

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B

FIRST READING – Samuel 7: 1-5, 8-12, 14,16.

A reading from the second book of Samuel.

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the King said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan:

'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; not shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – 88: 2-5, 27, 29.

R. Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.

Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **R.**

'I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant:
I will establish your dynasty forever
and set up your throne through all ages. **R.**

He will say to me: 'You are my Father,
my God, the rock who saves me.'
I will keep my love for him always;
for him my covenant shall endure. **R.**

SECOND READING – Romans 16: 25-27

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

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will be done.

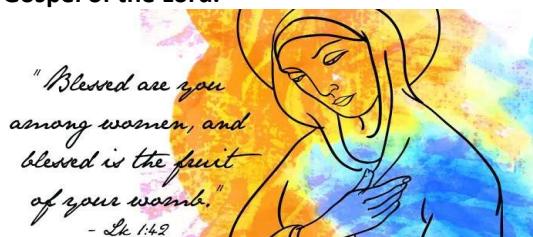
Alleluia!

GOSPEL – Luke 1: 26-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called the Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



ST. KEVIN'S PARISH

HAMPTON PARK

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(Year B)



19th & 20th December 2020

PARISH CENTRE

120 Hallam Road,
Hampton Park, Vic. 3976
Tel: 9799 2108

Email: HamptonPark@cam.org.au

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

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES:

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-qBOvf-yI0>

(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. 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.
2. 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.
3. Please do not bring any food onto the premises.
4. Being outdoors, please be prepared for weather conditions and bring appropriate wet-weather gear or umbrellas as required.
5. If you are unwell, presenting with symptoms, awaiting Covid test results, or a close contact of a known positive case, please stay at home.

LATEST UPDATED GUIDELINES

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 & Tuesday 9.15 am Mass

Wednesday 7.00 pm Mass followed by Novena

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
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Saturday 26th December	Morning Mass Followed by the Sacrament of Penance/ Reconciliation	9.15 am
Sunday 27 th December Holy Family	Vigil Masses Morning NO EVENING MASS	5.00 pm & 7.00 pm 8.00 am & 10.00 am

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

“Behold the Handmaid of the Lord”

The feast of the Annunciation is celebrated on March 25, nine months before Christmas. This feast celebrates the day the Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and asked her to be the Mother of Jesus. Mary was an ordinary girl from a simple town. Yet, God chose her from all time, and set her apart to be the mother of His Son. She was preserved from the stain of original sin from the very moment of her conception. This is the doctrine of The Immaculate Conception. Mary was never without Grace but she was still human. She is not some far off woman who is not acquainted with what it is like to be human. Mary understands, loves, and cares for each one of us in a very special way. She is truly the best of mothers.

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

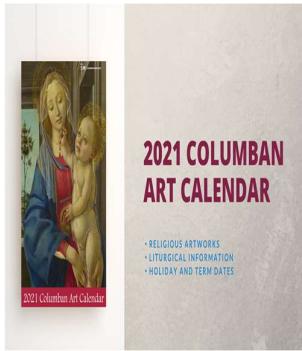
Special Delivery to St. Francis de Sales' School

An enormous 10th Anniversary and Christmas Present for SFS!!

The staff and children are over the moon with excitement as I am sure every family is. We have been working relentlessly to achieve this dream over the past four years. Finally, we received the long awaited news that we will soon have a multi-purpose hall big enough for us to gather for assemblies and events, a basketball size gym for indoor sports when it is winter, a music room and a stage for indoor and even outdoor concerts.

There will be no more need to move furniture in Learning Space 3 for Mass!! We can all gather in our new hall and we can even have a bush dance or an incursion with space to move. A small kitchen will be included for our special events.

*Christine White
Principal*



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.

Please keep the DATE

There will be a farewell for Fr. Dong on Sunday the 3rd of January 2021 --- 10 am Mass, and afterwards.

Catechism classes for 2021

St Kevin's Parish Catechism Program will commence on Wednesday, 3rd March 2021. The Catechism Program will start with grade 2 students and continue through grade 3, 4, 5, 6 and above. Students who were enrolled for 2020 please let the Parish office know that you are returning. Enrolment forms for new students may be collected from the Parish office. Preparations for classrooms, texts and other resources need to be made before March 3rd so the final date for enrolment will be 12th February 2021.

For further information ring: 9799 2108 or 9799 0390

Mary Doherty

Calling all Extraordinary Ministers and Readers:

Re: Christmas availability

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions there has been a delay in organising the Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for the Christmas period.

Please contact the Mass coordinators after the mass regarding your availability to serve at the Christmas Masses. If you are unable to contact them on the day, please contact Harriet Xavier 0409 692 728 as soon as possible.

Harriet Xavier

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

In Thanksgiving:
Malou Villanueva
Adjeng Buenaventura
Michael Villanueva
Adela Dionisio
Bong de Guzman
Nelia Villavert
Ofelia Bordon
Rod & Chloe Hall
Jeff Abanto
Gino Durano
Abigail & Andres Sarmiento

For the sick:

For those who have died recently:

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Bernard Zuzarte
Emilio & Hilda Villanueva

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.....

"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" – Luke 1:28

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.



Parish Christmas Carols

Congratulations to the organisers, Candice and Carlton Vaz, Howard Fernandez and Kevin D'Mello, the Social Group, and the MCs for all the arrangements in creating a very pleasant evening last Sunday. It helped move us into the spirit of Christmas.

Are you a Spiritual Leader? – The Spiritual Leaders Program is a one-year, part-time program held on Friday mornings (and some Friday afternoons). It is suitable for people in outreach ministries and various positions of leadership within their faith community, such as priests, ministers, members of religious Orders, lay ecclesial ministers, community and spiritual leaders, chaplains, pastoral carers, and those in health and education. The program, which commences in Feb 2021, focuses on personal integration of the theory and practice of a contemplative, discerning approach to pastoral ministry. Previous participants have commented that this Program has been transformational in terms of their personal spirituality and their leadership skills. The Program may be available online via Zoom, face-to-face, or a combination of both. Closing date of 30 November 2020 extended as places are still available. Apply to Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation in Malvern, VIC. Fee-Help is available to qualifying participants. Brochure and application form at www.heartoflife.melbourne or tel 03 9890 1101.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ASSISTING REFUGEE STUDENTS

MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE – Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese.

The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week during school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. Training Day for new volunteers with emphasis on Child Safeguarding at the end of January. Email: somml@bigpond.com (preferred for contact) Website: www.mercyworks.org.au Mercy Connect Melbourne Tel: 9326 1895



A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia*: Thank you to all the individuals, families and parishes who helped us support suffering and persecuted Catholic communities, particularly in this year of the coronavirus pandemic. We pray that the joy and peace of the Christmas season will refresh all our hearts and prepare us to live our faith into the New Year. www.aidtochurch.org.