

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

### FIRST READING – Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

#### A reading from the second Book of Chronicles.

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.' And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."' "

#### ■ The word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Ps. 136.

#### R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

By the rivers of Babylon  
there we sat and wept,  
remembering Zion;  
on the poplars that grew there  
we hung up our harps. R.

For it was there that they asked us,  
our captors, for songs,  
our oppressors, for joy.  
'Sing to us,' they said,  
'one of Zion's songs.' R.

O how could we sing  
the song of the Lord  
on alien soil?  
If I forget you, Jerusalem,

let my right hand wither! R.

O let my tongue  
cleave my mouth  
if I remember you not,  
if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys! R.

### SECOND READING – Ephesians 2: 4-10

#### A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians.

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ - it is through grace that you have been saved - and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he has meant us to live it.

#### ■ The word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

#### Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,  
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

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### GOSPEL – John 3: 14-21

#### A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

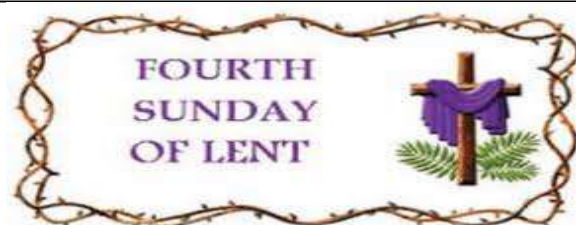
'The Son of Man must be lifted up  
as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,  
so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.  
Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believed in him may not be lost  
but may have eternal life.  
For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the  
world, but so that through him the world might be saved.  
No one who believes in him will be condemned;  
but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already,  
because he has refused to believe  
in the name of God's only Son.

On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the  
light has come into the world men have shown they prefer  
darkness to the light because their deeds were evil.  
And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and  
avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed;  
but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light,  
so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in  
God.'

#### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

# ST. KEVIN'S PARISH HAMPTON PARK

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
(Year B)



**13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

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Email: [HamptonPark@cam.org.au](mailto: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-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  
(see calendar inside for additional information)

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



## Altar servers upcoming Training ... Sunday 21st of March at 2pm

Our sincere thanks to those who accepted our invitation to become an altar server to serve our Lord at the altar and who came for the training sessions to grow in your faith journey. **We have another Altar Servers' training session on Sunday 21st of March at 2pm in the Church.** Those who have missed their opportunity to attend the previous trainings please you may wish to make use of this opportunity. Thank you once again for your "Yes" to serve and your commitment to grow in your faith journey. For any details, you may email to the parish office: [HamptonPark@cam.org.au](mailto:HamptonPark@cam.org.au)

With a grateful heart  
*Fr. Anil Mascarenhas*

## Vocations Team

In addition to his position as Assistant Priest of St. Kevin's Parish, the Archbishop has appointed Fr. Anil as a Vocations Promoter and member of the Vocations Team directed by Fr. Jerome Santamaria. Fr. Anil will be one among other Vocations Promoters in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Archbishop Comensoli recognises that this is a most important ministry and believes Fr. Anil will bring special gifts to this ministry.

Again, this year on Good Shepherd Sunday (World Day of Prayer for Vocations) a seminarian from Corpus Christi College will come to speak at Masses.

*Fr. Desmond J. Moloney*

## THIS WEEK – 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 March 2021 at 11 am with an Anointing Mass.

**There will be no 9.15 am Mass on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>.**

*The Friendship Group*

## Latest Updated Guidelines

People must carry a fitted face covering at all times. Specifically for places of worship and religious gatherings. Fitted face coverings are no longer mandatory indoors or outdoors but should be worn by participants if a distance of 1.5m cannot be maintained.

## WORKING BEE



Calling all parishioners who can help out! There will be a working bee on the 27<sup>th</sup> of March from 8 am to 12 noon. Could everyone helping out please bring cleaning material for the inside of the church?

## ROSTERS FOR

20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2021

### READERS:

#### Saturday

**5.00pm** – Candice, Annabelle, Aurelle;

**7.00pm** – Gerard, Benita, Michelle;

#### Sunday

**9.00am** – Michael, Ben, Patricia;

**11.00am** – Pam D., Annabelle, Mary D.;

**6.00pm** – Zen, Bernadette, Kharece;

### EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS:

#### Saturday

**5.00pm** – Tessy, Serena, Keith, Indira, Nancy;

**7.00pm** – Helen, Christobelle, Gilda, Nadine, Sunita;

#### Sunday

**9.00am** – Selina, Christine, Chloe, Abey, Aloysius;

**11.00am** – Lorna, Sherine, Annabelle, Pam G., Terri N.;

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

### COUNTERS

**Team 1** – Anne Joyce, Michael Palma, Lyn Tharle, Anna Paris, Nadine Stone

### CHURCH CLEANERS

**Team 5** – Mirtza & George Iraheta, Philip & Marilyn Dingle

### BAPTISMS

Please contact the Parish Office on 9799 2108 or email [HamptonPark@cam.org.au](mailto:HamptonPark@cam.org.au)

