

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

FIRST READING – Jeremiah 31: 31-34

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Ps. 50: 3-4, 12-15.

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you. **R.**

SECOND READING – Hebrews 5: 7-9

A reading from the letter to the Hebrew.

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, my servant will also be.

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GOSPEL – John 12: 20-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, ‘Sir, we should like to see Jesus.’ Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

‘Now the hour has come
for the Son of Man to be glorified.

I tell you, most solemnly,
unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies,
it remains only a single grain;
but if it dies,
it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it;
anyone who hates his life in this world
will keep it for the eternal life.

If a man serves me, he must follow me,
wherever I am, my servant will be there too.
If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.
Now my soul is troubled.

What shall I say:

Father, save me from this hour?

But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour.
Father, glorify your name!’

A voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, ‘It was an angel speaking to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

‘Now sentence is being passed on this world;
now the prince of this world is to be overthrown.
And when I am lifted up from the earth,
I shall draw all men to myself.’

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

**ST. KEVIN'S PARISH
HAMPTON PARK
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
(Year B)**

5th Sunday in Lent

20th & 21st March 2021

PARISH CENTRE
120 Hallam Road,
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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

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Parish Website

<https://stkevins.org.au/>

'Support us' page

<https://stkevins.org.au/support-us/>

YouTube Channel

<https://youtu.be/k-qBOvfy-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
(see calendar inside for additional information)

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE /
RECONCILIATION**

On Saturday mornings after the 9.15 Mass until 10:30 am.

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!
YOU ARE SENT TO SERVE**

ALTAR SERVER'S COMMISSIONING MASS



It was a wonderful celebration and a joyful event for our parish, to see our young children who made their commitment to grow in their faith journey... My friends, thank you for your "yes" to serve Jesus at the Altar as Altar Server. Parents thank you for your encouragement for your children and support in our ministry. I am grateful to our Parish Priest Fr. Desmond for your guidance and encouragement. Thank you to Martin Thomas and Altar Servers Committee for your support and commitment to help these children in this ministry. Let's keep these young children in our daily prayers. Children, please continue to keep up your commitment to become a good Altar Server. God bless you all.

With a grateful heart
Fr. Anil Mascarenhas



**PALM SUNDAY WALK -
Saturday 27 March**

Parishioners are warmly invited to join our inaugural Palm Sunday Walk as we begin our preparations for Easter. We will gather at St Kevin's Church at 3:30pm on Saturday 27 March

2021 for opening prayers before walking through the surrounding streets, stopping for prayers and reflection along the way, before returning to the church in time for the 5pm mass. Friends and family are welcome to come along. Enquiries can be directed to Candice 0425 843 787 or Denise 0420 200 266.

ROSTERS FOR

27th & 28th MARCH 2021

READERS:

Saturday

5.00pm – Anil, Remi, Melan;

7.00pm – Paulita, Sunita, Christobelle;

Sunday

9.00am – Maria, Alexah, Florence;

11.00am – Joseph, Philomena, Anita;

6.00pm – Anne, Danielle, Lleyton;

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS:

Saturday

5.00pm – Carlton, Candice, Harriet, Rozeta, Annabelle;

7.00pm – Benita, Michelle, Gerard, Salome, Priya;

Sunday

9.00am – Monique, Noreen, Sita, Michael, Maria;

11.00am – Teri N., Liz, Mary K., Lorna, Sherine;

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

COUNTERS

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

CHURCH CLEANERS

Team 1 – Vasanthi Cooray, Antonio Magasinag

BAPTISMS

Please contact the Parish Office on 9799 2108 or email 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

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| 22nd March | Monday | 9.15am Mass |
| 23rd March | Tuesday | 9.15am Mass |
| 24th March | Wednesday | 7.00pm Mass followed by Novena |
| 25th March | Thursday | 9.15 am Mass 7.30 pm Parish Reconciliation (2nd Rite) |
| 26th March | Friday | 9.15am Mass followed by the Stations of the Cross (led by parishioners) 7.00pm - Stations of the Cross followed by Mass |
| 27th March | Saturday | 9.15am Mass 3.30pm Palm Sunday Walk 5.00pm Mass 7.00pm Mass |
| 28th March | Passion Sunday | 9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass |

Holy Week:

Palm (Passion) Sunday: See front page regarding Palm Sunday on Saturday.

