

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH - YEAR C

FIRST READING – Samuel 1: 20-22, 24-28

A reading from the first book of Samuel

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.' When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there forever.'

When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.'

There she left him, for the Lord.

■ The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

How lovely is your dwelling place,
Lord, God of Hosts.
My soul is longing and yearning
Is yearning for the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my soul ring out their joy
to God, the living God. **R.**

They are happy, who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.
They are happy, whose strength is in you;
they walk with ever growing strength. **R.**

O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer,
Give ear, O God of Jacob.
Turn your eyes, O God, our shield,
Look on the face of your anointed. **R.**



SECOND READING – John 3: 1-2, 21-24

A reading from the letter of St. John

Think of the love that the father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed, all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

■ The word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord,

To listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL – Luke 2: 41-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant. He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

■ The Gospel of the Lord

ST. KEVIN'S PARISH HAMPTON PARK

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MARY AND JOSEPH
(Year C)



25th & 26th December 2021

PARISH CENTRE
120 Hallam Road,
Hampton Park, Vic. 3976
Tel: 9799 2108
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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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SCHOOL PRINCIPALS
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Parish Website

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

'Support us' page

<https://stkevins.org.au/support-us/>

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Vigil Masses: 5.00 pm & 7.00pm

Sunday: 9:00am, 11:00am & 6:00pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday & Tuesday : 9:15am

Wednesday : 7:00pm (followed by Novena to
Our Lady of Perpetual Help)

Thursday & Friday : 9:15am

First Fridays : An extra Mass at 7:30pm followed by
devotions to the Sacred Heart.

RECONCILIATION

On Saturday mornings after Mass till 10:30am

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.

*Sincere wishes for a New Year filled
with Happiness and abiding Peace*

Fr. Desmond J. Moloney

PPC Elections - delayed

The PPC agreed recently that the PPC elections process would be delayed till February 2022. With restrictions only recently easing and holidays almost upon us, it would not be a good time to fully engage in the process. Several Councillors have completed their term with the PPC and we are very grateful for their contribution to the work of the PPC. This leaves us with several vacancies for consideration by parishioners. The current PPC membership is as follows:

Ex-Officio: Fr Des, Fr Anil, Deacon Graeme, Jason Micallef & Christine White (School Principals), and Anacletus Jones (Deanery representative).

Cluster & Community Reps:

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| St Francis de Sales' Community | Candice Vaz + Vacancy |
| Youth | Kharece D'Souza + Vacancy |
| Outreach Cluster | Denise Lyons (Chairperson) |
| Worship Cluster | Vacancy |
| Hospitality Cluster | Warren Peters |
| Service Cluster | Vacancy |
| Faith Cluster | Telesia Mulitalo |
| Minutes Secretary | Vacancy |

Denise Lyons
PPC Chairperson

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

1st & 2nd January 2022

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS

7.00pm Saturday

Ryan, Nadine, Priya

9.00am Sunday

Aloysius, Chloe, Christine

11.00am Sunday

Philomena, Sherine, Terri

6.00pm Sunday

Ryan, Jude, Nichola

READERS

7.00pm Saturday

Gerard, Michelle V., Kim

9.00am Sunday

Michael, Sita, Patricia

11.00am Sunday

Anita, Pam G., Pam D

6.00pm Sunday

Rohan, Bernadette, Anne

COUNTERS

Team 3 – Roland D'Netto,

Sunita & Kevin D'Mello,

Gordon Joseph,

Savio Fernandez



IN OUR PARISH

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| 27th December | Monday 9.15 Mass |
| 28th December | Tuesday 9.15 Mass |
| 29th December | Wednesday 7.00pm Mass followed by Novena |
| 30th December | Thursday 9.15am Mass |
| 31st December | Friday 9.15 Mass 7.30pm Adoration followed by 8.00pm Mass |
| 1st January | Saturday 9.15am Mass (followed by Reconciliation) 5.00pm Mass 7.00pm Mass |
| 2nd January | Sunday 9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass |

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

The Religious Education classes will start on Wednesday 2nd 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 Caralot

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.

CONFIRMATION BANNERS

There are still some Banners from Mary's Confirmation Group to be collected from the Parish Office. Please collect them as soon as possible.

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

In Thanksgiving:

Warren, Philomena & Family
Pastorpile Family
Alicia Hereford
Abigail and Andres Sarmiento
John Daniel Palacios
Emmanuel Lava Sr.
Francis Cañaverall
Ryan, Bianca & Zion
Nigel, Jessica & Family
Randolf Hayden & Family

For the sick:

Pauline Flynn (4)

For those who have died recently:

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Sylvia & Maurice Peters
Norma & Maurice Michael
Mary & Gerald Frantz
Margaret Francis
Melvin Thambiraj
Austin Peters
Avinash Fernandez
Maud Ena & Joseph Leonard Michael
Joseph Rogers
Zita Rogers
Oscar Weston
Hyacinth Weston
Ceferino Rico
Maria Gloria Pastorpili
Eupresino Pastorpili
Godilla Pastorpili
Carlyle Neydorff

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.

Jesus

*is pleased to come to us
as the truth to be told
and the life to be lived,
as the light to be lighted
and the love to be loved,
as the joy to be given
and the peace to be spread*

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Vatican City, Dec 21, 2021

Pope Francis called for more investment in education and less in weaponry in his 2022 World Peace Day message.

In the message published 21st December, the Pope said the world had witnessed a "significant reduction" in education funding in recent years, while military spending had soared beyond Cold War levels.

"It is high time, then, that governments develop economic policies aimed at inverting the proportion of public funds spent on education and on weaponry," he wrote in the message. The World Day of Peace — instituted by St. Paul VI in 1968 — is celebrated each year on 1st January, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. The Pope provides a message for the occasion, which is sent to foreign ministers around the world.

The Pope's message for the 2022 World Day of Peace, the 55th celebration, is entitled "Dialogue between generations, education, and work: tools for building lasting peace."

In the text, Pope Francis outlined three "paths for building a lasting peace": promoting dialogue between generations, investing in education, and improving labour conditions.

"The beauty of Christmas shines through in the sharing of small gestures of genuine love. It is not alienating, it is not superficial, it is not evasive," Pope Francis said.

Let's reflect...

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." 1 JOHN 3:1

During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received — being children of God! As God's children, it's in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.