

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C

FIRST READING – Baruch 5: 1-9

A reading from the prophet Baruch

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'.

Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them.

Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory.

For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God.

And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

■ The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Ps. 125.

**R. The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.**

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **R.**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. **R.**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **R.**

They go out, they go out, full of tears carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves.

SECOND READING – Philippians 1: 3-6, 8-11

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Philippians

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

■ The word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL – Luke 3: 1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.

Every valley will be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
winding ways will be straightened
and rough roads made smooth.

And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

■ The Gospel of the Lord

ST. KEVIN'S PARISH HAMPTON PARK

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4th & 5th December 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
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Christine White – 8773 6700

Parish Website

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

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

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE / RECONCILIATION
On Saturday mornings from 9.45 until 10:30 am.

BAPTISMS

Celebrated on the first and last Sunday of the month. Prior to the Baptism, parents are asked to attend a meeting which is held every first Thursday of the month at 7:15 pm in the Church and must bring a copy of their **own baptism certificate**.

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 contact the Parish Office on 9799 2108 or email HamptonPark@cam.org.au

Liturgical Guidelines:

Bookings are still required for Thursday morning and Saturday 5pm Vigil Masses since both are for ‘unknown vaccination status’. For these Masses there is a maximum cap of 50. The link for the Masses: <https://www.trybooking.com/BWCZC>

Please continue to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled Mass to ensure Check in and Vaccination checks are completed in a timely manner. Doors will be closed at the commencement of Mass.

Invitation:

A significant number of families in St. Kevin's Parish have experienced the loss of family members due to COVID-19. As discussed at the final meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council it is planned that on the 4th Sunday of Advent (19th December) there could be a specific prayerful remembrance of those who have died related to parishioners of St. Kevin's Parish due to this virus. Please send the names to the Parish Office.



Altar Servers upcoming Training: 18th Saturday at 2pm...

Dear friends, there will be an Altar Servers training on Saturday – 18th of December at 2pm in the Church.

If you have celebrated your First Holy Communion and have a desire to serve the Lord and His people as an Altar Server in our Parish, please take this opportunity to attend this training to enrol in this ministry.

Parents we need your support, please encourage your children in their faith journey. Children, thank you once again for your “Yes” to serve and your commitment to grow in your faith journey.

For any details, you may email to the parish office: HamptonPark@cam.org.au or talk to one of the Priests or the Altar Servers Coordinator Martin Thomas.

Fr. Anil Mascarenhas

**ROSTERS FOR NEXT
WEEKEND**

11th & 12th Dec 2021

**EXTRA ORDINARY
MINISTERS**

7.00 pm Saturday

Ryan, Sunita, Benita
9.00 am Sunday

Maria, Christine, Florence

11.00 am Sunday

Philomena, Mary K., Sherine

6.00 pm Sunday

Jude, Nichola Rohan

READERS

7.00 pm Saturday

Kim, Gerard, Michelle V

9.00 am Sunday

Patricia, Abey, Sita

11.00 am Sunday

Pam G., Anita, Pam D.,

6.00 pm Sunday

Anne, Zen, Ryan

CHURCH CLEANING

Team 3 - Charmika Perera,
Geneview Weerasinghe
Khuram Jawad

COUNTERS

Team 6 – Lorna & Mervyn
Brito, Anita & Howard
Fernandez, Jennifer Ross,
Cheryl Magee

**NEW SETS OF
THANKSGIVING
ENVELOPES**

The new Thanksgiving envelopes are available for collection in the Church foyer. **Please remember to write in your Envelope number on each envelope before you bring it to Church.** If you are unable to find your envelopes in the Foyer, please email HamptonPark@cam.org.au or call the Parish office on 9799 2108 and leave your name and contact number and we will get

IN OUR PARISH

6th December	Monday	9.15 am
7th December	Tuesday	9.15 am
8th December	Wednesday	Mass at 7.00 pm, followed by the Novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
9th December	Thursday	9.15 am Mass for those with 'unknown vaccination status'. <i>Please book via TryBooking</i>
10th December	Friday	9.15 am
11th December	Saturday	9.15 am 5.00 pm for those with 'unknown vaccination status'. <i>Please book via TryBooking</i> 7.00 pm
12th December	Sunday	9.00 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm

Liturgical Ministries at Christmas – Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

Please use the Help Sheets to indicate your availability regarding the various times of Masses.



