

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

FIRST READING – Job 7: 1-4, 6-7

A reading from the Book of Job.

Job began to speak:

Isn't man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service,

his time no better than hired drudgery?

Like the slave, sighing for the shade,

or the workman with no thought but his wages,

months of delusion I have assigned to me,

nothing for my own but nights of grief.

Lying in bed I wonder 'When will it be day?'

Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'

Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.

Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed,

and vanished, leaving no hope behind.

Remember that my life is but a breath,

and that my eyes will never again see joy.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Ps. 164: 1-6.

R. Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving;
to him our praise is due. **R.**

The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted,
he binds up all their wounds.
He fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name. **R.**

Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust. **R.**

SECOND READING – Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23.

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

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made

myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessing.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

He bore our sickness,
and endured our suffering.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL – Mark 1: 29-39

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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.*

ST. KEVIN'S PARISH HAMPTON PARK

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year B)



6th & 7th February 2021

PARISH CENTRE
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OFFICE HOURS
Monday to Friday (9.30am – 4:00pm)

PARISH PRIEST: Rev. Fr. Desmond Moloney
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DEACON: Rev. Dr. Graeme Pender
PARISH SECRETARIES: Michelle Rimmelzwaan
Indrani Guinan

SCHOOL PRINCIPALS
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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-l0>
(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.

LATEST UPDATED GUIDELINES

Information updated: Thursday 4 February
People must carry a face covering at all times. Fitted face coverings must be worn indoors by all participants unless they have a lawful exemption or are children under 12 years of age.

Change or Suppression (Conversion) Practices Prohibition Bill 2020.

The Bishops of Victoria have written an Open Letter to the Premier of Victoria. It is stated in the letter:
“...Unfortunately, this Bill doesn't just ban out-dated and insidious practices of coercion and harm, which we firmly reject. The bill also criminalizes conversation between children and parents, interferes with sound professional advice, and silences ministers of religion from providing personal attention for individuals freely seeking pastoral care for complex personal situations. It includes ill-conceived concepts of faith and conversation, vague definitions, and scientifically and medically flawed approaches. It places arbitrary limitation on parents, families and people of faith. People change for all kinds of reasons, and should feel free to do so, whether it be on matters of personal identity, gender, sexuality, family association or religion. Contrary to its intent, this Bill obstructs people's freedom by limiting, restricting and removing options for their good, thereby creating undesirable possibilities of harm....”
Copies of a pamphlet prepared by the Australian Family Association has been placed in the Foyer. This pamphlet urges contact be made with local Members of Parliament.

Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing

It is with great anticipation, friendship and love that we The Friendship Group of St Kevin's Hampton Park are coming together in Prayer on Thursday 18th February 2021 at 11 AM with an Anointing Mass.

There will be no 9.15 am Mass on Thursday 18th.

Unfortunately due to Covid restrictions there can be no fellowship after Mass. But let us look forward, God willing, to outings/get-togethers and fellowship in the coming months. Looking forward to seeing our Members and Guests. A Happy New Year and Blessings to all.

The Friendship Group

ROSTERS FOR
13th & 14th
FEBRUARY 2021

READERS:

Saturday 5.00pm – Anil,
Remi, Melan;
7.00pm – Paulita, Sunita
Christobelle;
Sunday 9.00am – Maria,
Alexah, Florence;
11.00am – Annabelle,
Mary D, Joseph;
6.00pm – Lleyton, Vanessa,
Rohan;

EXTRA ORDINARY

MINISTERS:

Saturday 5.00pm –
Annabelle, Serena, Tessy,
Nancy, Carlton;
7.00pm – Judy, Helen,
Benita, Michelle, Gilda;
Sunday 9.00am – Michael,
Selina, Christine, Chloe,
Abey;
11.00am – Liz, Mary K,
Pam G, Lorna, Sherine;
6.00pm – George, Mirtza,
Jude, Sumith, Anne

COUNTERS

Team 2 – Sandra, Phillip &
Nathan D'Souza, Gerard &
Kaye Braganza

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.



Saint Josephine Bakhita, patron saint of Sudan
Her feast day is celebrated on February 8.

She was born around 1869 in Darfur (now in western Sudan) in the village of Olgossa, west of Nyala and close to Mount Agilerei. She was of the Daju people; her respected and reasonably prosperous father was brother of the village chief.

In 1877, when she was 7–8 years old, she was seized by Arab slave traders, who had abducted her elder sister two years earlier. She was forced to walk barefoot about 960 kilometres (600 mi) to El-Obeid and was sold and bought twice before she

arrived there. Over the course of twelve years (1877–1889) she was sold three more times and then given away.

Bakhita was not the name she received from her parents at birth. It is said that the trauma of her abduction caused her to forget her own name; she took one given to her by the slavers, *bakhita*, Arabic for 'lucky' or 'fortunate'. She was also forcibly converted to Islam.

