

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

FIRST READING – Genesis 9: 8-15

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Ps. 24: 4-9.

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **R.**

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

SECOND READING – Paul 3: 18-22.

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small

group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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GOSPEL – Mark 1: 12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him. After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

Let's Reflect.....

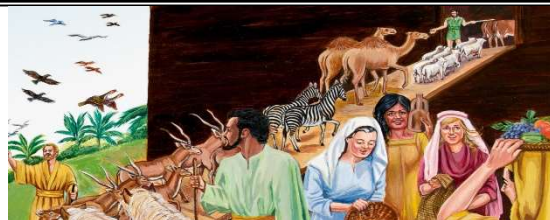
"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God...." - Mark 1:14

Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.



ST. KEVIN'S PARISH HAMPTON PARK

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
(Year B)



20th & 21st February 2021

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. Anil Mascarenhas
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-gBOvfy-I0>
(st kevins parish hampton park)

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 OLPH)
Thursday, Friday & Saturday: 9.15am

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

**Now, now – it is the Lord who speaks – come back to me with
all your heart.' (Joel 2:12)**

Lent: Towards the freedom only Jesus can give

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli reminds us that despite these challenging times, it is Jesus, and only Jesus, who offers a pathway to true freedom – one of humility and self-giving – as won for us on the Cross.

Do you want to fast this Lent?

In the words of Pope Francis:

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
Fast from worries and have trust in God.
Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
Fast from words; be silent and listen.



Project Compassion – Be more!

Twenty-two-year-old, Jamila, is a single mother, living in the world's largest refugee camp in Bangladesh. A Rohingya woman, she fled the armed conflict in Myanmar's Rakhine State to save herself, her elderly mother and eight-month-old baby daughter. Having been abandoned by her husband, she faced life in the camp on her own.

Thanks to the generosity of Caritas Australia's supporters and through our partnership with Caritas Bangladesh, Jamila had access to emergency food and shelter. Then, as her stay in the camp stretched on, Jamila joined the Women Friendly Spaces project where she received counselling and emotional support. She learnt about health and hygiene, participated in a parenting program and learnt sewing skills, to help her to earn an income. During Lent, the Church invites us to take up the call to fast, pray and give alms. The impact of the pandemic means that entire communities are in desperate need of support – now, more than ever.

Your support this Lent is life-saving for people experiencing poverty and oppression. Please take a Project compassion box/envelope and donate generously or you can also donate online by visiting lent.caritas.org.au.

ROSTERS FOR

27th & 28th

FEBRUARY 2021

READERS:

Saturday 5.00pm – Sherin, Serena, Indira;

7.00pm – Paulita, Sunita, Christobelle;

Sunday 9.00am – Michael, Ben, Patricia;

11.00am – Pam G, Pam D, Annabelle;

6.00pm – Berenadette, Kharece, Anne;

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS:

Saturday 5.00pm – Rozeta, Annabelle, Carlton, Tessy, Nancy;

7.00pm – Christobelle, Gerard, Judy, Helen, Benita;

Sunday 9.00am – Maria, Florence, Selina, Christine, Chloe;

11.00am – Philomena, Liz, Mary K, Anita, Lorna;

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

COUNTERS

Team 4 – Ben & Jocelyn Rosemond, Judith D'Silva, Marius Giosserano

CHURCH CLEANERS

Team –

BAPTISMS

Celebrated on the first and last Sunday of the month.

Prior to the Baptism, parents are asked to attend a meeting which is held every first Thursday of the month at 7:15 pm in the Church and must bring a copy of their **own baptism certificate**.

WEDDINGS

Please give at least 6 months notification prior to a wedding at our Church. If an annulment is involved, we will require at least a year's notice for the annulment process to take place.

IN OUR PARISH

22nd February	Monday	9.15am Mass
23rd February	Tuesday	9.15am Mass
24th February	Wednesday	7.00pm Mass followed by Novena
25th February	Thursday	9.15am Mass
26th February	Friday	9.15am Mass followed by the Stations of the Cross (led by parishioners) 7.00pm - Stations of the Cross followed by Mass
27th February	Saturday	9.15am Mass 5.00pm Mass 7.00pm Mass
28th February	Sunday	9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

You are invited to participate in a survey regarding the time of the Sunday Evening Mass. The survey will be conducted over several weeks and close on Sunday, 7th March. Survey forms may be given into the Parish Office or placed in the box provided in the foyer. I am very grateful to Francis Goh for agreeing to undertake this project.

Fr. Desmond J. Moloney

St. Kevin's Parish - Sunday Evening Mass Time Survey.

We at St. Kevin's Parish, Hampton Park would like to gather feedback from our parishioners regarding the timing of our Sunday evening Mass. Please fill out this survey.

Q1. How often do you attend the Sunday 7pm Mass?
(please mark X in one box only)

☐ regularly ☐ sometimes ☐ rarely ☐ do not attend

Q2. What is your preferred Sunday evening Mass?

5:30pm 6:00pm 6:30pm 7:00pm

1st Preference ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

2nd Preference ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Q3. How often would you attend Sunday evening Mass at your preferred time? (please mark X in one box only)

☐ regularly ☐ sometimes ☐ rarely

Q4. Number of people attending the Mass? (Write 1 for a single person or 2 for a couple or 3 for a family of 3 and so on)

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THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

In Thanksgiving:

Sunil & Nivanka Peiris
Angela & Richard Callanan
Michelle & Eric Moore
Grenville Scurville & Family

For the sick:

Ian Parnell

For those who have died recently:

Walton Narcis

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Giuseppe de Cata
Ernest Atkinson
Brendan Parnell
Geoffery Atkinson
David Gilder
George Phillips
S.P. George
J Anthony Swamy
J. Theresa
Dean Moses
John & Antoinette Crasto
Herman & Sylvia D'Souza
Carlyle Muller
Norma & Maurice Michael

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.



Year of St. Joseph

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

You are Invited to Become an Altar Server...

Have you ever thought about becoming an Altar Server? If not! Now it's the time...

To take this opportunity to grow in your faith, to become more active in the Mass by serving as Altar Servers and to begin a life of service to your church, our parish community, and God Himself!

Altar Servers are young people who assist the priest and deacon during Mass. Altar Servers in the liturgy, you are much more than simple "helpers of the priest." Above all, you are servers of Jesus Christ, you are called in particular to be young friends of Jesus.

We are here to support you and would like to invite all who have received your First Holy Communion and have a desire to serve the Lord and His people as an Altar Server to join our upcoming training sessions and to become an Altar Server of our Parish. Parents we need your support, please encourage your children in their faith journey...

Altar Servers training will be on ...

Date: 27th February 2021 at 3pm

28th February 2021 at 3pm

Place: St. Kevin's Church Hampton Park

For any details, you may email to the parish office: HamptonPark@cam.org.au or talk to one of the Priests or the Altar Servers Coordinator Martin Thomas.

With a grateful heart

Fr Anil Mascarenhas

The need is acute!



Low-income communities are not asking us for money or gifts. They reject degrading dependence. They want you to share your skills to help develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. The call is to all trades and professions to assist build the ability of their people and the capacity of their organisations. To properly prepare for a 2022 placement you do need to [enquire now](#).

Find out more:

Ross House, Mezzanine-Sue Healy Room

247 Flinders Lane, MELBOURNE

Saturday 20 February @ 10:00am palms.org.au



ATTENTION MUSICIANS/CHOIRS!!

A gentle reminder to send in the lists of music played in Church so that they can be reported for Copyright purposes.