

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)**



31st December 2022 & 1st January 2023

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

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Please refer to the Parish Calendar on page 2.

RECONCILIATION

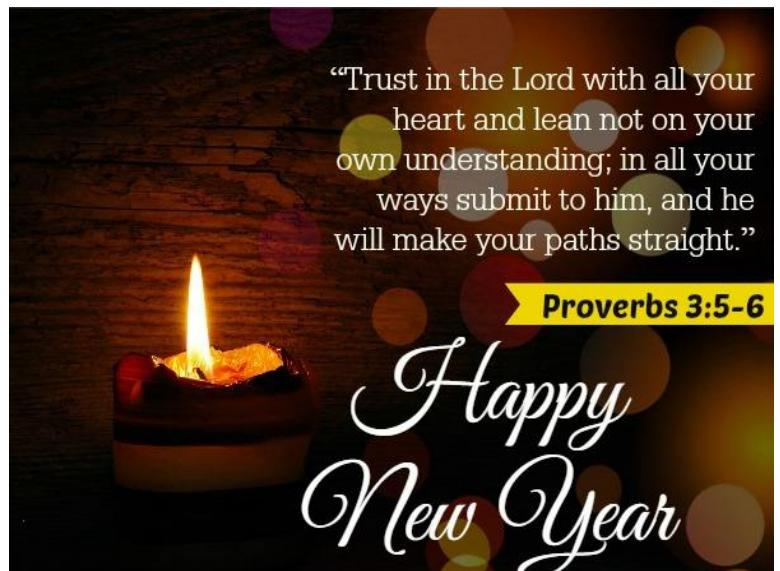
On Saturday mornings after Mass till 10:30am

BAPTISMS

The next preparation meeting for the new year will be on the 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.



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

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

MADE FOR MORE
VISIONS OF THE PROMISED LAND

with
CHRISTOPHER WEST MUSIC BY MIKE MANGIONE

Made for More is an inspired blend of live music, art, and presentation that taps the deepest desires of the human heart revealing their ultimate purpose and goal. Join Christopher West and Mike Mangione as they offer a vision of the Gospel like you've never heard through the lens of Saint John Paul II's *Theology of the Body*.

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

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 to 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 20th December in the parish hall. All the toys and hampers were handed over to all the families on the 21st 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 or 9926 5761