to live in your peace. Amen

Advent and Christmas Banner

The Advent and Christmas banner from the Office for Mission Renewal gives expression to a vision that is offered in the hope that you will join this simple effort to propose Jesus – as the answer and a way forward in this tumultuous time around our globe.

In support of this project Archbishop Peter Comensoli says:

"I commend this beautiful, unifying and simple image as one that offers Jesus – our light and our salvation – as a hope and an anchor in our neighbourhoods and our families in this most joyful Advent and Christmas season. May we be united across our neighbourhoods as we emerge from lockdown and fear. May God bless us with a new energy for love and for mission, both profoundly needed in this time."

Teresa Rhynehart
Director for Mission
Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

In Thanksgiving:

Jude Ambrose,
Rita Vincent,
C Fernandes & Family
Nipps Family
Patrick
Grace Buan
Bibet Lava
Mario Tolentino
Ferdie Aragoza
Coco & Mia Banson

For the sick:

Eumal Wijesinghe (2)

For those who have died recently:

Pacita Pulumbarit
Matilde Mara Mara
Conrado Escudero
Louie Cruz
Arpina D'Souza

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

All the names that were given to the Parish Office have been entered in the Book of Remembrance.

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 authorised person the name can be re-added to the list.



Let's Reflect.....

"Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come." - Mark 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our time, our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.



Lebanon Update: Immediately following the Beirut explosion, ACN provided an initial emergency grant of \$400,00 AUD for food. ACN has just announced a further commitment of \$8 million for the repair and reconstruction of churches and convents. ACN thanks everyone who has already donated to their national appeal and welcomes any further support. Visit www.aidtochurch.org/Lebanon or call 1800 101 201

Wanted: Loving Married Couples

Become a Sponsor couple

SmartLoving is a Catholic marriage ministry and is calling for enthusiastic married couples to journey with an engaged married in the Catholic Church. Find information session: Wed, 9 December - 8pm AEDT | www.smartloving.org/webinar



couple as they prepare to be out more at this free

Ready, Set, Pray!

The office for Mission Renewal has produced a new resource: The Ready, Set, Pray! Children's Liturgy of the Word @ Home video series has been created to provide an engaging space for families to encounter Jesus through the Sunday gospel. Each week includes an invitation for families to create and gather in their own prayer space, to sing, hear the Gospel, pray and respond creatively through an activity. This weekly resource follows the familiar Children's Liturgy of the Word format provided in many parishes – but moved to an online setting. It can be used by families in their homes, and also by teachers and catechists. The series consists of weekly sessions of 15-20 minutes duration available now and continuing each Sunday until Christmas. It can be accessed through the link below: <https://bit.ly/ReadySetPray>

I hope this experience of gathering for prayer will encourage families in this time when they cannot gather for parish celebrations of Eucharist. Every blessing as we approach Advent, the holy season of patience and anticipation.

Reaching Beyond 2020

People of all trades and professions are being requested by communities abroad seeking to build the capacity of their organisations and the skills of their people. Restrictions this year have made communities' needs acute, but your assistance will help to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. Palms Australia will provide you with thorough preparation to ensure your readiness as travel resumes, and support on assignment. See www.palms.org.au and talk to Roger on 0431 995 058, or email palms@palms.org.au

