

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B

### FIRST READING – Acts 9: 26-31

#### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

#### ■ The word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Ps 21: 26-28, 30-32.

#### R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.  
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.  
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.  
May their hearts live for ever and ever! R.

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,  
all families of the nations worship before him.  
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. R.

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.  
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,  
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:  
'These things the Lord has done.' R.

### SECOND READING – John 3: 18-24

#### A reading from the first letter of St. John.

My children,  
our love is not to be just words or mere talk,  
but something real and active;  
only by this can we be certain  
that we are the children of the truth  
and be able to quieten our conscience in his  
presence,  
whatever accusations it may raise against us,  
because God is greater than our conscience  
and he knows everything.

My dear people,  
if we cannot be condemned by our conscience,

we need not be afraid in God's presence,  
and whatever we ask him,  
we shall receive,  
because we keep his commandments  
and live the kind of life that he wants.  
His commandments are these: that we believe in the name  
of his Son Jesus Christ  
and that we love one another  
as he told us to.  
Whoever keeps his commandments  
lives in God and God lives in him.  
We know that he lives in us  
by the Spirit that he has given us  
■ The word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;  
my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL – John 15: 1-8

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

Jesus said to his disciples:  
'I am the true vine,  
and my Father is the vinedresser.  
Every branch in me that bears no fruit  
he cuts away,  
and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes  
to make it bear even more.  
You are pruned already,  
by means of the word that I have spoken to you.  
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.  
As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,  
but must remain part of the vine,  
neither can you unless you remain in me.  
I am the vine,  
you are the branches.  
Whoever remains in me,  
with me in him,  
bears fruit in plenty;  
for cut off from me you can do nothing.  
Anyone who does not remain in me  
is like a branch that has been thrown away  
- he withers;  
these branches are collected and thrown on the fire,  
and they are burnt.  
If you remain in me and my words remain in you,  
you may ask what you will and you shall get it.  
It is to the glory of my Father  
that you should bear much fruit,  
and then you will be my disciples.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

# ST. KEVIN'S PARISH HAMPTON PARK

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year B)



1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021

**PARISH CENTRE**  
120 Hallam Road,  
Hampton Park, Vic. 3976  
Tel: 9799 2108  
Email: [HamptonPark@cam.org.au](mailto:HamptonPark@cam.org.au)

**OFFICE HOURS**  
Monday & Tuesday (9.30am to 12.30pm)  
Wednesday to Friday (9.30am – 4:00pm)

**PARISH PRIEST:** Rev. Fr. Desmond Moloney  
**ASSISTANT PRIEST:** Rev. Fr. Anil Mascarenhas  
**DEACON:** Rev. Dr. Graeme Pender  
**PARISH SECRETARY:** 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/>

**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.

**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.

### National Count of Attendance

Starting this weekend there will be a census taken during all the Masses over the 4 weekends in May. There will be a head count of everyone in attendance in Church. This year on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays there will be additional information taken as to the gender and age group of the attendees.

### Thanksgiving envelopes

The new sets of Thanksgiving Envelopes are ready to be collected and are in the Church foyer arranged in alphabetical order. If you do not find your envelopes could you please call the Parish Office on 9799 2108 or email [HamptonPark@cam.org.au](mailto:HamptonPark@cam.org.au) with your details and contact number and I will get back to you.

**Please also note: The new envelopes do not have your allocated number printed on them. Could you please put the number on the envelope as well as the donation amount before you place it in the collection basket?**

Indrani Guinan

### ***Australia sends support to India as country struggles to contain massive second outbreak of COVID-19***

India is struggling to control a massive surge in COVID-19 cases, with a death toll nearing 200,000, after another 2771 deaths were reported on Tuesday.

However, fewer than a quarter of all deaths in India are registered, which means that current estimates of the COVID-19 fatality rate fall far short of the true picture.

Many Indian cities are struggling to manage a chronic shortage of hospital beds, with several cities reporting that they are nearly run out of hospital beds altogether, especially in ICU departments. Places of worship, sports complexes and even railway coaches have been converted into makeshift hospitals in order to keep up with the demand. There are also serious shortages of medical equipment, including oxygen and the anti-viral drug, remdesivir, across the country, putting further pressure on the already stretched healthcare system.

Visit [caritas.org.au](https://caritas.org.au) or call 1800 024 413 toll free to provide much needed support.

ROSTERS FOR  
8th & 9th May 2021

**READERS:**

**Saturday**

**5.00pm** – Candice, Ryani, Aurelle;

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

**Sunday**

**9.00am** – Michael, Ben, Patricia;

**11.00am** – Mary D., Joseph, Philomena;

**6.00pm** – Kharece, Anne Danielle;

**EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS:**

**Saturday**

**5.00pm** – Indira, Candice, Harriet;

**7.00pm** – Indra, Helen, Christobelle;

**Sunday**

**9.00am** – Christine, Chloe, Abey;

**11.00am** – Pam G., Sherine, Pam D.;

**6.00pm** – George, Mirtza, Jude;

**COUNTERS**

**Team 2** – Gerard & Kaye Braganza;

**CHURCH CLEANERS**

**Team 2** – Russel de la Motte, Samangi Chandrasekera, Jerome Pereira, Joelle Felix;



**IN OUR PARISH**

<b>3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	Monday	9.15am Mass
<b>4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Tuesday	9.15am Mass
<b>5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Wednesday	7.00pm Mass followed by Novena
<b>6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Thursday	9.15am Mass
<b>7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Friday	9.15am Mass 7.00pm Mass followed by devotions to the Sacred Heart
<b>8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Saturday	9.15am Mass 5.00pm Vigil Mass 7pm Vigil Mass
<b>9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Sunday	9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

***St Kevin's Friendship group excursion***

St Kevin's Friendship group has organized a luxury bus to visit St Andrew's church, Werribee on Friday 7 May.

