

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

FIRST READING – Numbers 11: 25 - 29

A reading from the book of Numbers.

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

■ The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Ps. 18: 8,10, 12-14.

R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. R.

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. R.

So in them your servant finds instruction;
great reward is in their keeping.
But who can detect all his errors?
From hidden faults acquit me. R.

From presumption restrain your servant
and let it not rule me.
Then shall I be blameless,
clean from grave sin. R.

SECOND READING – James 5: 1-6

A reading from the letter of St. James

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them - listen to the wages that you kept

back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

■ The word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth:
make us holy in the truth.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL – Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord

A prayer for those who care for the sick

Father of Mercies,
We thank you for all who care for the sick.
When they diagnose, give them patience.
When they protect the vulnerable,
give them your protection.
When they work to heal, give them strength.
When they comfort, give them consolation.
When they are tired, give them rest.
When they are discouraged, bring them your hope.
May we welcome and respect them as we
Support one another in this time of trial.

ST. KEVIN'S PARISH HAMPTON PARK

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TIME – YEAR B**



25th & 26th September 2021

PARISH CENTRE
120 Hallam Road,
Hampton Park Vic 3976
Tel: 9799 2108
Email: 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 SECRETARY	: Mrs. Indrani Guinan
PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE CO-ORDINATOR:	Ms. Alexandra Safrin

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/>

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.
Please call or email the Parish Office.

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.

Lynbrook land and the long-held vision of a church in Lynbrook

A slice of land abutting the fence line at the rear of St. Francis de Sales' School, Lynbrook, has for a number of years been viewed as a likely site for a church. Certain developments over two years, however, have occurred that amount to the effective removal of such a prospect on this property. Christine White, Principal of St. Francis de Sales' School, was informed at a meeting on 29th August, 2019, that the Archdiocese intended to sell the identified land. In the first instance, both the School and St. Kevin's Parish were asked to consider purchasing the referred to land, which was said to have a market value of \$3.24m. Since the School was paying off three loans it was not in a position to take out another substantial loan. Similarly, in consulting the Parish Finance Committee on 17th September, 2019, the unanimous advice given to me was that regrettably St. Kevin's Parish did not have the financial capacity to furnish a loan that would be needed. Both the Principal and myself recognised that the situation which had developed was most unfortunate and not a desired outcome for the Parish and St. Francis de Sales' School.

In March of this year the School was notified by parents about a Facebook post circulating on the Lynbrook Community Facebook page that there was a permit to Council for the re-zoning of the specified land to residential. Neither the School nor the Parish had been informed with regard to this development. Again, without any prior communication, on 22nd June (2021) a large "For Sale" sign was erected at the front of the School. Christine White took the appropriate measures to ensure that the sign was relocated to Henning Avenue (at the rear of the School). Yet this sign declaring a "sale", without being specific, was a major concern.

At an online meeting on 8th September to my great surprise and that of a member of the Finance Committee, the Property Officer of the Archdiocese sought, as he said, to set the record straight. He made it clear that the land along the fence line at the rear of the School had never been envisaged by the Archdiocese would be the site for a church. He also stated that the land had been sold. Two perspectives suddenly became very obvious: one, that the Parish has looked upon this specified land as the site for a church, and the other, that the Archdiocese, through the

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Take THE Way OF THE Gospel

BEGINNING THE JOURNEY

Lord, we thank you for your presence
as we start our Archdiocesan
'Take the Way of the Gospel' journey
together in prayer.

May we open ourselves to you
with a new depth of trust
and conviction
in your guiding hand,
so that we may discern our journey
with compassionate and humble hearts
and come to know your Holy Spirit
moving within and amongst us,
and so be transformed.

Amen.

Come Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful
and enkindle in them
the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit
and they shall be created,
and you shall renew
the face of the earth.

Holy Mary, Mother of the Church.
Pray for us.

St Patrick.
Pray for us.

St Joseph.
Pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.
Pray for us.