In 1883 Bakhita was bought in Khartoum by the Italian Vice Consul Callisto Legnani, who treated her kindly and did not beat or punish her. Two years later, when Legnani himself had to return to Italy, Bakhita begged to go with him. At the end of 1884 they escaped from besieged Khartoum with a friend, Augusto Michieli. In April 1885 they arrived at the port of Genoa where they were met by Augusto Michieli's wife Signora Maria Turina Michieli. Callisto Legnani gave ownership of Bakhita to Turina Michieli. Bakhita's new owners took her to their family villa at Zianigo, about 25 km west of Venice. She lived there for three years and became nanny to the Michieli's daughter Alice, known as Mimmina, born in February 1886. By the end of 1888, Signora Turina Michieli wanted visit her husband who had returned to Sudan where he had acquired a large hotel. Since the villa in Zianigo was already sold, Bakhita and Mimmina needed a temporary place to stay while Turina went to Sudan without them. On the advice of their business agent, Turina Michieli left them in the care of the Canossian Sisters in Venice. There, cared for and instructed by the Sisters, Bakhita encountered Christianity for the first time. Grateful to her teachers, she recalled, "Those holy mothers instructed me with heroic patience and introduced me to that God who from childhood I had felt in my heart without knowing who He was."

When Mrs. Michieli returned to take her daughter and maid back to Sudan, Bakhita firmly refused to leave. On 29 November 1889 an Italian court ruled that because the British had outlawed slavery in Sudan before Bakhita's birth and because Italian law had never recognized slavery as legal, Bakhita had never legally been a slave. For the first time in her life, Bakhita found herself in control of her own destiny. She chose to remain with the Canossians. On 9 January 1890 Bakhita was baptized with the names of Josephine Margaret and Fortunata (which is the Latin translation for the Arabic *Bakhita*). On the same day she was also confirmed and received Holy Communion from Archbishop Giuseppe Sarto, the Cardinal Patriarch of Venice, the future Pope Pius X.

On 7 December 1893 Josephine Bakhita entered the novitiate of the Canossian Sisters and on 8 December 1896 she took her vows, welcomed by Cardinal Sarto. In 1902 she was assigned to the Canossian convent at Schio, in the northern Italian province of Vicenza, where she spent the rest of her life.

Her last years were marked by pain and sickness. She used a wheelchair but she retained her cheerfulness, and if asked how she was, she would always smile and answer: "As the Master desires." Bakhita died at 8:10 PM on 8 February 1947. On 1 October 2000, she was canonized as Saint Josephine Bakhita. She is venerated as a modern African saint, and as a statement against the brutal history of slavery. She has been adopted as the patron saint of Sudan and human trafficking survivors.

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

In Thanksgiving:

Desmond Xavier,
Nathaniel Augustus

For the sick:

Sunil & Nivanka Peiris

For those who have died recently:

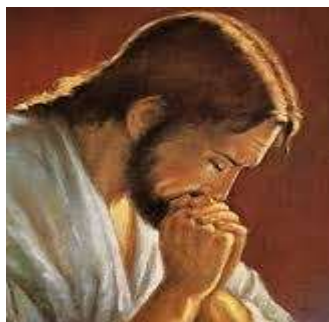
Bernadette Barwell,
Maria Elena De Aviles,
Elias Giron,
Yvonne Morris,

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Philomena Carvalho,
Noel Burnett,
Rolland Jude Tellis,
Oswald Francis

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.....

"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, 'Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.'" - Mark 1:35, 38

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus makes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we find the strength to do what He wishes us to do. Be sure to find time every day to be with God.

LENT

Information regarding the Lenten regulations is on the noticeboard in the Foyer.

Here is a little note from Lifeblood

Thanks to those who donated blood last year.

Your team is going places

Lifeblood Teams like the Share Life Share Love team were responsible for 36.4% of all donations made in 2020. Turns out a little team spirit goes a long way!

Children's Liturgy Update.

Children's Liturgy at the 9:00 am and 11:00 am mass will not resume at this time, to safeguard our little ones.

We will keep you posted if there are any changes.

Anita Fernandez



Aid to the
Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia*: Job Vacancies - Are you looking for flexible ongoing part time work? Will you share the stories of suffering Christians? *Aid to the Church in Need* is recruiting for a number of **Diocesan Outreach Assistants** who will deliver monthly presentations in parishes across Australia. For more details visit www.aidtochurch.org/work

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



Lenten Retreats 2021

1. Week Lent Easter Retreat with Fr Peter Varengo 21 – 26 Feb.
 2. Saturday 13 March: Family Retreat Day
 3. Saturday 20 March: Youth and Young Adult Reflection Day
 4. Friday 26 March: Seniors Retreat Day
- Further information: donboscoretreats.org.au
Online registrations essential as Covid number limits apply.