

**ST. KEVIN'S PARISH
HAMPTON PARK
THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
(YEAR A)**



28th & 29th January 2023

PARISH CENTRE

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday (9.30am – 4:00pm)

PARISH PRIEST : Rev. Fr. Desmond Moloney
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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:

Saturday: 5.00pm, 7.00pm

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

Weekday Masses at 9.15am

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

Wednesday : 7:00pm followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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** at 7.15 pm in Church.

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

In Thanksgiving: Aloysius and Charistina, Heldt Family, Ria Aragoza, Gabriel and Jachintha Gomes, Rodrigo Family, Kimberly Vydyanathan, Elizabeth Anne Sarmiento Arvin Bordon, Janro Bordon, Ria Aragoza

For the sick: Vaea Semi Leota (4), Levao Mareko Luti (4), Cirvilio D'Mello (3), Joel Braganza (3)

For those who have died recently:

Tere Mata de Zacarias

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Vernon Francis, Anacleto & Natalina D'Mello, Dinizio & Lena D'Souza, Ida Lobo, Walton Narcis, Star Family Romeo and Lucila Bordon, Jhen Bordon, Ma. Catherine Estorga

Parish Catechism Classes

Religious Education classes are starting on Wednesday 1st March, at 4 p.m. for children attending non-Catholic schools, from Grades 2 to 6. Children are required to be in the church foyer at the latest 3.50 p.m. New and re-enrolments will be accepted until Friday 17th February. Please contact the parish office for enrolment forms. A copy of the child's baptism certificate needs to be produced for NEW ENROLMENTS and fees (in cash) are charged for the various classes. All information can be obtained at the parish office.

S.K.Y St. Valentine's dance

St. Kevin's youth is putting on a Valentine's dance to raise funds to send the youth to World Youth Day.

When: Saturday February 11th, 7pm

Where: St. Jude's hall, Scoresby

Tickets: \$35 adults, \$20 children 5 to 12, under 5 free (no seat)
Tickets are on sale in the foyer after all weekend Masses.

S.K.Y St. Valentine's dance sponsors

If there are any businesses that would like to help the youth of St. Kevin's in our fundraising for World Youth Day by sponsoring the dance, please contact Sheldon for more details on 0430 051 919.

WORLD YOUTH DAY - follow up...

Thank you to everyone who filled out the EOI. We have 39 youth from St. Kevin's who have expressed their interest to attend WYD. We have now created a groupchat for the WYD communication. We will have the first meeting on Sunday, the 29th January at 7.30 pm in the Church foyer to discuss the WYD plans.

For those who missed the deadline and would like to be a part of the World Youth Day, we have decided to keep the EOI open. Please check the website for the link or contact the youth leaders.

New Thanksgiving Envelopes

Please collect your new Thanksgiving Envelopes which are in the Church foyer. Please do not use any of the old envelopes or numbers.

LAST WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

Envelopes : \$2654.00
Unidentified envelopes: \$70.10
Unpledged : \$1384.75
Presbytery : \$2185.80



THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

FIRST READING – Zephaniah 2: 3; 3: 12-13 A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

Seek the Lord
all you, the humble of the earth,
who obey his commands.
Seek integrity, seek humility:
you may perhaps find shelter
on the day of the anger of the Lord.
In your midst I will leave
a humble and lowly people,
and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the
name of the Lord.
They will do no wrong,
will tell no lies;
and the perjured tongue will no longer
be found in their mouths.
But they will be able to graze and rest
with no one to disturb them.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 145: 7-10

**R. Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!**

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. **R.**

It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 1: 26-31 A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to

boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

■ The word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad:
your reward will be great in heaven.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL – Matthew 5: 1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

‘How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown to them.
Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.’

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



Let's Reflect.....

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” MATTHEW 5:3

The phrase “poor in spirit” can be confusing. Think of it in this sense – poor in spirit means depending on God's providence and not depending on our own self-reliance. Being detached from earthly things (power, money, and comfort) and being attached to heavenly things (charity, sacrifice, and mercy). Denying ourselves from satisfying our desires and helping others obtain their basic needs.