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Property Officer, did not have a church in view for this land. It needs to be understood that St. Kevin's Parish has not made any payments towards this land. It became apparent from about two years ago that the Archdiocese had decided to dispose of it.

Fr. Desmond J. Moloney

IN OUR PARISH

27 th September	Monday	
28 th September	Tuesday	Livestreamed at 7 pm
29 th September	Wednesday	Livestreamed at 7.00pm, Mass followed by the Novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
30 th September	Thursday	
1 st October	Friday	Livestreamed at 7 pm followed by the Devotions to the Sacred Heart
2 nd October	Saturday	Livestreamed at 5 pm if lockdown is extended
3 rd October	Sunday	Livestreamed Mass on website

St Kevin's Parish

Virtual
TRIVIA
NIGHT

Free Admission

8th October 2021

Please register your interest here:
<https://forms.gle/Ym8t8DMVTbKuW36DA>

For more information please contact
Danielle D'Souza: 0422 680 957
Anita Fernandez: 0402 505 676

St Kevin's Youth Annual Trivia Night hosted in collaboration with the Social Group

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).

Please contact: Anita Fernandez 0402 505 676 Warren Peters 0423 247 093
Kharece D'Souza 0431 707 221

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

In Thanksgiving:

Roberts & Rodricks Family
Richard James Rodrigues
Philomena & Elton Saldanha
Sayon Anthony Gomes
Dawn Cleur

For the sick:

Jackie Todd (4)

For those who have died recently:

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Jocelyn Rico
Paul Gersalina
Mateo Pansoy
Zosima Pansoy
Diosdado Pansoy
Flordelina Pansoy
Renecito Pansoy
Ceferino Rico
Creswell Joseph Abraham

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 authorized person the name can be re-added to the list.

REMINDER:

Please note the cutoff 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.



The new Parish Sign is in place. Please observe the Celtic cross symbolises Christ at the centre and the many on the cross itself.

Christmas Light at the end of the Tunnel:

We have all experienced the challenges of intermittent lockdowns throughout 2021 - perhaps it feels like there is a lot of Zoom and gloom - but there is light at the end of the tunnel ... Christmas Light! Hopefully Christmastime will see us celebrating with family and friends, enjoying the freedoms of no restrictions. And, of course, at St. Kevin's there is our annual Christmas Carols event, where we have the opportunity to share the message of Christmas – hope, love, light and life. Our Christmas Carols will go ahead somehow on 12 December 2021, but it can't happen without lots of input and assistance from parishioners. You are invited to share your musical talents with your community. We are looking for individuals, duets or even small groups who simply wish to spread the warmth and love of Christmas. If you would like to participate in this year's Carols event, please contact Candice on 0425 843 787.

Let's remember: the gift is in the giving as much as in the receiving.

Candice Vaz

Lockdown Light 💡 —a weekly series

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

To help fill the void during lockdown, each week we'll suggest some inspiring content to bring 'light' to this difficult time. Check out the recommendations at www.bit.ly/LockdownLight

Podcasts for Christian living: Parents of the Saints—How Did They Do It?

In this podcast, Jason Evert speaks with Patrick O'Hearn about his new book 'Parents of the Saints: The Hidden Heroes Behind Our Favourite Saints', offering key insights into the families of popular saints. Listen at www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving4

Getting to know your Bible: Praying with Scripture

Getting Started: In this short video, Fr James Martin SJ introduces us Lectio Divina—a way of praying with the Bible that helps us listen to God. Watch at www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted4

Going Deeper: Pray as You Go is an online prayer tool that provides a guided contemplation of each day's Gospel passage. Set aside 10-15 minutes, find a comfy space and visit www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper4

Let's reflect...

"Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward." (Mark 9:41)

We are made in God's image and likeness. We tend to forget this. When you look at others, do you see the face of Jesus in them? When others look at you, do they see the face of Jesus in you? When we realize that all lives matter to God, then gratitude and generosity become easier. Why? Because that's the way we are made! We are one Body of Christ; when one of us is hurting, all of us feel the pain