

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

FIRST READING – 1 Samuel 26: 2. 7-9,12-13,22-23

A reading from the first book of Samuel

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph. So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him. Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them. David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

■ **The word of the Lord**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 102: 1-4, 8, 10, 12-13.

R: The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **R.**

SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 15: 45-49

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

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

■ **The word of the Lord**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:

Love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL – Luke 6: 27-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord**

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



19th & 20th February 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

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.

This Week! Take the Way of the Gospel Workshops

This coming week! TWG Workshops – please attend on either
this Tuesday morning (22nd) at 10.00 or this Thursday evening
(24th) at 7.30. These will be **Parish Discernment Workshops** in
connection with *Take the Way of the Gospel*. They will be held
in the church and will run for no more than 90 minutes. Your
opinions and thoughts are important and we need to hear
quite broadly the voices of parishioners. Please register your
attendance on the sheets in the foyer or email
TWG.StKevins.HamptonPark@gmail.com.

Denise and Ravi (Parish Representatives)
with Fr Desmond & Fr Anil
TWG Leadership Team

Take the Way of the Gospel in LENT

Lent begins in the first week of March. A couple of years ago
St. Kevin's had groups meeting weekly during Lent. The TWG
Leadership Team is seeking parishioners to lead small groups
during Lent. Please email your interest to the TWG dedicated
email account by Fri 18 February. Training will be provided.
TWG.StKevins.HamptonPark@gmail.com



Thank you! Last weekend, we conducted the
annual Chaplaincy Appeal in our parish. The presence of
Catholic chaplains is a crucial witness to our faith, a crucial
dimension of our service of love, and a vital testimony to the
value of life in all its stages. Thank you to those who have
supported this Appeal.

If you still wish to donate or if you would like to have more
information about the Chaplaincy Services, please visit
www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

Farewell to Alexandra Safrin

Alexandra's time as Parish Administrative Coordinator
has concluded within the probationary period. On behalf
of St. Kevin's Parish, I am grateful to Alex for her work in
this new role and wish her and her family every blessing
in the future.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

26th & 27th February 2022

READERS

5.00pm Saturday
Aurelle, Indira, Keith

7.00pm Saturday
Michelle V., Paulita, Sunita

9.00am Sunday
Florence, Emeli, Jess

11.00am Sunday
Brian, Anton, Anita

6.00pm Sunday
Lleyton, Kharece, Zen

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm Saturday
Candice, Carlton, Harriet

7.00pm Saturday
Nadine, Priya, Ryan

9.00am Sunday
Aloysius, Chloe, Christine

11.00am Sunday
Pam D., Pam G., Philomena

6.00pm Sunday
Anne, Jude, Nichola

CLEANERS

Team 2: Russel de la Motte
Samangi Chandrasekera
Jerome Pereira
Joelle Felix

COUNTERS

Team 3 – Athena & Richard Fritchley
Anne & Anslie Collins
Isabella Fernandez
Kaye Braganza

LENT 2022 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY BRUCE DOWNES

Be inspired, Be refreshed, Be renewed!
For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here : <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent22>
Call 1300 734 880 for more info


IN OUR PARISH

21st February	Monday 9.15 am Mass
22nd February	Tuesday 9.15 am Mass
23rd February	Wednesday 7.00pm Mass followed by Novena
24th February	Thursday 9.15am Mass
25th February	Friday 9.15 am Mass
26th February	Saturday 9.15 am Mass (followed by Reconciliation) 5.00 pm Mass 7.00 pm Mass
27th February	Sunday 9.00 am Mass 11.00 am Mass 6.00 pm Mass




Baptism Meetings will be held every 1st Thursday of the month, starting on 3rd March, at 7.15 pm in the Church. No appointment necessary. Please bring a copy of the baptism certificate of one of the parents.

Anne Van Der Straaten



Upcoming Altar Servers' Training

27th Sunday at 2pm in the Church



Dear friends, there will be an Altar Servers' training session on 27th Sunday at 3pm in the Church.

Parents, your support is vital. If your child /children have celebrated their First Holy Communion and have not yet had or missed the opportunity to enrol them in Altar Servers' ministry, please make use of this opportunity and bring them for the training. 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.

Altar Servers' upcoming training: February 27th Sunday

Time: at 3pm

Place: St. Kevin's Church

Fr. Anil Mascarenhas

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

In Thanksgiving:

Recardo Pastorpile & Family
Eruv Villanueva
Edna-Rose Sarmiento
Rose Copino

For those who have died recently:

Vijaya Malalasekera
Sugath Olagama

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

George Phillips
Herman & Sylvia D'souza
Emilia and Antonio Trajano

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



Let's Reflect.....

"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back..." (LUKE 6:35)

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Praying for our enemies doesn't change them, it changes us. Mercy and compassion will keep us on the path to holiness.

Take THE Way OF THE Gospel

Take the Way of the Gospel... Week 4

This week we turn our attention more fully to 'mission'. Many Christians think that our missionary work occurs because we are responding to requests made to us when we attend a church service. But it is the other way round. Jesus had a mission long before the church was established, hence the well known saying 'The mission has a church.' This is something worth pondering at any time but is more important now as we reflect on the future of our church communities.

After he had spent 40 days in the wilderness, Jesus set out on a mission to bring the good news to all peoples. The good news is many things - the unconditional love of God, his merciful forgiveness, the unshakeable promise that every person is worthwhile, the compassionate heart of God made visible in the heart of Jesus - the list goes on.

The purpose of establishing Missionary parishes is to reignite our parishes to fulfil the mission. We remember the saying 'Jesus has no hands but your hands.' It is up to us to continue working to spread the Gospel message, the good news of God's love. To do that, we need to re-energise and revitalise our parishes to make sure they are viable and so be self-supporting as well as connected and working with other parishes. To do that, we need to develop evangelisers, and to do that we need to have true disciples who know the love of God first hand and who want to spread that good news more actively and consciously than ever before.

Fulfilling the mission and ensuring St. Kevin's Parish remains viable is a huge task and will not be completed in our lifetime but we must put our heads together and do our part.

For pondering this week...

1. What do you do to bring the good news to those who don't know God or have rejected him?
2. What would you need from our parish to become a fully active disciple?
3. How do you feel about the mission to spread the Gospel message? Do you think it's important?