

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B

FIRST READING – Isaiah 61: 1-2, 10-11.

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

'The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,
for the Lord has anointed me.
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor,
to bind up hearts that are broken;
to proclaim liberty to captives,
freedom to those in prison;
to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.
'I exult for joy in the Lord,
my soul rejoices in my God,
for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation,
he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity,
like a bridegroom wearing his wreath,
like a bride adorned in her jewels.
'For as the earth makes fresh things grow,
as a garden makes seeds spring up,
so will the Lord make both integrity and praise
spring up in the sight of nations.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Lk 1: 46-50, 53-54.

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her nothingness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed. **R.**

The almighty works marvels for me.
Holy is his name!
His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him. **R.**

He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.
He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy. **R.**

SECOND READING – Thessalonians 5: 16-24

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus.
Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything – hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL – John 1: 6-8, 19-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

A man came, sent by God.
His name was John.
He came as a witness,
as a witness to speak for the light,
so that everyone might believe through him.
He was not the light,
only a witness to speak for the light.

This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied:

a voice that cries in the wilderness:

Make a straight way for the Lord.'

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, "I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**



ST. KEVIN'S PARISH HAMPTON PARK

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year B)



12th & 13th December 2020

PARISH CENTRE

120 Hallam Road,
Hampton Park, Vic. 3976
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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

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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-gBOvfy-10>

(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. Please follow all directions when entering and exiting the venue and during Mass. QR code is available as well as manual recording of contact details.
4. Please do not bring any food onto the premises.

LATEST UPDATED GUIDELINES

The General Liturgical Guidelines received from the Archdiocese this week inform us of particular changes in light of State Government announcements made last Sunday.

It is worth noting that in these Guidelines it is stated that:

- Regarding OUTDOOR RELIGIOUS GATHERINGS ... Places of worship may hold religious ceremonies outdoors: The two square metre rule must be applied to ensure everyone has enough room to maintain 1.5 metres distance from each other.
- Regarding FACE COVERINGS AND SANITISING ... Face coverings are no longer mandatory. However, they are to be carried at all times and are required if the distancing measures of 1.5 metres cannot be maintained between people. Face coverings are no longer mandatory throughout the celebration of Mass and the reception of Holy Communion. Sanitiser must continue to be used throughout the Liturgy ...
- Regarding the COMMUNICANT ... Required distancing is maintained between communicants in the queue. Hands are sanitised before coming to receive Communion. ...

THIS WEEK:

WEEKDAYS

Monday 9.15 am Mass

Tuesday 9.15 am Mass

11.45 am St. Kevin's Graduation Mass

Wednesday morning End of Year Masses for St. Kevin's School & St. Francis de Sales' School

7.00 pm Mass followed by Novena

Thursday 9.15 am Mass

at 7.30pm – 2nd Rite of Penance/ Reconciliation

Friday 9.15 am Mass

7.00pm Mass – 2019/2020 R.C.I.A. Sacraments of

Initiation

Saturday 9.15 am Mass followed by the Sacrament of Penance

SUNDAY MASS TIMES:

Saturday (19th): 5.00pm & 7.00pm

Sunday (20th): 8.00am & 10.00am & 6.00PM

7. Being 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.

PARISH CALENDAR FOR CHRISTMAS 2020

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.



Date	Program	Time
Thursday 24th December	Morning Mass	9.15 am
	Christmas Family Mass	7.00 pm
	Carols	9.30 pm
	Christmas Mass	10.00 pm
Friday 25th December	Christmas Day Masses NO EVENING MASS	8.00 am & 10.00 am
Saturday 26th December	Morning Mass Followed by the Sacrament of Penance/ Reconciliation	9.15 am
Sunday 27th December Holy Family	Vigil Masses Morning NO EVENING MASS	5.00 pm & 7.00 pm 8.00 am & 10.00 am

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*)

Gaudete Sunday

What is special about the third Sunday of Advent? This Sunday has a special name: Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete in Latin means Rejoice. The priest may wear rose-coloured vestments. The third candle on the Advent wreath which is lit on the third Sunday in Advent is rose coloured as well. This celebration is a reminder that God who loves us is still in charge and that we await his coming not with fear but with tremendous joy. Today's second reading reflects this joy.

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

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

In Thanksgiving:

Alana Peters

For the sick:

Eumal Wijesinghe (4)

For those who have died recently:

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Dorothy Abeyadeera

Abeyadeera Family

Vito Bencic

Neydorff Family

Ludy Gallardo

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.....

"Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" – 1 Thessalonians 5:16 – 18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

"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



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



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