

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - YEAR B

FIRST READING – Isaiah 55: 1-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!
Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.
Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?
Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to
eat and rich food to enjoy.
Pay attention, come to me;
listen, and your soul will live.
With you I will make an everlasting covenant
out of the favours promised to David.
See, I have made of you a witness to the peoples,
a leader and a master of the nations.
See, you will summon a nation you never knew,
those unknown will come hurrying to you,
for the sake of the Lord your God,
of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you.
Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on
him, to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.
Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from the
heavens and do not return without watering the
earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide
seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the
word that goes from my mouth does not return to
me empty, without carrying out my will and
succeeding in what it was sent to do.

■ The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation

Truly, God is my salvation,
I trust, I shall not fear.
For the Lord is my strength, my song,
he became my saviour.
With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation. **R.**

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!
Declare the greatness of his name. **R.**

Sing a psalm to the Lord
for he has done glorious deeds,
make them known to all the earth!
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

SECOND READING – John 5: 1-9

A reading from the first letter of St. John

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ
has been begotten by God;
and whoever loves the Father that begot him
loves the child whom he begets.
We can be sure that we love God's children.
if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us;
this is what loving God is –
keeping his commandments;
and his commandments are not difficult,
because anyone who has been begotten by God;
has already overcome the world;
this is the victory over the world–our faith.
Who can overcome the world?
Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God:
Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,
not with water only,
But with water and blood;
with the Spirit as another witness –
since the Spirit is the truth –
so that there are three witnesses,
the Spirit, the water and the blood,
and all three of them agree.
We accept the testimony of human witnesses,
but God's testimony is much greater,
and this is God's testimony, given as evidence for his Son.

■ The word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

John saw Jesus approaching him, and said:
This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the
world.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL – Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist 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 baptized you with water, but he will
baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

It was at this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee
and was baptized in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he
come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart
and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice
came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour
rests on you.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord

ST. KEVIN'S PARISH HAMPTON PARK

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9th & 10th January 2021

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YouTube Channel

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You can now follow us on Facebook too!

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Vigil Masses:

5.00 pm & 7.00pm

Sunday: 9:00am, 11:00am & 6:00pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday & Tuesday: 9:15am

Wednesday: 7:00pm (followed by Novena to
Our Lady of Perpetual Help)

Thursday & Friday: 9.15am

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

In Thanksgiving: Vincent & Rozeta Ambrose, Leah, Emma & Beth Xavier, Althea & Dominic Xavier

For the sick: John Britto (3), Solange & Danielle,

For those who have died recently: Horace Faife, Dawn Jayawardene

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Zita & Joseph Rogers

ROSTERS FOR 16th & 17th JANUARY 2021

READERS: Saturday 5.00pm – Sherin, Serena, Indira
7.00pm – Paulita Sunita, Christobelle

Sunday 9.00am – Michael, Ben, Patricia
11.00am – Anita, Isabella G, Pam G

6.00pm – Anne, Danielle, Lleyton

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS:

Saturday 5.00pm – Tessy, Nancy, Keith, Candice, Rozeta

7.00pm – Benita, Michelle Gerard, Nadine, Salome

Sunday 9.00am – Abey, Aloysius, Maria, Monique, Noreen

11.00am – Pam G, Lorna, Sherine, Philomena, Mary D

6.00pm – George, Mirtza, Jude, Sumith, Anne

The Baptism of the Lord

Baptisms celebrated in St. Kevin's Parish in 2020: 42

One more thank you – this one is for you – St. Kevin's Parishioners!

“Always, giving thanks to God the Father for everything.” Dear Friends, I have found these words, from St. Paul’s letter to Ephesians in the chapter 5: 20a, encouraging me to give thanks to God for everything, which He has given to me.

And also, I’d like to take this opportunity to say “Good Bye” and “Thank You” to each and every one of you for what you have done for me. The ways you have embraced me has been a lovely, wonderful support and a great blessing. My deep, deep gratitude to all of you for your love and friendship for my last two years in this St. Kevin’s Parish Community.

A special appreciation must be made to Fr. Desmond J Moloney, our Parish Priest and Rev. Dr. Graeme Pender; Indrani Guinan and Michelle Rimmelzaan, our Parish Secretaries, for your support and friendship during my time here.

Finally, as I’ll be taking on leave to St. Andrew’s Parish in Werribee on Wednesday January 13th I’d like to ask you kindly to continue keeping me in your prayers, and also be assured of my continuing prayers for you and your loved ones always.

May the Heavenly God always hold you in His love!
With a grateful heart,

Fr. Dong Tran Assistant Priest

Year of St. Joseph

Devotion to St. Joseph is one of the choicest graces that God can give to a soul, for it is tantamount to revealing the entire treasury of our Lord’s graces. When God wishes to raise a soul to greater heights, he unites it to St Joseph by giving it a strong love for the good saint.

-St Peter Julian Eymard

Proposed Bill

Archbishop Peter Comensoli draws our attention to certain activity being undertaken with regard to the Change or Suppression (Conversion) Practices Prohibition Bill 2020. The Archbishop finds this proposed legislation troubling. He foresees that this issue will be before us over the next few months, and that its long-term consequences are of great concern. More information will follow.