

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C

FIRST READING – Micah 5: 1-4

A reading from the prophet Micah

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
the least of the clans of Judah,
out of you will be born for me
the one who is to rule over Israel;
his origin goes back to the distant past,
to the days of old.

The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till
the time when she who is to give birth gives birth.
Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to
the sons of Israel.

He will stand and feed his flock
with the power of the Lord,
with the majesty of the name of his God.
They will live secure, for from then on he will
extend his power to the ends of the land.
He himself will be peace.

■ The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Ps 79: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19.

R. Lord, make us turn to you;

let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.

O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. **R.**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. **R.**



SECOND READING – Hebrews 10: 5-10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation,
prepared a body for me.
You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for
sin; then I said,
just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book,
'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.'

Notice that he says first: You did not want what the
Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the
sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the
sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them;
and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey
your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it
with the second. And this will was for us to be made
holy by the offering of his body made once and for all
by Jesus Christ.

■ The word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL – Luke Luke 1: 39-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Mary set out at that time and went as quickly as she
could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went
into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as
soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child
leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the
Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all
women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the
fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with
a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment
your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb
leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that
the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord

ST. KEVIN'S PARISH HAMPTON PARK

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18th & 19th 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

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



ADVENT

Latest Liturgical Guidelines:

There will not be any vaccination requirements nor any requirement for organisers to check vaccination status at Places of Worship.

Workers at Places of Worship (staff and volunteers) must still be fully vaccinated.

The Victorian Government Coronavirus page has the following:

- Remember to check in everywhere every time using the Service Victoria app.

This latest announcement allows for the RE-OPENING of the ADORATION CHAPEL and GROTTO.

According to the St. Kevin's Parish COVID Safe Plan:

- hand sanitiser is to be used
- airflow is to be enhanced by opening windows, where possible
- wearing face masks is emphasised

Fr. Desmond J. Moloney



Seeking your generous support...

Dear Parishioners, we are blessed with many young children who said "Yes" to serve as an Altar Servers and their commitment to join in this ministry in our St. Kevin's Parish.

As parishioners of this parish, it's a great joy to know that we have more than 75 children who are enrolled and active in Altar Servers' ministry. This brings a new challenge to all of us to help this ministry and to encourage these children to grow in their faith journey.

Recently we have purchased 65 new sets of Altar Servers' soutanes and surplices, and also Altar linen from the Carmelite sisters in Sri Lanka. In order to bear this cost we seek your kind support and there will be a leaving collection on 24th and 25th Christmas Masses.

Thank you in advance and God bless you for your good will and generosity for our parish community.

Fr. Anil Mascarenhas



ROSTERS FOR CHRISTMAS WEEKEND

24th, 25th & 26th Dec
2021

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS

7.00 pm Friday
Anita, Benita, Chloe, Nancy,
Priya, Salome
12.00 am Friday (midnight)
Aloysius, Candice V, Gilda,
Lorna, Michele V, Sunita
9.00 am Saturday
Florence, Maria, Noreen
11.00 am Saturday
Greg, George, Mirtza
7.00 pm Saturday
Helen, Indra & Michelle
9.00 am Sunday
Abey, Sita, Michael
11.00 am Sunday
Philomena, Sherine, Terri

READERS

7.00 pm Friday
Marlene, Adelle, Anil
12.00 am Friday (midnight)
Gerard, Carlton V, Pam G
9.00 am Saturday
Ben, Michael, Patricia
11.00 am Saturday
Ryan, Jessica, Pam D
7.00 pm Saturday
Anacletus, Christobelle,
Benita
9.00 am Sunday
Jess, Michael, Maria
11.00 am Sunday
Pam G., Philomena, Anita

COUNTERS

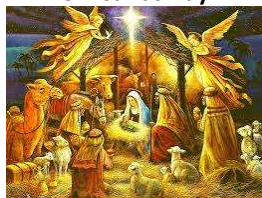
Team 2 –Sumith & Samantha
Olagama, Kaye Braganza,
Marius Giosserano

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.

IN OUR PARISH

20 th December	Monday	9.15 am
21 st December	Tuesday	9.15 am
22 nd December	Wednesday	Mass at 7.00 pm, followed by the Novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
23 rd December	Thursday	9.15 am
24 th December Christmas Eve	Friday	9.15 am 5.00 pm Mass 7.00 pm Family Mass 11.30 pm Carols 12.00 am Midnight Mass
25 th December Christmas Day	Saturday	9.00 am 11.00 am 5.00 pm 7.00 pm Vigil Mas
26 th December Feast of the Holy Family	Sunday	9.00 am 11.00 am NO EVENING MASS



From the Piety Stall..

2022 COLUMBAN CALENDARS

The 2022 Columban Calendars are available in the Piety Stall. Do come along and buy one for your home. Some of the proceeds from the sale of these calendars go towards the Missions.