St Vincent De Paul Society Christmas Appeal

The members of the St Vincent De Paul society have been remarkably busy during the current year. Even though the state and the country has been in lockdown for close to two years, Vincent De Paul Society continued with helping the needy all year round. The help provided is close to \$4,500 per month which includes food vouchers and other help.

However due to the lockdown the society was not able to conduct the annual collection of toys for Christmas last year. As a result, the children of our community did not receive any toys from St Vincent De Paul in the year 2020. This year we expect to give out toys with the help of our church community.

We request your generous support by taking a tag from the Christmas tree in the foyer of the church and donate a toy for a needy child.

We plan to make deliveries on the 17 December 2021. Therefore, we will appreciate if the toys can be received by Sunday 12 December 2021.

Thank You,
Sumith Olagama
President



THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

In Thanksgiving:

Denver Eustace & Family
Grenville Scurville & Family
Dominic Scurville & Family
Adrain Scurville & Family
Dominic Crasto

For the sick:

Cheryl Taylor (2)
Iosefo Lealaitagomoa (2)
Pauline Flynn

For those who have died recently:

Anthony Barwell

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Oswald Francis
Neville Lynch
Marcelle Joson
Jim Masson
Joseph Crasto
Herman D'Souza
Corrina Lyonette

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.

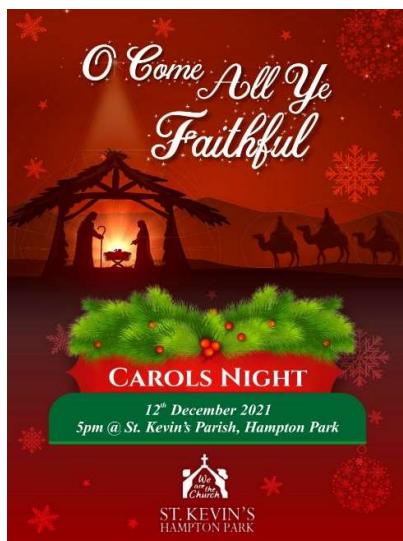
REMINDER:

Please note the cutoff time and day for handing in names for Mass Intentions is Thursday 4 pm. Please call or email the Parish Office.



Priesthood Ordinations in St. Patrick's Cathedral

Five deacons in the Archdiocese of Melbourne are to be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, 4th December. May we keep them in our prayers.



We are getting closer to our Carols Night and the choirs are practising really hard. We have had a tremendous response from the young people of our Parish.

To make this night a success, pass the word around to family and friends as we want to make this a night for families. Weather permitting, this will be an outdoor event, so don't forget to carry your picnic blankets and chairs. Food will be available on sale.

We are looking for volunteers to help on the day. We are also looking for elves to help Santa, so if you are available, please contact Candice on 0425 843 787.

PARISH CALENDAR FOR CHRISTMAS 2021

Date	Program	Time
Sunday 12 th December	Carols night	5.00 pm
Thursday 16 th December	Reconciliation in preparation for Christmas	7.00 pm
Sunday 19 th December	Children's Christmas Party	3 to 5.30 pm

Friday 24 th December Christmas Eve	Mass	9.15 am
	Mass for those of 'Unknown Vaccination Status'. Please book via TryBooking	5.00 pm
	Family Mass	7.00 pm
	Carols Midnight Mass	11.30 pm 12.00 am
Saturday 25 th December Christmas day	Mass	9.00 am
	Mass	11.00 am
	Vigil Mass for those of 'Unknown Vaccination Status'. Please book via TryBooking	5.00 pm
	Vigil Mass	7.00 pm
Sunday 26 th December	Mass Mass	9.00 pm 11.00 pm
	NO EVENING MASS	