

ST. KEVIN'S PARISH
HAMPTON PARK
FIRST SUNDAY OF
ADVENT (YEAR A)



26th & 27th November 2022

PARISH CENTRE

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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
SCHOOL PRINCIPALS
ST. KEVIN'S : Jason Micallef – 9709 8600
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Parish Website

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

'Support us' page

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

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Vigil Masses: 5.00pm & 7.00pm
Sunday: 9:00am, 11:00am & 6:00pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Please refer to the Parish Calendar on
page 2.

RECONCILIATION

On Saturday mornings after Mass till 10:30am

BAPTISMS

There will be no Baptisms celebrated on the 25th of December 2022 & the 1st of January 2023. There will also be no Baptism Preparation meeting held in January 2023. The next preparation meeting for the new year will be on the 2nd of February 2023.

WEDDINGS

Please give, if possible, 12 months notification prior to a wedding at our Church. Please call or email the Parish Office.

Marantha – Come, O Lord!

Advent, the beginning of a new Church year, marks a sacred season of twofold preparation: first, we as the Church ready ourselves for the second coming of Christ; second, the Church prepares for the celebration of Christmas, the Nativity of the Lord. This season is meant to be distinguished by moderation. The moderation we practise in Advent serves as a model for our spiritual lives year-round.

In a homily for the First Sunday of Advent 2020, Pope Francis prayed:

Come, Lord Jesus, we need you!

Rouse us from the slumber of mediocrity;
awaken us from the darkness of indifference.

Come, Lord Jesus,

take our distracted hearts and make them watchful.

Awaken within us the desire to pray and the need to love.

Advent is a season that calls us to be awake, ready to serve the needs of our world.

LIFTING OF THE GENERAL DISPENSATION

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli has written a pastoral letter entitled 'Welcome Home', regarding lifting of the general dispensation from our Sunday and Holy Day obligations as of the first **Sunday in Advent – 27 November 2022** and encouraging us to gather together again at Mass and explaining some changes regarding our Sunday and Holy Day obligations and the streaming of Masses. Copies of this pastoral letter is available in the Church Foyer. Please take a copy home with you.

FROM CATHOLICCARE VICTORIA

Vigil Mass for World AIDS Day will be celebrated at St Francis' Church (corner Lonsdale and Elizabeth St, Melbourne) on Wednesday 30th November 2022 at 5.30pm.

All Welcome.

PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2022

Day	Event/Celebration	Time
Sunday 11th December	Mass St Kevin's Carols	6.00 pm 6.45 pm
Friday 16th December	Pre-Christmas Communal Reconciliation	7.00pm

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

3rd & 4th December 2022

READERS

5.00pm Saturday

Tessy, Amelia, Anil J.

7.00pm Saturday

Ryan, Nichola, Paulita

9.00am Sunday

Particia, Sita, Jess

11.00am Sunday

Anton, Zen, Philomena

6.00pm Sunday

Jude, Danielle, Rohan

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm Saturday

Marlene, Nancy, Primrose

7.00pm Saturday

Anacletus, Annabelle, Christobelle

9.00am Sunday

Aloysius, Anita, Nadine, Noreen

11.00am Sunday

Mary, Sherine

6.00pm Sunday

Rohan, Ryan, Syd

CHURCH CLEANERS

Team 5 – Mirtza & Geroge Iraheta, Maria Palma, Prasad Fernando

COUNTERS

Team 2 – Roland D'Netto, Sunita & Kevin D'Mello, Gordon Joseph, Savio Fernandez



LAST WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

Envelopes: \$1895.00

Unpledged: \$982.65

Presbytery: \$1366.95

IN OUR PARISH

28 th November	Monday	9.15am Mass
29 th November	Tuesday	9.15am Mass
30 th November	Wednesday	7.00pm Mass followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
1 st December	Thursday	9.15am Mass
2 nd December	Friday	9.15am Mass 7.00pm Mass
3 rd December	Saturday	9.15am Mass 5.00pm Mass 7.00pm Mass
4 th December	Sunday	9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

CHRISTMAS SWEETS WANTED!

Young people of St Kevin's are looking for donations of Christmas sweets to sell at Parish Carols on Sunday 11th December as well as after all Masses on 17th and 18th December to raise funds for World Youth Day.

If you can donate sweets for the youth to sell, please contact Sheldon on 0430 051 919 or Jayden on 0434 253 632

NATIVITY PLAY

St. Kevin's youth is looking for children to act in the nativity play in conjunction with the Family Mass on 24th December at 7pm (Christmas Eve).