New stock of **Christmas (Cribs) Nativity Sets** has come in. Do get one for your home. Please inquire at the Piety Stall.



Christmas praises in the air! Hallelujah! Children dancing everywhere! Hallelujah! Our parish Carols Night saw a wonderful gathering of our parish family coming together to bring in the festive spirit of the Christmas season! A huge thank you to Fr Des and Fr Anil, our St. Kevin's primary school for kindly allowing the event to be hosted on the school grounds, our choirs and instrumentalists who entertained the gathering with a variety of musical performances through the evening, our children that participated in the skits, our young hosts for the evening, the Flower Team for magically transforming an ordinary truck into a beautiful stage, our Face Painters, our Social Group for organising the food and drinks and our Youth that helped with the various stalls, our numerous volunteers who helped in so many ways, Santa Claus and his elves who took the time to visit us all the way from the North Pole and not forgetting our audience who sang along and had a great time!

Candice Vaz

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

In Thanksgiving:

Rod & Chloe Hall
Rahul, Laura & Family
Marilou & Michael Villanueva
Adrienne Buenaventura Villanueva
Adela Dionisio
Yolanda De Guzman
Nelia Villavert
Edwin and Adin Villanueva
Gino Durano
Michael Bartlett

For the sick:

Cheryl Taylor (4)
Josefo Lealaitagomoa (4)
Pauline Flynn (3)

For those who have died recently:

Geethani Perera
Patrick Hettiarachchi
Iris Philbert

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Leslie Labata
Florence Genevieve
Ginnette Jeewooth
Edith Jan, Raul Buenaventura
Abby Joyce
Ruban Sisil
Rita Perera
Johnpeter Perera
Angela Coutinho
Joe Coutinho
Renzil Coutinho
Frank Yates
Emilio and Hilda Villanueva

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.

RCIA:

The RCIA program is starting again on Thursday 13 January 2022 till the end of May. If anyone desires to become a catholic or who has been baptised and wishes to complete the sacraments of Initiation (Eucharist and Confirmation) please contact the parish office. Please pass this information to anyone who might be interested.

Monique Casalot

Reflecting on Take the Way of the Gospel

When Fr Des asked me to attend an archdiocesan meeting about a new process that Archbishop Peter wanted to present to the people of Melbourne, I didn't know what to expect. As I sat with 200+ other lay leaders in May 2021, I listened with interest that turned to scepticism and even concern. We were being invited, as our clergy had been a few weeks prior, to open our minds and hearts to a way of renewing and reinvigorating our parishes, but all I could hear was what sounded like a way of dealing with the shortage of priests. What did this new process mean to us at St Kevin's?

Soon after that meeting, Fr Des asked me if I would be a St K's representative for CAM meetings. After prayer and pondering, I accepted. In the 6 months since that first meeting in Bulleen, I have changed my mind! I am now excited and eager to see TWG implemented in our parish community. What's changed?

After attending 4 or 5 meetings with the Archdiocesan Mission Team, I've learned so much more about the Archbishop's vision. After reading through 10+ years of Council of Priests Meetings' minutes, he found some themes emerging that concerned him, such as the decreasing number of people attending Mass, engaging with the sacraments, being involved in parish life, and a fear of what lies ahead for the Catholic church at large. He turned for inspiration to Pope Francis' encyclical 'Evangelii Gaudium' and to Archbishop James Goold, Melbourne's first Archbishop. After much discernment, he landed upon a process that we now know as Take the Way of the Gospel (TWG). This process invites all of us to reflect on the work we are doing in our parishes - how we evangelise, engage, reach out to and embrace all peoples in our communities, not just parishioners. And how to best utilise the resources and gifts of neighbouring parishes.

I've come to accept and embrace TWG. I now see that there is much we need to question about how we live out the Gospel call if we are to grow and renew our parishes. TWG is not about amalgamating parishes or increasing the workload of our clergy; the Archbishop has been very clear about that. TWG is about reinvigorating, re-energising and better resourcing our parishes. It's about helping us to "open our doors to the flock", as Pope Francis said in his encyclical.

In the New Year, we will begin the dialogue in our parish. Over several months, meetings and workshops will be held, providing opportunities for us to share thoughts and ideas on what we can do at St Kevin's. Everyone is encouraged to participate for, as Oscar Romero said, "If I don't listen to the people, I am not listening to the Spirit."

To get the ball rolling, you are encouraged to visit the TWG website and have a read. An email account will be established specifically for TWG to enable parishioners to share their thoughts and opinions. It's important to note that TWG is not 'a done deal'. Archbishop Peter encourages us to take up TWG but we are not mandated to take part.

This is an exciting time for the Melbourne church. Let's embrace it and pray for its success.

Denise Lyons