Tuesday, 30th March, the Mass of the Holy Oils in St. Patrick's Cathedral will be celebrated at 7.30pm. There will be Mass at 9.15am.

Holy Thursday: the Washing of the Feet (already optional) is to be omitted.

Good Friday:

At the conclusion of the Passion Play in the morning those attending will be welcome to go to the church to venerate the Cross. Those wishing to venerate the Cross will enter into the church, approach the Cross, venerate, and leave the church by one of the side doors. The Veneration of the Cross this Good Friday may be made by a simple bow or genuflection. The Cross is not to be revered with a kiss or by touching. For the Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3.00pm the number permitted in the church and the hall is limited. The (Government-) regulated capacity of both church and hall will be strictly monitored. It can be expected that there will be a sizeable number of people standing outside. The capacity of the church (& foyer), as well as the hall, will be reached on the basis of "First Come First Served".

Need for USHERS (at least 4 per celebration): Please register on the Sign-Up sheets.



Project Compassion – Be more!

Halima is raising her two children in a refugee camp in Bangladesh while caring for her mother, who has a disability. Widowed at 21, Halima fled violence in Myanmar's Rakhine State and arrived at the camp with nothing.

Caritas Australia, through Caritas Bangladesh, helped Halima out with a shelter, cooking equipment, hygiene and sanitation training. She took on the role of community trainer herself, organising the cleaning of washrooms, wells and toilets.

Halima aspired to 'Be More'. She is proud that she is now able to earn a small income while maintaining the health of her family and the cleanliness of the camp community.

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.

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

In Thanksgiving:

Pat, Bernadette & Family
Debbie Gunawardena
Callum, Clarissa & Baby
Aatreya Perera
Giaquinta Family
Philomena Peters
Grenville, Monica & Family
Pastorpole Family

For those who have died recently:

Concy Peiris
Ian Parnell
Geoffrey Atkinson
David Gilder

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Irene Nona
Allen King
Noel Burnett
Muriel & Robert Clarke
Phillie & Albert Vowels
Mervyn Braganza
Timothy & Sylvia Lobo
All souls, especially the forgotten
Burgos Edem
Joseph & Zita Rogers
Hyacinth & Oscar Western
Howard Ellis

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....

"I will be their God and they shall be my people."- Jeremiah 31:33
What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors and for people we don't know, just as God cares for each of us.

WORKING BEE



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

News from the Parish Pastoral Council...

The easing of COVID restrictions has enabled the PPC to meet in person for the first time in almost a year. In our February meeting, we discussed whether COVID has changed our direction. We agreed that our focus continues to be on building connections, enhancing communication, celebrating cultural diversity, supporting our youth in their faith journey, and adult faith development and education. A new matter arose – building community confidence that Mass is held in a COVID-safe way (i.e. hand sanitiser is available, social distancing marks appear on pews, and masks are worn by all in attendance).

In our March meeting, we workshopped concrete activities we can undertake to achieve our foci. In the next few months you will see the fruit of our workshop as we focus on implementing four activities, beginning with a mail-out to all parishioners that 'Church is back'! Parishioners will hear more about this in coming weeks as we seek assistance to carry out this task.

Denise Lyons (PPC Chairperson)

Shalom World TV - A Free Catholic Resource

Shalom World TV Network is a 24/7, family-friendly Catholic TV channel and is the recipient of the Gabriel Award for "Best TV Station of the Year 2020", instituted by the Catholic Press Association of North America. It is a commercial-free, high-definition network appealing to young, as well as young-at-heart viewers. Shalom World is an official partner with the Vatican and is authorized to telecast papal liturgies and visits live.

This channel is designed exclusively for Youth programs, Series, Catholic news, Movies, Music, Children's cartoon and Catholic teachings.

We are pleased to let you know that you can watch Shalom Word TV from our parish website absolutely for free. Please go to our parish website <https://stkevins.org.au>



and press this Shalom link at the right hand side of the website and you can watch the programs live as well as on demand.

Sunday Evening Mass Time Survey

The survey in relation to the time of the Mass on Sunday evening has concluded. There were 656 responses. More information will be provided next week.

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.

Year of St. Joseph

The Memorare of Saint Joseph

Remember, most pure spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, my protector, Saint Joseph, that no one has ever had recourse to your protection or implored your assistance without obtaining relief.
Confiding in your goodness, I come to you and humbly ask to hear my petitions, gentle foster father of the Redeemer. In your love, hear and answer me. Amen