

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



17th & 18th 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!

From Archbishop Peter Comensoli's Christmas Message:

Friends, I recently heard an Advent prayer that has a striking line in it, describing Jesus' birth. It said:

[Jesus], when the soles of your feet touch the ground,
... you become one of us, to be at one with us.

The image of God's bare feet touching the earth is such an evocative one.

Especially at this time of year, we know only too well what it feels like to do the 'great Aussie dance' across a hot beach or prickly lawn! But of course, this image is far more than a physical reminder.

For Christmas is the divinity of God born into our humanity.

The Son of God is walking through the streets of Ukraine and Myanmar, Ethiopia and Lebanon, with feet bloodied from war, conflict and repression, yet still taking the steps needed towards peace and liberation.

So I wonder if, this Christmas and for the year ahead, it is time to remove the 'shoes' that keep us from standing barefoot with Jesus—to feel the sacred ground of our lives with God?

Might we come before him 'barefoot' in our frailties, yet alive in the wonder of our humanity—made in his image—ready and willing to live as the people of God he has created us to be—fraternally, lovingly, caringly; generous, forgiving and hopeful.

May Jesus, the barefooted child of the living God, fill you and your loved ones with abundant joy and peace. Happy Christmas!

PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2022

Day	Event/Celebration	Time
Sunday 18th December	Children's Christmas Party	3pm - 5.30pm
Saturday 24th December	Mass Christmas Vigil Mass Christmas Family Mass	9.15am 5.00pm 7.00pm
Christmas Eve	Carols followed by Mass	11.30pm
Sunday 25th December Christmas Day	Christmas Mass Christmas Mass NO EVENING MASS	9.00am 11.00am

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

24th & 25th December 2022

READERS

5.00pm Saturday

Marlene, Carlton, Aurelle

7.00pm Saturday

Macrina, Indra, Kimberley

Midnight Mass

Anacletus, Jessica, Diahann

9.00am Sunday

Jess, Maria, Patricia

11.00am Sunday

Zen, Annabelle, Cassie

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm Saturday

Candice, Primrose, Shayana

7.00pm Saturday

Nichola Priya, Ryan

Midnight Mass

Indra, Greg, Fatima, Candice, Carlton, Michelle

9.00am Sunday

Aloysius, Anita, Nadine, Noreen

11.00am Sunday

Mary, Pam D., Philomena, Sherine

CHURCH CLEANERS

COUNTERS

Team 1 – Anne Joyce, Michael Palma, Lyn

Tharle, Anna Paris, Nadine Stone, Tyronie

Fernando



LAST WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

Envelopes: \$2773.50

Unidentified/blank envelopes: \$171.05

Unpledged: \$1439.95

Presbytery: \$2130.45

IN OUR PARISH

19 th December	Monday	9.15am Mass
20 th December	Tuesday	9.15am Mass
21 st December	Wednesday	7.00pm Mass followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
22 nd December	Thursday	9.15am Mass
23 rd December	Friday	9.15am Mass
24 th December Christmas Eve	Saturday	9.15am Mass 5.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass 7.00pm Christmas Family Mass 11.30pm Carols followed by Mass
25 th December Christmas Day	Sunday	9.00am Christmas Mass 11.00am Christmas Mass NO EVENING MASS

Grateful Acknowledgement –

St. Kevin's can be grateful to Ryan Martin for seeing through the project of sourcing, negotiating, liaising, and, ultimately, the installation of two new projectors for the church. Thank you, Ryan, for your good work!

Pam Giaquinta – Our sincere thanks!

After nine years serving as leader of the Flower Ministry Team, Pam, while continuing to be a member of the team, passes the leadership to Patricia Cupidon and Nicole Gnany. Patricia and Nicole will take up the reins in the New Year. Pam has demonstrated a persevering commitment regarding the Flower Ministry in St. Kevin's, shouldering the weight of a variety of concerns and expectations. And of particular note, Pam has always shown careful consideration of what might be most fitting and proper for St. Kevin's Church. It is important to acknowledge Enzo, Pam's husband, for his tremendous support and active involvement alongside Pam. Thank you, Pam and Enzo, for the service you have given through the leadership of the flower ministry in St. Kevin's Parish.

