

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

FIRST READING – Nehemiah 8: 2-6, 8-10

A reading from the Book of Nehemiah

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people - since he stood higher than all the people - Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, 'Amen! Amen!'; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah - His Excellency - and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.' For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

■ The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 18: 8-10, 15.

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**

The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. **R.**

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. **R.**

May the spoken words of my mouth,
the thoughts of my heart,
win favour in your sight, O Lord,
my rescuer, my rock! **R.**

SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 12: 12-14, 27

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

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptized, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink. Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

■ The word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners

Alleluia!

GOSPEL – Luke 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written ;

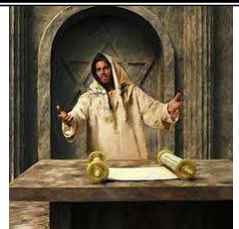
The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me
for he has anointed me.

He has sent me to bring the Good News to the poor,
to proclaim liberty to captives
and to the blind new sight,
to set the downtrodden free,
to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, "This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen."

■ The Gospel of the Lord

ST. KEVIN'S PARISH HAMPTON PARK THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)



22nd & 23rd January 2022

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/>

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

BAPTISMS

Please contact the Parish Office on 9799 2108 or
email 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.

Take the Way of the Gospel

Near to the beginning of Advent in November last year, Father Joe Caddy, the Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, in writing about **Take the Way of the Gospel**: He referred to the availability of resources to enable parishes to embark on conversations. He said, "It is important, as our churches begin to reopen, that our parishes once again become welcoming homes and a source of hope for our people. After nearly 18 months of COVID, there is much to catch up on. Understandably then, not all parishes will want to move at the same pace in exploring *Take the Way of the Gospel*. Many parishes have made the decision to wait until next year (i.e. 2022) to begin their in-person parish *Take the Way of the Gospel* listening and discernment sessions. Father Caddy pointed out that the Archbishop had announced that the process of prayer and discernment for parishes would continue throughout 2022. This enables flexibility for those parishes who would like to move more quickly as well as for those who need more time.

Regularly updated information on *Take the Way of the Gospel*, Father Caddy added, will also be posted on www.melbournecatholic.org.au/about/mission.

St Vincent De Paul Society Christmas Appeal

The members of the St Vincent De Paul society would like to thank the St Kevin's Hampton Park church community for the generous support in providing many toys to be distributed during Christmas.

We would also like to thank the Students and Teachers of St Kevin's Hampton Park and St Francis De Sales Lynbrook for providing food to be distributed during Christmas.

Due to your generous donations, we were able provide toys and food hampers for 140 families in our community. Most of these children would have had no toys for Christmas if not for your generous support.

Thank You,

Sumith Osagama

RCIA:

At the gathering held on 13th January, it was decided to defer the programme to October this year due to the size of the meeting room and given sensitivity to COVID and the number of enquirers and sponsors.

Monique Caralot

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

29th & 30th January
2022

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm Saturday

Keith, Nancy, Primrose

7.00pm Saturday

Nadine, Priya, Ryan

9.00am Sunday

Aloysius, Chloe, Christine

11.00am Sunday

Philomena, Sherine, Terri

6.00pm Sunday

Ryan, Sumith, Zen

READERS

5.00pm Saturday

Carlton, Tessy, Indira

7.00pm Saturday

Michelle V, Kim, Gerard

9.00am Sunday

Sita, Alexah, Abey

11.00am Sunday

Anita, Pam G., Pam D.

6.00pm Sunday

Bernadette, Jude, Danielle

CLEANERS

Team 3: Chrmika Perera

Jeneview Weerasinghe

Khuram Jawad

COUNTERS

Team 1 – Anne Joyce,

Michael Palma,

Lyn Tharle,

Anna Paris,

Nadine Stone



IN OUR PARISH

24 th January	Monday 9.15 Mass
25 th January	Tuesday 9.15 Mass
26 th January	Wednesday 7.00pm Mass followed by Novena
27 th January	Thursday 9.15am Mass
28 th January	Friday 9.15 Mass
29 th January	Saturday 9.15am Mass (followed by Reconciliation) 5.00pm Mass 7.00pm Mass
30 th January	Sunday 9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

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 must be purchased, please enrol your children as soon as possible.

Monique Caralot

Sharing the Word of God at Home

Feeding your family - Food for the soul

Recent surveys have shown that few Catholics read the Bible on their own or as a family. But what better place is there to encounter the person of Jesus Christ than in God's Word? As St. Jerome once noted, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."

The Church continually invites us to return to God's Word. For when we pray with the Bible – personally and in our home – our encounter with the living Word of God is not a mere intellectual exercise but a spiritually nourishing feast. As we find ways to share God's Word in our homes we will experience firsthand what the Second Vatican Council means in *Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation (Dei verbum)* when it states that "in the sacred books the Father who is in heaven comes lovingly to meet his children, and talks with them. And such is the force and power of the Word of God that it can serve the Church as her support and vigor, and the children of the Church as strength for their faith, food for the soul, and a pure and lasting fount of spiritual life" (no.21, in Flannery).

Reading, Reflecting, Renewing

Begin to break open God's Word in your home by dedicating some family time each week for a brief reading of a Scripture passage, perhaps the Sunday Gospel. Given the hectic and stressed pace of life

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THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

In Thanksgiving:

Wayne & Anna Paris
Adrian, Melissa, Elisha & Noah
Scurville

For the sick:

Pauline Flynn (4)
Ella Cardozo (2)

For those who have died recently:

Mildred Rodrigues
Cheryl Taylor

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Gilbert Eugene Mannays
Joyce D'Silva
Vernon Francis
Joseph Crasto
Kenneth, Philomena & Everard
Paris
Noel Burnett
Natalina & Anacleto D'Mello
Julienne Kailey Vidallo
Milagros Villareal

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.



Reading, Reflecting, Renewing – (continued from page 2)

and our typically overworked schedules, making family time for the Bible reminds us of the need to put God first. Gathering around the table of God's Word enriches and strengthens the experience of family as a "domestic Church."

Choose a comfortable and quiet place in the home, away from the distractions of television and ringing telephones. Read the passage aloud, and then allow some time for the family to reflect on and share its meaning together. Since Sacred Scripture is the "speech of God as it is put down in writing under the breath of the Holy Spirit" (CCC, no. 81, quoting Second Vatican Council, *Dei Verbum*, no. 9), this time dedicated to reading puts your family into living communication with God. Remind everyone gathered that family activity brings them to a living encounter with Christ, who is present as the Word among them.

(National Bible Week 2015)

PPC Elections - delayed

Late in 2021, the PPC agreed recently that the PPC elections process would be delayed till February 2022. 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:

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)

Let reflect....

"Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared..." (NEHEMIAH 8:10)

Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need. Now here's the hard part – to share all we have without expecting anything in return.