If your child would like to be participate, please contact Sheldon on 0430 051 919 or Kim on 0410 082

NO PARKING BEHIND THE PARISH HOUSE

Please do not park behind the Parish House on a weekday unless you have a Pass issued by the Principal or Parish Priest.



FROM THE PIETY STALL....

Copies of God's Word 2023 are still available in the Piety Stall. Do come along and buy one for your home.

Nativity sets of various sizes are also available. Make your home Christmassy!

Advent 2022 – Preparing for Christmas With Bruce Downes - The Catholic Guy

"You don't become who you hope to become, you only become what you do!"

You are invited to **Prepare for Christmas** this Advent (starting November 27th) with a new Daily Devotional series. Each day, you will receive a short inspirational video from Bruce Downes, known as The Catholic Guy, full of inspiration, real-life stories and practical ways to become all that God has created you to be!

Register now or for more information: Email: info@brucedownes.org
<https://BruceDownes.org/Advent>

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

In Thanksgiving:

Roger & Priscilla Allen & Family
Camlin & Michael Thompson
Cheryl Walsh
Jude Ambrose
Rita Vincent
Deborah & Nelson Cardozo
Michael and Camlin Thompson
Bernice Peters
Dulcie Johnson
Grace Buan
Isabelta Lava
Melanie Bartlett
Angie, Brando & Bing Bordon
Jethro Abanto
Ferdie Aragoza

For the sick:

Teresa Lopez (4)
Ranjenie Rajoo (4)
Jennifer Sin Hidge

For those who have died recently:

Moyra Antoinette D'Graca
Conchita Masupat Guden
Cecile Maria Felicitas
Leonora Cura
Tony Hunter

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

All the names that were given to the Parish Office have been entered in the Book of Remembrance.

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.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The members of the St Vincent De Paul Society have been remarkably busy during the current year. Since the lockdown was released there has been a significant increase in the help requested. The help provided is close to \$60,000 this year up to end of October. This includes food vouchers, rent assistance, and help with Utility bills and other help.

In the 2021 Christmas assistance we helped approx. 160 families with toys and food hampers. We were able to carry this out with the generous help of the St Kevin's Parish community and the two primary schools, St Kevin's and St Francis De Sales.

This year we have a considerable number of families that require help during Christmas. Therefore, once again we request your generous support by taking a tag from the Christmas tree in the foyer of the church and donating a toy for a needy child.

We plan to make deliveries on the 21 December 2022. Therefore, we would appreciate it if the toys can be received by Sunday 12 December 2022.

Thank You,

Sumith Olagama, President

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

We are starting a parish gardening group. If you are interested, please urgently call Denise on 0420 200 266.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ASSISTING REFUGEE STUDENTS

MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for 4 school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. A Training Day for new volunteers with emphasis on Child Safeguarding will take place prior to commencement in 2023.

Email: somml@bigpond.com (preferred for contact) Tel: 9326 1895



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Call YTU for more information 03 9890 3771

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A

FIRST READING – Isaiah 2: 1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come

the mountain of the Temple of the Lord

shall tower above the mountains

and be lifted higher than the hills.

All the nations will stream to it,

peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,

to the Temple of the God of Jacob

that he may teach us his ways

so that we may walk in his paths;

since the Law will go out from Zion,

and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.’

He will wield authority over the nations

and adjudicate between many peoples;

these will hammer their swords into ploughshares,
their spears into sickles.

Nation will not lift sword against nation,

there will be no more training for war.

O House of Jacob, come,

let us walk in the light of the Lord.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 121: 1-2, 4-5, 6-9

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when I heard them say:

Let us go to God’s house.

And now our feet are standing

within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**

It is there that the tribes go up,

the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel’s law it is,

there to praise the Lord’s name.

There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. **R.**

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:

Peace be to your homes!

May peace reign in your walls,

in your palaces, peace! **R.**

For love of my brethren and friends

I say: ‘Peace upon you!’

For love of the house of the Lord

I will ask for your good. **R.**

SECOND READING – Romans 13: 11-14

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

You know ‘the time’ has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon - let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

■ The word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,

and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL – Matthew 24: 37-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘As it was in Noah’s day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

‘So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

Let’s Reflect.....

“Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.” Matthew 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and you begin to see God’s active presence in your life. You grow in gratitude, each day, for all that we have been given.