Fr. Desmond J. Moloney

YOUTH GROUP

The youth would like to give a big THANK YOU to all those who donated sweets to sell at St. Kevin's Parish Carols. We are also looking for people to make homemade Christmas treats to sell after all Masses on the 17th and 18th to raise funds for World Youth Day. If you can make homemade Christmas treats and donate to the youth to sell, please contact Sheldon on 0430 051 919 Or Jayden on 0434 253 632



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:

Desmond & Bernadette Simmons
Parish Carols Team, April Kourevellis
Rod & Chloe Hall, Sandra D'Souza
Melissa Merandez, Marilou Villanueva-Bartlett
Adela Dionisio, Yolanda De Guzman
Nelía Villavert, Michael Bartlett, Braz family
Georgie & Steve Theodore, Jeffrey Abanto

For the sick:

Jennifer Sin Hidge (4)
Veronica Hanekom (3)
Theresa D'Souza

For those who have died recently:

Nelomie Perera
Raffaella Crispino
Molly Halge

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Joseph & Zita Rogers
Hyacinth & Oscar Weston
Norma Lucy Burby
George Edgar Joseph Burby
Sylvia & Silvesteen Simmons
Coral Adie, Mildred Rodrigues
The souls of the Cabugas Family
The souls of the Resurreccion Family
The souls of the Salas Family
The souls of the Welford Family
The souls of the Jimenez Family
The souls of the Nacua Family
Emilio & Hilda Villanueva, Joyce Hookens

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.



WYD Expression of Interest

Our WYD expression of interest (EOI) form and guidelines for eligible youth interested in attending WYD is now open. If you are a St Kevin's youth, aged between 18 and 35 and would like to attend WYD, please complete the EOI form and ensure you have read and accepted the guidelines by **Friday 30th December**. The form can be found here: <https://stkevins.org.au/?p=4095>



Heart of Life

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Announcing the Damascus Spiritual Leaders Program!

Part-time in Feb-Nov 2023 - either in person or online - through Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. This program is designed for people in various positions of leadership, spiritual formation and parish or outreach ministries. It will equip individuals to lead with integrity, vulnerability and resilience, and will focus on the inner spiritual journey in order to create fully-formed leaders who listen, learn and accompany others with strength and sensitivity. 'Damascus' can be studied as a Graduate Certificate in Divinity through the University of Divinity (Yarra Theological Union/Catholic Theological College), or as an audit student to receive a Certificate in Spiritual Leadership from Heart of Life. Attendance on Monday mornings and some Saturdays. Read more about the program on the Heart of Life website or contact us on (03) 9890 1101. Applications close on 6/1/23.

Join our Heart of Life Team:

Is Social Media Your Thing? Applications are invited for an individual to look after our social media content and assist in sharing news about Heart of Life and its programs. We seek a person who enjoys social media and can help to engage with our community to spark what may begin or continue the 'opening' process of being on earth the heart of God. The role is part-time – approx. one day per week - and is a volunteer role, at least initially. Please apply by 31/12/22 with a view to commencing in Feb 2023.

More information available from info@heartoflife.melbourne, or tel 9890 1101.

NEED TO DISPOSE OF A VEHICLE?

Disposal of a car from a deceased estate, or when a family member has had to relinquish their licence or go into residential care, can be a challenging process - getting a roadworthy, taking photos to advertise on the internet, cleaning and polishing, taking calls (if they come), even garaging it until a prospective buyer turns up (if indeed they do!).

If you need to dispose of a vehicle either from a deceased estate or which is no longer required, please consider gifting it to the "Lifeboat Geelong Foundation", a registered charity with tax deductible status which for nine years has been providing pastoral and practical support to nearly 150 victims / survivors of church-related sexual abuse.

Many of these suffer post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and have limited or no employment. A donated vehicle could vastly improve their quality of life. If you would like to explore the possibility of gifting a potentially suitable vehicle to "Lifeboat", please contact Fr. Kevin Dillon (0421 777 360, or frkdillon@outlook.com.au) or Adam Kaali (0411 486 605, or adam-kaali@hotmail.com).



4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A

FIRST READING – Isaiah 7: 10-14

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No,' Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.' Then Isaiah said:

'Listen now, House of David:
are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men
without trying the patience of my God, too?

The Lord himself, therefore,
will give you a sign.

It is this: the maiden is with child
and will soon give birth to a son
whom she will call Emmanuel,
a name which means "God-is-with-us".'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 23: 1-6

R. Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. **R.**

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The Man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. **R.**

He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R**

SECOND READING – Paul 1: 1-7

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

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God, who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints,

may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

■ **The word of the Lord**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

A virgin will give birth to a son;
his name will be Emmanuel: God-is-with-us.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL – Matthew 1: 18-24

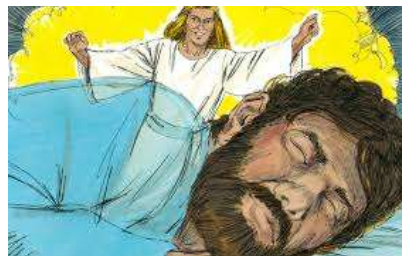
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, and said 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son
and they will call him Emmanuel,
a name which means 'God-is-with-us'.

When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**



Let's Reflect.....

"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home."

MATTHEW 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.