

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C

FIRST READING – Joshua 5: 9-12

A reading from the Book of Joshua

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.' The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

■ The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 33: 2-7.

R: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. **R.**

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. **R.**

SECOND READING – 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21

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

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God

■ The word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:
Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL – Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man,' they said, 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

■ The Gospel of the Lord

ST. KEVIN'S PARISH HAMPTON PARK

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

(Year C)



26th & 27th March 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 & Saturday : 9.15am
First Fridays : An extra Mass at 7:00pm 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, if possible, 12 months notification
prior to a wedding at our Church. Please call or
email the Parish Office.

**Today, St. Kevin's Parish welcomes the visit of
our regional bishop,
Bishop Tony Ireland**

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

For the purpose of electing the new member to the Worship Cluster, you are asked to tick one box per Nominee. This election form will be repeated next Sunday (10th April) and voting will conclude Monday (11th) at 4 pm. Please return the completed form to the Parish Office by 4 pm on the 11th April.

PPC NOMINATION FORM

WORSHIP CLUSTER <i>Representing parish liturgy, liturgical ministries, and prayer groups...</i>	3 Nominations Received Greg Howell <input type="checkbox"/> Sunita D'Mello <input type="checkbox"/> Sita Faoa-Harris <input type="checkbox"/>
SERVICE CLUSTER <i>Representing service ministries, eg. Ministry to the sick, cleaners...</i>	Brian D'Souza – nominated. No other nominations received Brian is the new representative for the Service Cluster
ST FRANCIS DE SALES' COMMUNITY <i>Additional Rep. together with Candice Vaz</i>	Rozeta Ambrose – nominated. No other nominations received Rozeta is the new representative for the St. Francis de Sales' Community

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

2nd & 3rd April 2022

READERS

5.00pm Saturday

Tessy, Bernadette, Carlton

7.00pm Saturday

Michelle, Ryan, Paulita

9.00am Sunday

Florence, Emeli, Alexah

11.00am Sunday

Pam G., Pam D., Brian

6.00pm Sunday

Kharece, Ryan, Rohan

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm Saturday

Harriet, Indira, Nancy

7.00pm Saturday

Christobelle, Nadine, Priya

9.00am Sunday

Josephine, Michael, Noreen, Sita

11.00am Sunday

Anita, Philomena, Sherine, Sosefina, Terri

6.00pm Sunday

Anne, Jude, Nichola

CLEANERS

Team 2: Russel de la Motte, Samangi

Chandrasekera, Jerome Pereira, Joelle Felix

COUNTERS

Team 4 – Athena & Richard Fritchley, Anne & Anslie Collins, Isabella Fernandez, Kay Braganza



Music Ministry needs at the Vigil Masses

- 5.00pm & 7.00pm

The number of choirs, normally serving at the 5.00pm Vigil Mass, has significantly reduced. So as to avoid occasions when there would be an absence of a choir, the call goes out in search of musicians and singers who would like to serve the liturgy with music and singing at the parish Vigil Masses, particularly the 5.00pm Mass. Please contact Kevin D'Mello, the Liturgical Music Planner, or one of the priests to indicate your interest.

PROJECT COMPASSION

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413

IN OUR PARISH

28th March	Monday 9.15 am Mass
29th March	Tuesday 9.15 am Mass
30th March	Wednesday 7.00pm Mass followed by Novena
31st March	Thursday 9.15 am Mass
1st April	Friday 9.15 am Mass followed by Stations of the Cross (parishioner-led) 7.00 pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass
2nd April	Saturday 9.15 am Mass (followed by Reconciliation) 5.00 pm & 7.00 pm Mass
3rd April	Sunday 9.00 am & 11.00 am Mass 6.00 pm Mass

Pope Francis consecrates Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

On the Solemnity of the Annunciation (Friday, 25th March), Pope Francis consecrated Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This follows several similar papal consecrations made in response to the requests of Our Lady of Fatima.