### 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

15 <sup>th</sup> March	Monday	9.15am Mass
16 <sup>th</sup> March	Tuesday	9.15am Mass
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Wednesday	7.00pm Mass followed by Novena
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Thursday	11.00am Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing <b>There will be no 9.15 am Mass</b>
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Friday	9.15am Mass followed by the Stations of the Cross (led by parishioners) 7.00pm - Stations of the Cross followed by Mass
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Saturday	9.15am Mass 5.00pm Mass 7.00pm Mass
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Sunday	9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

### Request for Palms



Can anyone donate some palms for palm Sunday? Please call the Parish office on 9799 2108 or email us at

[HamptonPark@cam.org.au](mailto:HamptonPark@cam.org.au)



This Lent, across our archdiocese, we are being invited to reflect on the way and person of Jesus, renew ourselves in his love, and recommit ourselves to the path of discipleship. After a year where the regular structures that help us live a life of faith and grow in our relationship with Jesus were largely absent, we are encouraged to use Lent to reflect more deeply on our relationship with Jesus and be more attentive to nurturing its growth. To aid us in this, a Way of the Cross resource has been developed incorporating images, Scripture, music, reflection and prayer. The resource provides a meaningful way into the powerful story of Jesus' Passion, inviting a new or renewed intimacy with him. Along with other resources, it can be accessed at: [www.melbournecatholic.org/lent2021](http://www.melbournecatholic.org/lent2021)



### Project Compassion – Be more!

Arsad, an Indonesian farmer, had no toilet, so he and his family always had to walk into the forest to an open defecation area.

His family was often sick and open defecation caused many neighbourhood disputes.

With the support of Caritas Australia and its partner, Laz Harfa, Arsad took part in hygiene, sanitation and financial management training. He then funded the building of a toilet in his house and helped other community members to save for toilets. Now Arsad's family is healthier. Their community no longer practices open defecation and is more harmonious. Arsad inspired his community to 'Be More.'

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](http://lent.caritas.org.au).

## Year of St. Joseph

### A Prayer to St Joseph

*from the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne*

## THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

### In Thanksgiving:

Rozeta Ambrose  
Natalia Ramanan  
Leo Fernandes  
Trudy De Souza  
Anna Maria Paris  
Sladen Family  
Denver Eustace & Family

### For those who have died recently:

Joyce D'Silva  
Marites Manzano

### For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Patrick James Dubier  
Joseph Crasto  
Benedicto & Cecilia Abraham  
Evelyn Stevens  
Dorothy Abeyadeera  
Abeyadeera & Neydorff  
Stanislav Schafer  
Juntez Family  
Rozalija Gregork  
Pepi Bonini

## 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.



## Good Friday Youth Passion Play

The St Kevin's youth are organising the Good Friday Passion Play and Stations of the Cross again this year. The first practice will be on Sunday the 14th of March at 12:00 pm in the school hall. For parents/guardians of youth under 18, please remember to sign your children in and out before and after practice.

St Joseph,

You were receptive to God working in your life.

Help us by your prayers at this time of trial.

You kept Jesus and Mary under your watchful care:

may your prayers assist our local Church to respond to those in need.

You taught the Christ Child your trade and prayers:

help us to follow his example of love.

You were part of God's plan for all humanity:

assist us to be vigilant and responsible this day.

You spent your life in service:

may we be mindful of others, particularly the elderly and vulnerable, caring for them in these difficult days.

You trusted in the clear primacy of God over all history and every situation:

Help us to grow in faith and pray to the Father, *Thy will be done.*

Amen

## St Kevin's Parishioners- Eucharistic Minister and Readers



As Easter is approaching, we'd like to know your availability to serve during the Holy week services.

Please let us know your availability to serve:

Harriet Xavier 0406962728 or [email xavierharriet@yahoo.com](mailto:xavierharriet@yahoo.com) or contact each Mass coordinator or mark your availability on the

sheets at the Church Foyer after each Mass.

*Harriet Xavier*

## From the Piety Stall..

There are statues of St Joseph as well as prayers to St Joseph available at the Piety Stall. The statues of sleeping St Joseph are also now available. Please contact Noreen Balm after the daily morning Mass in Church.



A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia*: Across the world tens of millions of Christian families are in exile following persecution because of their faith. Could you help stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters and help ease their heavy burdens?

Visit [www.aidtochurch.org/refugees](http://www.aidtochurch.org/refugees)

## Remembering Holy Saturday

*This retreat will be made available during the Holy Week. It explores the mystery of Holy Saturday, on what it means to live in "in-between" times, liminal times. There will be video talk everyday starting from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. This retreat will be given by an oblate of Jamberoo Abbey, Rev Catherine Eaton.*

For more information, go to our website:

<https://www.jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats/online-retreats/holy-week-retreat/>

## Let's Reflect.....

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." - John 3:16*

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.