

## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

### FIRST READING – Wisdom 2 : 12, 17-20

#### A reading from the book of Wisdom

The godless say to themselves,  
'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys  
us and opposes our way of life,  
reproaches us for our breaches of the law  
and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.  
Let us see if what he says is true,  
let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.  
If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part  
and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.  
Let us test him with cruelty and with torture,  
and thus explore this gentleness of his  
and put his endurance to the proof.  
Let us condemn him to a shameful death  
since he will be looked after - we have his word for it.'

#### ■ The word of the Lord

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM –Ps. 53: 3-6, 8.

#### R. The Lord upholds my life.

O God, save me by your name;  
by your power, uphold my cause.  
O God, hear my prayer;  
listen to the words of my mouth. **R.**

For proud men have risen against me,  
ruthless men seek my life.  
They have no regard for God. **R.**

But I have God for my help.  
The Lord upholds my life.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart  
and praise your name for it is good. **R.**

### SECOND READING – James 3: 16–4: 3

#### A reading from the letter of St. James

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you

don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

#### ■ The word of the Lord

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

#### Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel  
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL – Mark 9: 30-37

#### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

#### ■ The Gospel of the Lord

#### Let's reflect...

*"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." (Mark 9:35)*

Jesus teaches us that we are called to love one another. Love involves sacrifice. Sacrifice is a word that many of us don't like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy," from the words "sacer" = sacred and "facere" = to make. In other words, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.



# ST. KEVIN'S PARISH HAMPTON PARK

## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)



18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021

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### Parish Website

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

### THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

#### In Thanksgiving:

Pamela Joseph, Arup & Mousumi Biswas  
Arvin B Vincent, Virginia Pereira, Janet Bordon  
Mrs & Mr. B J Docherty, Marichu Pastorpile  
Lucia Calderon, Lynette Lawrence, Annie Papasin

#### For the sick:

Jackie Todd (3)

#### For those who have died recently:

Dervin Garrett

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

Dale Widrose, Oswald Hobkirk, Hyacinth Weston  
Philomena Michael, Dr. M.S. Mariadas  
Emily Mariadas, Mercy John, Maud Michael  
Sebastian Pereira, Isabel Pereira, Oscar Weston  
David D'souza, Rozario D'souza, Bertram D'Netto  
Tommy & Dolly Lane, Les MacDonald  
Zita & Joseph Rogers, Abeyadeera / Neydorff  
Dorothy Abeyadeera, Diana Machaya  
Giorgio Staffa

### Continuing in Lockdown 6

Until further notice, Mass will continue to be live-streamed on Tuesdays at 7.00pm, Wednesdays at 7.00pm followed by the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Fridays at 7 pm. Mass for Sunday will be live-streamed on Saturdays at 5.00 pm and will be accessible on the parish website thereafter.

*Fr. Desmond J. Moloney*

### Social Services Sunday, 19 September

– a time to reflect and give thanks

On 19 September 2021, we mark Social Services Sunday within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. On this day we invite all to give thanks and pray for all who stand with and provide support to those who are marginalised and vulnerable within our communities.

### Lockdown Light 💡 – a weekly series

A weekly series bringing 'light' to this time of lockdown ...

Check out the recommendations at [www.bit.ly/LockdownLight](http://www.bit.ly/LockdownLight)



### Seeking sponsors for Trivia Night to help home businesses in the Parish

This year our trivia night will not be held as a fundraiser and admission will be free. We would love the parish to come together for a fun night of games. We also understand that many people have

been affected financially during this pandemic. To try and support some of these parishioners, we would like to purchase items or vouchers as prizes for our trivia night. To do this we would like to ask the support of those who are able to make a financial contribution (please see contact details below).

We would also like to **call out to any person or family in our parish that has a home business** that may have been affected by the pandemic (goods such as food items, baked goods, meals, arts and crafts; and services such as hairdressing, gardening, beautician, nails).