The Pope has invited all the bishops of the world, with their priests, to unite with him in this act. Archbishop Mark Coleridge, president of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, said, "Acting as the Universal Pastor of the Church, Pope Francis will renew the consecration urged at Fatima more than 100 years ago. The bishops of Australia are united with the Holy Father as he leads the faithful around the world in this act of consecration and we invite all people to join us in praying for peace in Ukraine. ..." Our Archbishop has issued the invitation that in every parish and community within the Archdiocese there would be a participation in this consecration at all Sunday Masses today.



WORKING BEE

A pre-Easter Working Bee will be held on Saturday, 9th April, starting at 8.00am. It will be great to have as many join in as possible for both inside the church and outside to be primed for Holy Week and Easter. Please bring any gardening tools that may be helpful.



The next baptism meeting will be on Thursday, the 31st of March at 7.15 pm in Church.

Rosalie 44, is an ex-combatant who lives with her husband and

seven children in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Forced to join the army when she was just 15 years old, Rosalie experienced significant trauma and hardship during her years in military. After she was demobilised from the army, Rosalie, like other ex-combatants, was left to fend for herself in the community. With your generous support and through our local partners, Rosalie was able to connect with other members of her community and participate in business skills training.



THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

In Thanksgiving:

Recardo Pastropile & Family
Antoinette Crasto
Maria Hannah Roy

For the sick:

Marina Tauti (4)

For those who have died recently:

Nazar DaSilva
Jozica Kastelic

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Joseph Crasto
Bernadette Bronkurst
Beryl Fonceca

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Privacy legislation requires the **written permission of an authorised 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:

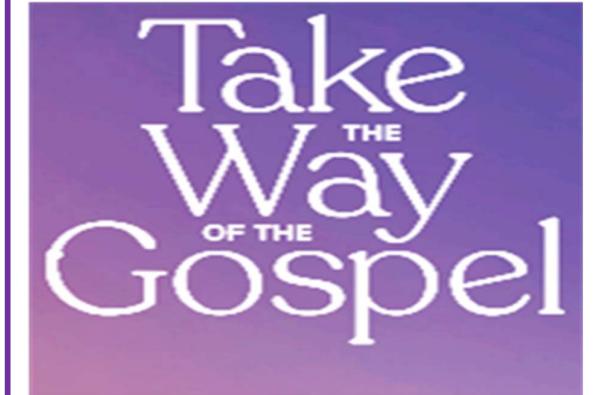
Please note the cut-off day and time for handing in names for Mass Intentions is Thursday 4 pm. Please call or email the Parish Office.



There is no 'binge' option for Lent

As Archbishop Peter A Comensoli reminds us in his homily for the first Sunday of Lent, these forty days are a time to unite ourselves with Jesus,

and to walk his path from temptation to grace. 'We cannot reduce the time for this journey, just as Jesus could not', he says. 'There is no "binge" option when it comes to the living of our lives in Christ, whose own timeline passed through his passion and death, and onto his resurrection.' Instead, we are encouraged this Lent to take the time to walk slowly and deliberately with Jesus 'toward a deeper commitment in trust'



TWG Leadership Team met during the week to discuss the feedback and begin some forward planning. The Team is very aware that the present task before us in St. Kevin's Parish is one of discernment, that is, a coming to grips with how the parishioners of St. Kevin's are responding to thoughts around being a missionary parish as well as to the idea of being incorporated into the proposed Mission Area.

Round 1 Workshops extended –

A session is planned for Saturday, 2nd April, at 11.30am in the church.

Step 2 following this session would likely be to present Feedback.

Then, Step 3 would likely be Round 2 Workshops.

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FLOOD APPEAL – SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The floods in Queensland and New South Wales are having a devastating effect on the people living in these regions of Australia. For those wishing to support the long-term recovery work to be undertaken by St. Vincent de Paul Society in Queensland and New South Wales, financial donations can be made either directly to either state through: www.vinnies.org.au-Flood_appeal-St_Vincent_de_Paul_Society-Good_Works or by calling Qld (07) 3010 1000, NSW (02) 9568 0262

PALM SUNDAY VIGIL WALK - Saturday 9th April 3.30pm ...

Save the date ...



The PPC is pleased to announce it will be hosting the Palm Sunday Vigil Walk again this year. Walkers are asked to be at the church by 3.20 for a 3.30 start. We will return to the church in time

for the 5pm Mass. More details to follow in coming weeks.