

## SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD - YEAR A

### FIRST READING – Numbers 6: 22-27

#### A reading from the book of Numbers

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Say this to Aaron and his sons: "This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them:

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord let his face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.

May the Lord uncover his face and bring you  
peace."

This is how they are to call down my name on the  
sons of Israel, and I will bless them.'

#### ■ The word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 66: 2-3, 5, 6, 8.

#### R. May God bless us in his mercy.

God, be gracious and bless us  
and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth  
and all nations learn your saving help. **R.**

Let the nations be glad and exult  
for your rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples,  
you guide the nations on earth. **R.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing  
till the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

### SECOND READING – Galatians 4: 4-7

#### A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Galatians

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father', and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave anymore; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

#### ■ The word of the Lord

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

#### Alleluia, alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;

now he speaks to us through his Son.

#### Alleluia!

### GOSPEL – Luke 2: 16-21

#### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as she had been told.

When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

#### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

#### *Let's Reflect.....*

*"And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." LUKE 2:19*

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. She heard God's message, and immediately said "yes." Mary teaches us to live with joy and gratitude for the many blessings God has given us. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world. We do this through lives of gratitude and generosity.



**ST. KEVIN'S PARISH  
HAMPTON PARK**  
**SOLEMNITY OF MARY,  
THE HOLY MOTHER OF  
GOD (YEAR A)**



**31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 & 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023**

**PARISH CENTRE**  
120 Hallam Road,  
Hampton Park, Vic. 3976  
Tel: 9799 2108  
Email: [HamptonPark@cam.org.au](mailto:HamptonPark@cam.org.au)

**OFFICE HOURS**  
Monday to Friday (9.30am – 4:00pm)

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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

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**Parish Website**

<https://stkevins.org.au>

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

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**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**

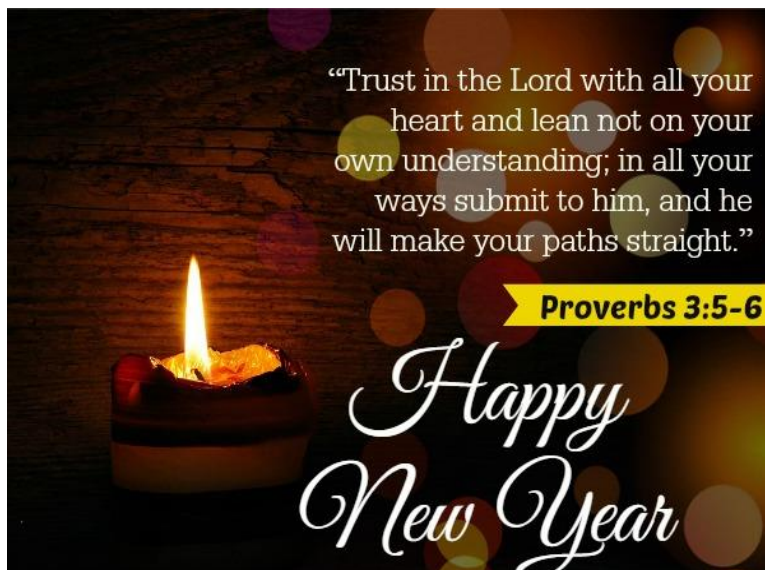
On Saturday mornings after Mass till 10:30am

**BAPTISMS**

The next preparation meeting for the new year  
will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



**About Today's Solemnity**

Today, the Church celebrates Mary as the Mother of God. She is called *Theotokos* ("God-bearer"), for "God sent his Son, born of a woman" (Gal 4:4). Because Mary found favour with God, his Son took the flesh of Mary—it is thanks to her that Jesus is *fully* human, with flesh like ours, except for sin, and also fully divine.

Mary keeps everything, reflecting in her heart. What must it be like to be Mary, witnessing this incredible unfolding of God's Plan? We see in Mary a model of contemplation. She saw God's presence in her life, and she responded by meditating on it, giving it her focus and attention. Of course, God was acting in her life in a way that was completely different, completely new. But God also acts in each of our lives, in a way that is unique, our own call to holiness. Spend a few minutes in silence, looking at your day and finding God's presence there.

*(from Sourcebook)*

**Memorare:** Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you do I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.

## ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023

### READERS

#### 5.00pm Saturday

Tessy, Amelia, Anil J

#### 7.00pm Saturday

Ryan, Sunita, Abey

#### 9.00am Sunday

Anita, Emeli, Fatima

#### 11.00am Sunday

Annabelle, Anton, Zen

#### 6.00pm Sunday

Kharece, Rohan, Clarissa

### EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS

#### 5.00pm Saturday

Candice, Marlene, Nancy

#### 7.00pm Saturday

Anacletus, Benita, Christabelle

#### 9.00am Sunday

Lana, Maria, Michael, Monique

#### 11.00am Sunday

Mary, Pam D., Philomena, Sherine

#### 6.00pm Sunday

George, Mirtza, Ryan

### CHURCH CLEANERS

**Team 2** – Russel de la Motte, Samangi

Chandrasekera, Jerome Pereira, Joelle Felix

### COUNTERS

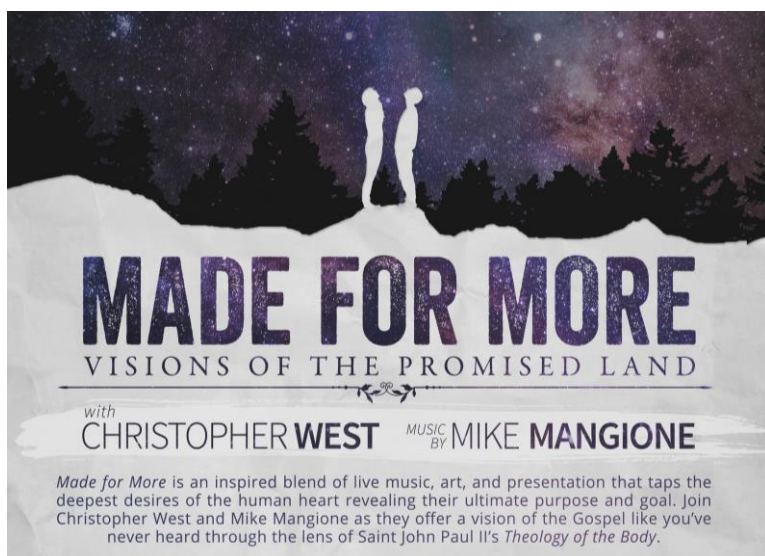
**Team 3** – Ben & Jocelyn Rosemond, Sumith &

Samantha Olagama, Ransiri Fernando



## IN OUR PARISH

2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Monday	9.15am Mass
3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Tuesday	9.15am Mass
4 <sup>th</sup> January	Wednesday	7.00pm Mass followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
5 <sup>th</sup> January	Thursday	9.15am Mass
6 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday	9.15am Mass 7.00pm Mass followed by Devotions to the Sacred Heart
7 <sup>th</sup> January	Saturday	9.15am Mass 5.00pm Mass 7.00pm Mass
8 <sup>th</sup> January	Sunday	9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass



**Made for More: Visions of the Promised Land** creatively blends live music, media and sacred art for an evening of beauty and reflection on the meaning of life, love and human destiny. Join Christopher West and team as they offer a vision of the Gospel through the lens of St John Paul II's *Theology of the Body*.

Choose from:

**Tuesday 24 January 2023, St Francis of Assisi Parish Hall, 290 Childs Rd, Mill Park**

**Wednesday 25 January 2023, St Mary's Community Centre, 26 New Street, Dandenong**

Schedule:

**6pm - food for purchase, 7pm start, 9.30pm finish**

Open to all. All children under 18 years must be supervised by an adult.

Tickets: \$25 general, \$10 concession/student, free for children 10 and under.

Register: [www.trybooking.com/CETXQ](http://www.trybooking.com/CETXQ)



## THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

### *In Thanksgiving:*

Winston & Angeline D'Silva & family  
Aaron & Alana and Peters family,  
Bernise Peters,  
Cyril & Mary Saldanha,  
Robert & Monica Scurville

### *Recently Deceased:*

Vincent

### *For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:*

Josiane Rughoo  
Lindsay Rughoo  
Coral Adie  
Charles Anderson  
Alroy Anderson  
Maurice and Norma Michael  
Saramma Ambrose

### *For the sick:*

## 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.

### *Pray the Parish Daily Rosary on Zoom at 6pm Join Zoom Meeting:*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84932957224>

Meeting ID: 849 3295 7224  
(Zoom link is also on the Parish website)

## St Vincent De Paul Society Christmas Appeal

The members of the St Vincent De Paul society would like to thank the St Kevin's Hampton Park church community for the generous support in providing many toys to be distributed during Christmas.

We would also like to thank the Students and Teachers of St Kevin's Primary School Hampton Park and St Francis De Sales' Primary School Lynbrook for food and toys to be distributed during Christmas.

Due to your generous donations, we were able provide toys and food hampers for 150 families in our community. Most of these children would have had no toys for Christmas if not for your generous support.

The members of the Society conducted a mighty effort in packing and handing over the toys and hampers. All the packing was done on the 20<sup>th</sup> December in the parish hall. All the toys and hampers were handed over to all the families on the 21<sup>st</sup> December at the parish hall.

This year similar to other years the members and some members of their families gave up a significant amount of time and energy over two days to conduct this activity.

A very big thank you to all who helped. We also had to make some deliveries to people who were unable to come to the parish hall to pick up the toys and the hampers.

Sumith Olagama

President

St Vincent De Paul Society Hampton Park

## **"Generous Support"**

## **Generosity – Thoughtfulness – Kindness – Faithfulness**

Sincere gratitude is paid to parishioners for all that was brought to St. Kevin's celebration of Christmas Masses – the service that was given as well as the cards and gifts to Deacon Graeme, Fr. Anil and Fr. Desmond.

The service was seen in a whole variety of ministries: Music ministers (choirs), Readers, Communion ministers, Altar servers, Sacristans, Flowers-environmental ministers. The ministries contributed to a lively, faith-filled spirit.

*Fr. Desmond and Fr. Anil*

## **ST KEVIN'S YOUTH**

St. Kevin's youth would like to thank everyone who donated Christmas sweets for the youth to sell and raise funds for World Youth Day.

### ***Journeying Together with Sr. Nathalie Becquart XMCJ***

Date: Tuesday 31 January 2023 10am-12midday

Where: Catholic Leadership Centre, 576 Victoria Pde, East Melbourne

Free event: Registration is essential via

<https://www.trybooking.com/CFARB>

Registration closes Friday 27 January 2023

Enquiries: [proclaim@cam.org.au](mailto:proclaim@cam.org.au) or 9926 5761