

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

### FIRST READING – Genesis 2: 18-24

#### A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones  
and flesh from my flesh!

This is to be called woman,  
for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

#### ■ The word of the Lord

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Ps. 127.

**R. May the Lord bless us  
all the days of our lives.**

O blessed are those who fear the Lord  
and walk in his ways!  
by the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be happy and prosper. **R.**

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine  
in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive,  
around your table. **R.**

Indeed thus shall be blessed  
the man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion  
in a happy Jerusalem  
all the days of your life!  
May you see your children's children.  
On Israel, peace! **R.**

### SECOND READING – Hebrew 2: 9-11

#### A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

#### ■ The word of the Lord

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

If we love one another,  
God will live in us in perfect love.

**Alleluia!**

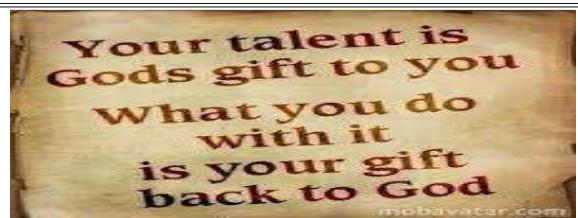
### GOSPEL – Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48

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

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them. 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

#### ■ The Gospel of the Lord



# ST. KEVIN'S PARISH HAMPTON PARK

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2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021

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Hampton Park Vic 3976  
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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 SECRETARY : Mrs. Indrani Guinan  
PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE CO-ORDINATOR:  
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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](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.  
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.

### Parish Coordinators – Towards Missionary Parishes

All parishes in the Archdiocese of Melbourne have been asked to have two Coordinators for the “Take the Way of the Gospel” process. The Parish Coordinators for St. Kevin’s are Denise Lyons and Ravi (Michael) Radhakrishnan.

### Parish Coordinators will, along with the Parish Priest:

- receive Archdiocesan communications about the “Take the Way of the Gospel” process
- be invited to regular regional coaching and support meetings
- be able to engage with their regional Animation Consultant to discuss their parish process and receive support.

### Parish Coordinators will be asked to work with the Parish Priest:

1. to inform and consult with parishioners about why we are moving into the Missions structure, what Missions are, and the notional Mission territory with which St. Kevin’s Parish has been grouped.
2. to assist in between-parish conversations towards an eventual proposal back to the Archdiocese about what is thought will work in our area.

*Fr. Desmond J. Moloney*

### Pope Francis' message (*Migrants & Refugees*)

Today's migration movements offer an opportunity for us to overcome our fears and let ourselves be enriched by the diversity of each person's gifts. Then, if we so desire, we can transform borders into privileged places of encounter, where the miracle of an ever wider 'community' can come about. I invite all men and women in our world to make good use of the gifts that the Lord has entrusted to us to preserve and make his creation even more beautiful.

### Pray the Parish Daily Rosary on Zoom at 6pm

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84932957224>

Meeting ID: 849 3295 7224

(Zoom link is also on the Parish website)

*Fr. Anil Mascarenhas*

# 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.

## IN OUR PARISH

4 <sup>th</sup> October	Monday	
5 <sup>th</sup> October	Tuesday	Livestreamed at 7 pm
6 <sup>th</sup> October	Wednesday	Livestreamed at 7.00pm, Mass followed by the Novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
7 <sup>th</sup> October	Thursday	
8 <sup>th</sup> October	Friday	Livestreamed at 7 pm
9 <sup>th</sup> October	Saturday	Livestreamed at 5 pm
10 <sup>th</sup> October	Sunday	Livestreamed Mass on website



### The Celtic Cross on the Parish Sign

The Parish sign inside the church grounds and near to the entry shows the Celtic Cross alongside of the parish name with some differences. The Celtic Cross is known throughout the world as a symbol of Irish heritage. The connection is to be made immediately with Saint Kevin, a great Irish saint, who died in the 7<sup>th</sup> century. The Celtic Cross features a traditional cross accentuated with a circle around the intersection of the horizontal arms and the vertical stem. The circle, apart from being evocative of infinite love without beginning or end, there have also been those who have seen it as a depiction of the halo of Christ.

The Celtic Cross on the parish sign has a warm radiating centre, and its horizontal arms and vertical stem have a scalloped effect. Inspiration, in large part, has been taken from the Celtic Cross embedded in the Sacred Garden. The circular, glowing centre may be seen as symbolising Christ touching us all. While the scalloped effect may be seen as symbolising 'the many' – all who are disciples – on the cross of Christ.

### 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*

## THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

### *In Thanksgiving:*

Drian Buenaventura  
Jenny Benson  
Lina Zuñiga  
Shayne, Nadine & Roman  
MaGee  
Roan Cortezano  
Adin and Michelle Villanueva  
Chelli Sherwin  
Allan Dumling  
Lloyd Lintag  
Lawrence De Souza  
Rissa Huibonhua

### *For the sick:*

Pauline Flynn  
Cheryl Taylor

### *For those who have died recently:*

Janet Bordon  
Patricia Bartlett

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

Albert Mould



### **A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia*:**

*That Catholic Shop* is an exciting development of ACN Australia. It is a go-to shop for Catholic gifts and devotional items. From Sacramental gifts, statues, books, rosaries, Christmas items and more, there is something for everyone. The purchases you make at TCS go to support the work of *Aid to the Church in Need* to keep the faith alive in those places where it is most at risk. To browse our full range visit [www.thatcatholicshop.com](http://www.thatcatholicshop.com).

### **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](http://www.bit.ly/LockdownLight)

### **Podcasts for Christian living: How to keep our kids Catholic**

In this episode of The Word on Fire show, Bishop Robert Barron and Brandon Vogt discuss what helps children retain their faith into young adulthood. Listen at [www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving5](http://www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving5)

### **Getting to know your Bible: Science and the Bible: Are they opposed?**

*Getting Started:* In this video, Bishop Robert Barron firmly debunks the common claim that science and religion are diametrically opposed. Watch at [www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted5a](http://www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted5a) and visit [www.reasonfaithscience.com](http://www.reasonfaithscience.com) for further resources.

*Going Deeper:* This video skilfully explores a Catholic understanding of the Book of Genesis' account of creation through a tapestry of voices. View here [www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper5](http://www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper5)

*All professions and trades are called to assist this mission.*



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### **Let's reflect...**

*"So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name."* (Genesis 2:19)

The creation story reminds us of two important points. First, since the start, God has put the entire world into our care. Second, stewardship has been around since the beginning of mankind, it isn't something recently invented by the Church. Just as past generations built our Church, it is now our responsibility to continue to nurture and develop these gifts for future generations.

## **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.