

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C

### FIRST READING – Zephaniah 3: 14-18

**A reading from the prophet Zephaniah**

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,  
Israel, shout aloud!  
Rejoice, exult with all your heart,  
daughter of Jerusalem!  
The Lord has repealed your sentence;  
he has driven your enemies away.  
The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst;  
you have no more evil to fear.  
When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem:  
Zion, have no fear,  
do not let your hands fall limp.  
The Lord your God is in your midst,  
a victorious warrior.  
He will exult with joy over you,  
he will renew you by his love;  
he will dance with shouts of joy for you  
as on a day of festival.

#### ■ The word of the Lord

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Isa 12: 2-6.

**R. Cry out with joy and gladness:  
for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel**

Truly, God is my salvation,  
I trust, I shall not fear.  
For the Lord is my strength, my song,  
he became my saviour.  
With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation. **R.**

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!  
make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!  
Declare the greatness of his name. **R.**

Sing a psalm to the Lord  
for he has done glorious deeds,  
make them known to all the earth!  
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **R.**



### SECOND READING – Philippians 4: 4-7

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

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

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### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.  
**Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL – Luke 3: 10-18

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

When all the people asked John. 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

#### ■ The Gospel of the Lord

# ST. KEVIN'S PARISH HAMPTON PARK

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR C  
**GAUDETE SUNDAY**



11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> December 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 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/>

## 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](mailto:HamptonPark@cam.org.au)



**ADVENT**

## 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/BWGAT>

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.

## Altar Servers upcoming Training: 18<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 2pm...



Dear friends, there will be an Altar Servers training on Saturday – 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:HamptonPark@cam.org.au) or talk to one of the Priests or the Altar Servers Coordinator Martin Thomas.

*Fr. Anil Mascarenhas*

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent (19<sup>th</sup> 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.

## ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

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

### EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS

**7.00 pm Saturday**  
Christobelle. Gerard, Gilda  
**9.00 am Sunday**  
Monique, Noreen, Selina  
**11.00 am Sunday**  
Anita, Lorna, Terri  
**6.00 pm Sunday**  
Ryan, Sumith, Zen

### READERS

**7.00 pm Saturday**  
Ryan, Paulita Sunita  
**9.00 am Sunday**  
Alexah, Emeli, Ben  
**11.00 am Sunday**  
Philomena, Pam D, Pam G  
**6.00 pm Sunday**  
Jude, Danielle, Bernadette

### CHURCH CLEANING

Team 4 - Samoan Choir

### COUNTERS

Team 1 – Anne Joyce, Michael  
Palma, Lyn Tharle, Anna  
Paris, Nadine Stone



### 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](mailto: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

13 <sup>th</sup> December	Monday	9.15 am
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Tuesday	9.15 am
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Wednesday	Mass at 7.00 pm, followed by the Novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Thursday	9.15 am Mass for those with 'unknown vaccination status'. <i>Please book via TryBooking</i>
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Friday	9.15 am
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Saturday	9.15 am 5.00 pm for those with 'unknown vaccination status'. <i>Please book via TryBooking</i> 7.00 pm
19 <sup>th</sup> 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 KEVIN'S PARISH PRESENTS

**Join us on**  
**Sunday, 19th December, 2021**  
**3.00pm - 5.30pm**  
**St. Kevin's School Hall**  
**Babies - Grade 6**

**COME DRESSED IN CHRISTMAS COLOURS**

Please note: In the interest of community safety and our ability to accommodate the maximum possible number of participants, entry to the event will be restricted to only include the fully vaccinated who are able to provide proof of vaccination at the door. Any additional government mandated Covid-Safe policies in existence at the time will also apply.

### 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, will appreciate if the toys can be received by Sunday 12 December 2021.

Thank You,  
**Sumith Olagama**  
President



## PARISH CALENDAR FOR CHRISTMAS 2021

### THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

#### *In Thanksgiving:*

Sheldon D'Silva  
Emma Xavier  
David Ryan Cortezano  
Gina Marie Durano  
Lloyd Bordon  
Marianne Soriano  
Anna Benipayo Zagala

#### *For the sick:*

Cheryl Taylor (3)  
Josefo Lealaitagomoa (3)  
Pauline Flynn (2)

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

Tevaga Sefo Lemalu Vaea  
SR Maria Angela Faleulu  
Pauline Crompton  
Jim Ellwood  
Pacita Dionisio

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

Loreto Bordon  
Sirinimal Adikari  
Ricardo Palon  
Neydorff & Abeyadeera  
Dorothy Abeyedeera

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

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

### 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.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

The Religious Education classes will start on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022 for children attending non-catholic schools and wishing to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation. Classes are from Grade 2 to Grade 6 and over. Enrolments are being taken by the Parish Secretary at the Parish House (Wednesday to Friday – 9.30 am to 4.00 pm) and will close on Friday, February 18 2022. As classroom sizes are limited and resources have to be purchased, please enrol your children as soon as possible.

*Monique Casalot*

### Let's reflect...

*"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." (Philippians 4:6)*

St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God – He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember, that we are created in God's image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous with all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously share ourselves and our goods with others.