

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



3rd & 4th December 2022

PARISH CENTRE

120 Hallam Road,
Hampton Park, Vic. 3976
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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
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: 5.00pm & 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.

Advent

Marantha – Come, O 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.

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

The message of the Promised One is a message of peace, mercy, and justice for all.

PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2022

Day	Event/Celebration	Time
Sunday 11 th December	Mass St Kevin's Carols	6.00 pm 6.45 pm
Friday 16 th December	Pre-Christmas Communal Reconciliation	7.00pm
Sunday 18 th December	Children's Christmas Party	3pm - 5.30pm
Saturday 24 th December Christmas Eve	Mass Christmas Vigil Mass Christmas Family Mass Carols followed by Mass	9.15am 5.00pm 7.00pm 11.30pm
Sunday 25 th December Christmas Day	Christmas Mass Christmas Mass NO EVENING MASS	9.00am 11.00am



ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

10th & 11th December 2022

READERS

5.00pm Saturday

Bernadette, Diahann, Adelle

7.00pm Saturday

Abey, Anacletus, Sunita

9.00am Sunday

Alexah, Anita, Michael

11.00am Sunday

Cassie, Pam D., Annabelle

6.00pm Sunday

Ryan, Kharece, Rohan

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm Saturday

Indira, Shayana, Tessy

7.00pm Saturday

Benita, Gerard, Gilda

9.00am Sunday

Chloe, Fatima, Florence, Josephine

11.00am Sunday

Mary, Pam G., Philomena

6.00pm Sunday

Anne, Jude, Sumith

CHURCH CLEANERS

Team 6 – Tyrone & Tyronie Fernando, Emeli & husband

COUNTERS

Team 3 – Ben & Jocelyn Rosemond, Sumith & Samantha Olagama, Ransiri Fernando



LAST WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

Envelopes: \$2247.55

Unpledged: \$656.60

Presbytery: \$1577.30

IN OUR PARISH

5 th December	Monday	9.15am Mass
6 th December	Tuesday	9.15am Mass
7 th December	Wednesday	7.00pm Mass followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
8 th December	Thursday	9.15am Mass
9 th December	Friday	9.15am Mass
10 th December	Saturday	9.15am Mass 5.00pm Mass 7.00pm Mass
11 th December	Sunday	9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass 6.45pm Carols

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

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP

The senior youth group will be meeting on Friday 9th December at 7:30pm in the hall. Youth aged 18 and above are welcome.

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!

PARISH GARDENING GROUP - Call for volunteers:

If you enjoy gardening or would like to learn about gardening, we want to hear from you. We want to get the church gardens cleaned up in time for Christmas and then we'll plan regular gardening sessions in 2023. If you're interested, please contact Denise on 0420 200 266 for more information

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

In Thanksgiving:

Francis Family
Sean Scharenguivel
Cindy & Dexter Dubier
Grenville & Monica Scurville & family
Brandon Scurville
Grace Pena

For the sick:

Jennifer Sin Hidge (2)
Veronica Hanekom

For those who have died recently:

Joseph Lovelyn Vanspall
Gino Poilly
Raymond Thompson

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Oswald Francis, Corrina Lyonette
Maurice Dubier, Lenora Hessing
Catherine Ishikawa, Neville Lynch
Herman D'Souza
All deceased members of the D'Souza Family
Michael Hessing

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.

Let's Reflect.....

"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."
Matthew 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Jesus? Do you spend time in prayer or do you waste it with mindless activity? Do you use your talent to help others or are you too busy? Do you use your treasure to support the Church or do you buy more things that go unused. Our time, talent and treasure are gifts from God. What we do with these gifts is our gift back to Him. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?



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



SCAN ME

Christmas Party for kids

The Social Group invites you to St Kevin's Christmas Party, which, this year, includes high school children too. To get an estimate of numbers on the day please fill in the following form which can be accessed via this link below or the QR code.

<https://forms.gle/KYB6qttrkbspfJH6>

When: Sunday 18 December

Where: St Kevin's Hall

Time: 3.00pm to 5.30pm

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A

FIRST READING – Isaiah 11: 1-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse,
a scion thrusts from his roots;
on him the spirit of the Lord rests,
a spirit of wisdom and insight,
a spirit of counsel and power,
a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.
(The fear of the Lord is his breath).
He does not judge by appearances,
he gives no verdict on hearsay,
but judges the wretched with integrity,
and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land.
His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless;
his sentences bring death to the wicked.
Integrity is the loincloth round his waist,
faithfulness the belt about his hips.
The wolf lives with the lamb,
the panther lies down with the kid,
calf and lion cub feed together
with a little boy to lead them.
The cow and the bear make friends,
their young lie down together.
The lion eats straw like the ox.
The infant plays over the cobra's hole;
into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand.
They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain,
for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters swell the sea.
That day, the root of Jesse
shall stand as a signal to the peoples.
It will be sought out by the nations
and its home will be glorious.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 71: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

**R. Justice shall flourish in his time,
and fullness of peace for ever.**

O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. **R.**

In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.

He shall rule from sea to sea

From the Great River to earth's bounds. **R.**

For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.

He will have pity on the weak

And save the lives of the poor. **R.**

May his name be blessed for ever
and endure like the sun.

Every tribe shall be blessed in him,
all nations bless his name. **R.**

SECOND READING – Romans 15: 4-9

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

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

■ The word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL – Matthew 3: 1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand." This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said, "A voice cries in the wilderness; Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight."

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, "Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our Father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.