Following the mass celebrations by Fr. Albert / Fr. Dong/ Fr. Anil, we plan to have lunch at The Italian Sports Club (Bistro / Gaming venue) or if preferred BYO lunch. Bus starts from St Kevin's church at 9.30 am sharp and will return at approx. 5.30 pm

Bus charges \$20.00. Contact Benita 0429 000 664 or Lorna 0426 506 445 for payment. And don't forget BYO mask which is compulsory.

***News from Parish Pastoral Council***

Parishioners might have noticed a decline in Mass attendance since the COVID lockdown ended late last year. To address this, the PPC is organising a letter drop to all households in the Hampton Park/Lynbrook area and we need volunteers to assist. The 'postcard' will note the COVID precautions we are taking and invite residents to Sunday Mass. If you are able to help with distributing the card into mailboxes, please add your name to the form in the church foyer and attend an information session on Tuesday 11th May at 7.30pm.



***MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND***

***An opportunity to spend a weekend improving your communication.***

Come and learn how to keep/rekindle the passion in your relationship and how to keep your love growing!

The weekend we offer is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

The next residential weekend is on **21 -23 May 2021 in Wantirna South**  
(Book early to avoid disappointment)

Information/Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or

Email: **vicbookings@wwme.org.au** Website: **wwme.org.au**

***Let's Reflect....***

***"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." - 1 JOHN 3:18***

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you "walk the talk?" Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it's not too late to start!

## THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

*In Thanksgiving:*

Jason Large

Leaumoana Family

*For the sick:*

Pauline Flynn

*For those who have died recently:*

Sheila Hume

Jude Gerard Rebeiro

Bertha Davitt

*For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:*

Maurice Dubier

Lucy Mary Anthony

Vincent Mariadoss

Barbara White

Ron Smith

Naomi (Norma) Millis

N J Mathew

## 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.

## REMINDER:

Please note the cut off time and day for handing in names for Mass Intentions is Thursday 4 pm. If you are unable to come before that you can still call up or email the Parish Office.



**'Pondering Grief'**, Saturday 22 May 2021, 10am-3.30pm. This reflection day offers an invitation to reflect on and honour our inner life of change and transition. With creativity, space and gentle guiding support, this workshop offers a sacred place for the breadth of human experiencing and spirit to guide individual exploration. Facilitated by Linda Espie at Heart of Life, Kildara Centre, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern. Cost \$80 (Materials provided, BYO lunch). Book and pay via website [heartoflife.melbourne](http://heartoflife.melbourne), email [info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne) or tel 9890 1101.

**Message from the Dandenong Deanery: Please contact your local MP**  
Cinemas, football stadiums, nightclubs etc. have been opened up to almost full capacity, but the churches and other places of worship have yet to receive approval to increase the attendance of people who wish to be in the Church. Please consider contacting your local MP and ask if they could escalate a request to the State Government as to lifting the restrictions to the places of worship as well.

## ***The annual Enquiry Day at Corpus Christi College is on Saturday 22 May.***

Dear young friends, there is an opportunity for men to visit the seminary, hear from the students and staff, and to celebrate Evening Prayer with Archbishop Peter and join him for a BBQ dinner. This may help you to take a step in discerning your vocation towards priesthood. If you are 18 and over and interested to attend this event please contact me or Fr. Desmond by next Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> of May. Give it a try....

*Fr. Anil Mascarenhas*

### **Year of St. Joseph**

#### TO THE FATHER

Heavenly Father,

St Joseph set aside his own plans to embrace your dream for us. You invited his help in caring for Jesus your Son, our Saviour, and the Revealer of your wonderful love.

Enable us to live by your loving plan and to reflect to the world the light of Christ.

*St Joseph, man of dreams and trusting steward, pray for us.*

#### TO THE SON

Lord Jesus,

You grew in wisdom and maturity as you lived in the family of Nazareth in daily communion with St Joseph and Mary your mother. From St Joseph you learned the dignity of human work. Give parents the wisdom to support their children and to guide them in the way and work of your Kingdom.

*St Joseph, faithful parent and diligent worker, pray for us.*

#### TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Creator Spirit,

We see in St Joseph a tenderness and reverence for all your creation. We learn from him to approach others justly and tenderly, and to see our world as endowed with the glory of God.

Teach us to love one another

and to be of humble service to all of creation, empowered by your life within us.

*St Joseph, wise protector and humble servant, pray for us.*