

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B

FIRST READING – Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11.

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

'Console my people, console them'
says your God.
'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem
and call to her
that her time of service is ended,
that her sin is atoned for,
that she has received from the hand of the Lord
double punishment for her crimes.'
A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness
a way for the Lord.
Make a straight highway for our God
Across the desert.
Let every valley be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
let every cliff become a plain,
and the ridges a valley;
then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed
and all mankind shall see it;
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'
Go up on a high mountain,
joyful messenger to Zion.
Shout with a loud voice,
joyful messenger to Jerusalem.
Shout without fear,
say to the towns of Judah,
'Here is your God.'
Here is the Lord coming with power,
his arm subduing all things to him.
The prize of his victory is with him,
his trophies all go before him.
He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,
gathering lambs in his arms,
holding them against his breast
and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Ps. 84: 9-14.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness,
and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. R.

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. R.

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.

Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. R.

SECOND READING – Peter 3: 8-14

A reading from the second letter of St. Peter

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up. Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised; the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

■ 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 – Mark 13: 33-3744

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

In the beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you;
he will prepare your way.

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight,

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

ST. KEVIN'S PARISH HAMPTON PARK

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year B)



5th & 6th December 2020

PARISH CENTRE
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OFFICE HOURS
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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.

Instructions for parishioners

1. Chairs will be provided.
2. The gate will be opened 30 minutes ahead of scheduled Mass times. Please arrive at least 10 minutes prior to the start of Mass so that you can be signed in and seated for a punctual start. Gate will be shut 5 minutes prior to the start of Mass.
3. The maximum capacity is 300 per Mass, once 300 attendees are recorded the gates will be closed.
4. Please do not bring any food onto the premises.
5. Please follow all directions when entering and exiting the venue and during Mass.

MASS OUTDOORS THIS COMING SUNDAY

As I write this notice on Thursday 300 people are permitted to attend religious ceremonies outdoors. In last week's bulletin I mentioned the hope we have that there might be further positive developments announced by the State Government early in December. Now that it is Sunday, perhaps we are learning that a greater number can attend Mass outdoors. If this is the case, this will allow our Sunday Mass congregations to become more expansive, particularly for the parish Christmas Masses.

Thanks to the dedicated work of a small group of parishioners planning is well advanced for the celebration of Sunday Masses on the grounds of St. Kevin's School, beginning with Vigil Masses on Saturday, 12th and then Masses on Sunday, 13th December.

Mass times will be:

Saturday (12th): 5.00pm & 7.00pm
Sunday (13th): 8.00am & 10.00am

NO EVENING MASS due to the Christmas Carols at 5 pm.

The weather could prove troublesome! It is with the strength of the summer's heat in mind that the Masses on Sunday morning will be celebrated a little earlier. At the same time, it has been forecast that increased rain can be expected given the La Nina phase. Although the South East historically misses out. Nonetheless, it is probably a good idea to come prepared.

Volunteers Wanted

In preparation for moving to outdoor Sunday Masses, we require a number of volunteers per Mass to ensure COVID-safe standards are met. Volunteers are sought to assist at the 4 Masses on the 12th & 13th December [Saturday 5.00pm and 7.00pm; Sunday 8.00am and 10.00am].

Volunteers will be required to arrive 30 minutes prior to the scheduled Mass times and duties include helping people sign-in and directing parishioners to seating areas. Since volunteers are required during the mass, those who are serving as readers or Eucharistic ministers will not be able to volunteer when serving at that specific Mass.

Please contact the Danielle on 0422 680 957, Warren on 0423 247 093 or the Parish Office on 9799 2108 if you would like to volunteer.

6. Please keep your masks on at all times.
7. Since we will be outdoors, please be prepared for weather conditions and bring appropriate wet-weather gear or umbrellas as required.
8. If you are unwell, presenting with symptoms, awaiting Covid test results, or a close contact of a known positive case, please stay at home.

Rejoice! Rejoice! A Celebration of Carols



13 December 2020 at 5 pm
Volunteers required.
If you would like to be a part of our Carols, please contact Candice on 0425843787.

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?

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.

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.

ADVENT

The meaning of the Season

During every Mass, immediately after the Our Father, the priest says a short prayer known as the embolism: "Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ."

This prayer is particularly meaningful during Advent, the season where we consciously "await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ" with joyful expectation. This kind of waiting is often difficult, as joy and expectation do not generally characterize our everyday experience of waiting. Few of us are filled with hope as we sit in a traffic jam, stand at a bus stop, or experience delays when travelling by plane or train. We shop online and are willing to pay for guaranteed two-day (or overnight) delivery. We assume that Wi-Fi access will be fast and omnipresent-and we grow less patient when we have to wait for websites, audio, or video to load. Amid these everyday experiences, the Advent liturgies play a crucial role in teaching and reminding us how we ought to wait with joyful expectation. (Sourcebook)

The Advent Wreath

The Advent wreath is traditionally a circular garland of evergreen branches representing eternity. On that wreath, four or five candles are typically arranged, and during the season of Advent one candle on the wreath is lit each Sunday. Each candle represents an aspect of the spiritual preparation for the coming of Jesus.



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

RCIA 2019/2020

After a long postponement, on Friday, 18th December at the 7.00pm Mass, there will be the special celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation for a total of 9. Four, including a child, will be baptised, others will be confirmed and celebrate their First Eucharist.

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

In Thanksgiving:

Amara Scarnival
Dominic Crasto
Salome Lavryssen
Irene de Cata
Lea Farley
David Ryan Cortezano
Gina B. Durano
Marianne Soriano
Anna Benipayo
Annatha Gutierrez
Love Sanding
Butch Bordon
Lachlan Ferdinand

For the sick:

Eumal Wijesinghe (3)

For those who have died recently:

Dennis Magdaraog

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Cesar Rico
Herman D'Souza
Corrina Lyonette
Oswald, Charles & Iris
Loreto Bordon
Sigfredo Bordon
Rolando Bordon

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.....

"Prepare the way of the Lord..." - MARK 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well.

"Melbourne Overseas Missions Annual Appeal - 12th & 13th December 2020"

Thank you for your support which has, over the years, made it possible to fund many projects for disadvantaged people in Papua New Guinea, Peru, West Africa, Pakistan, Palestine and the many Islands in the Pacific. Some \$200,000 has been provided in clean water, health, education and improved living stands to people who would not otherwise have had this opportunity over the last year. This is especially in the areas of MOM activity, where the effect of the pandemic has been devastating.

Please visit <https://mom.org.au> for more information or to donate



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.

Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year B-1

The new Liturgical Year begins on the First Sunday of Advent. This e-book may be downloaded free of charge to any computer/tablet/ phone. It offers the Gospel for every day of the coming Liturgical Year B-1 (Sundays Year B, weekdays Year 1), followed by a reflection of some 750 words on each daily Gospel. The e-book may be passed on for downloading to friends or acquaintances as desired. It carries the Imprimatur of Archbishop Anthony Fisher of Sydney, given when he was Bishop of Parramatta.

Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year B-1 may be accessed at the following URL address:

www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/

That Catholic Shop

That Catholic Shop is an exciting development for *Aid to the Church in Need* Australia. This year do some Christmas shopping on the online store and support the works of ACN to keep the faith alive. Please visit www.thatcatholicshop.com

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We're looking for Volunteers!

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13th December 2020

5pm @ St. Kevin's Parish, Hampton Park



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