

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



18th & 19th February 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

Mrs. Anne Abela

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

Celebrated on the first and last Sunday of the month.

Prior to the Baptism, parents are asked to attend a meeting which is held every first Thursday of the month at 7:15pm in the Church and must bring a copy of their **own baptism certificate**. The next meeting will be on the 2nd of March. There will be no meeting in April.

WEDDINGS

Please give, if possible, 12 months notification prior to a wedding at our Church. Please call or email the Parish Office.

Small Groups in Lent opportunity

The Beginning of LENT: This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. St. Kevin's Parish offers the opportunity for parishioners to participate in a Lenten Programme for 2023. The idea is for groups to meet, possibly in homes, once a week starting from Monday 6th March. With the help of the Lenten Programme, which comes with audio files that include some hymns that are recorded to play alongside the readings, groups can focus on each Sunday in Lent. If interested, please indicate on the large sheets in the foyer your available days and blocks of time during the week. Please talk to Warren if you would like to have the audio files for the group.

PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY



Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations**. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2023

reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come.

As St Pope John Paul II said, **"The future starts today, not tomorrow."**

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

Bishop Robert Rabbat's Syrian Earthquake Appeal

The Melkite Catholic Eparchy have asked to share with you, Bishop Robert Rabbat's Syrian Earthquake Appeal. For those who would like to donate, contributions can be made by donating to: MCF DGR Account Ref: Syrian Appeal BSB 062784 Account: 100011493

Donations are tax deductible and for a receipt please email :

mcf@melkite.org.au or contact 02 9750 5514 for more information.

Your thoughts and prayers are requested for all who are impacted by the devastating earthquake, as well as the volunteers and emergency workers assisting them in their needs at this challenging time.



Pastoral Care Appeal 2023

Last Sunday, we conducted the annual Pastoral Care Appeal in our parish. Thank you to those who have supported this Appeal. If you still wish to donate or if you would like information about the Chaplaincy Services, please visit www.catholiccare.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

25th & 26th February 2023

READERS

5.00pm Saturday

Aurelle, Diahann, Bernadette

7.00pm Saturday

Macrina, Christobelle, Paulita

9.00am Sunday

Warren, Anita, Alexah

11.00am Sunday

Pam D., Anton, Cassie

6.00pm Sunday

Jude, Rohan, Ryan

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm Saturday

Candice, Carlton, Tessy

7.00pm Saturday

Michelle, Nichola, Priya

9.00am Sunday

Aloysius, Monique, Nadine, Noreen

11.00am Sunday

Annabelle, Mary, Pam G., Philomena

6.00pm Sunday

George, Mirtza, Sumith

CHURCH CLEANERS

Team 3 – Jeneview Weerasinghe, Khuram

Jawad, Marina Tauti, Maria Palma

COUNTERS

Team 5 – Lorna & Mervyn Britto, Anita &

Howard Fernandez, Jennifer Ross, Cheryl

Magee



LAST WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

Envelopes : \$2793.50

Unpledged : \$1074.05

Presbytery : \$1996.80

IN OUR PARISH

20 th February	Monday	9.15am Mass
21 st February	Tuesday	9.15am Mass
22 nd February	Ash Wednesday	9.15am Mass 7.00pm Mass followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
23 rd February	Thursday	9.15am Mass
24 th February	Friday	9.15am Mass followed by Stations of the Cross (parishioner-led) 7.00 pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass
25 th February	Saturday	9.15am Mass 5.00pm Mass 7.00pm Mass
26 th February	Sunday	9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

Carpark Etiquette

St. Kevin's School kindly asks parishioners to respect the placement of the flags and bollards in the carpark and not move the bollards or cut the flag ropes. These fixtures are placed strategically and purposely to restrict parishioners and school parents from crossing over parking spaces and inhibiting the flow of traffic. If everyone follows the paths of travel as directed by the arrows, all carpark users can exit the carpark in a safe and efficient manner. We are deeply appreciative of your cooperation in this matter.

Jason Micallef

(Principal of St. Kevin's Primary School)

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.

Monique Cavalot

New Thanksgiving Envelopes

If you haven't received your envelopes could you please call the Parish Office (9799 2108) which is open from 9.30am to 4.00pm, Monday to Friday.

Please do not use any of the old (green) envelopes or numbers. Please also do not write in any numbers on the old envelopes as the numbers have all changed and you won't be identified correctly.

WORLD YOUTH DAY - follow up...

Thank you to everyone who filled out the EOI. We have 42 youth from St. Kevin's who have expressed their interest to attend WYD. We have created a groupchat for the WYD communication. We have started to register the participants with the Archdiocese.

For those who missed the deadline and would like to be a part of the World Youth Day, please contact one of the priests or the youth leaders.

Fr. Anil Mascarenhas

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

In Thanksgiving:

Edna Rose Sarmiento
Eric Villanueva
Randolph Bordon Jr.
Elizabeth Newnes
Shehan Senanayake
Michelle, Eric, Micaela, Baby Elaina & Family
Pearl, Ronald & Rocky Holmes
Lorraine Frederick

For the sick:

Pauline Flynn (2)
Mary Starr
Olga Lloyd

For those who have died recently:

George Bevan
Leslie Lodrick
Ho Yuit Sien

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Desmond Joseph Hookens
Patsy Rosario
Virginia & Cyril Rosario
Maud Ena Michael
Norma & Maurice Michael
Avinash Fernandez
Herman & Sylvia D'Souza
Mr & Mrs Clarke
Anacleto & Natalina D'Mello
Joe D'Mello
Mercia Pereira
Rodelio & Teresita Alzona

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.

DANDENONG DEANERY COUNCIL

LISTENING TO THE VOICES THAT ECHO Joy in Our Lives

DATE: 22nd March 2023

VENUE: St John's Regional College,
Graduate's Restaurant
Caroline Street, Dandenong

COST: \$45 per head (**Price increase**)

3 course meal Wine & Beer.

Guest Speaker: Fr Brian Collins

RSVP:

To Book: Phone Paddy 0422 296 961 email Dandenongdeanery@live.com.au

New start time: 5.30pm for 5.45pm



Keeping our Chur400ch clean

Volunteers are requested to form a team of approx. 3-4 members (Can be family members/friends) who can spare **two** hours on a **Saturday morning 10 am to 12 pm** once every **6 weeks** to help with the interior cleaning of the church. Please contact the Parish Office (9791 2108) or speak to Anne Van der Straaten or Brian D'Souza.

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WYD Fundraising Dance: THANK YOU ...

Dear friends, the youth of St. Kevin's would like to thank the parish community and everyone involved with the successful running of the St. Kevin's World Youth Day Fundraiser Dance that was held on the 11th of February at St. Kevin's hall.

This was a dance that was for the youth and organised by the youth. It couldn't have been done without all the help and support from our parish families. God Bless you all.

Fr. Anil Mascarenhas



THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

FIRST READING – Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18

A reading from the book of Leviticus.

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy."

"You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 102: 1-4, 8-10, 12-13.

The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **R.**

SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 3: 16-23

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it; if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are; or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there

So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

■ **The word of the Lord**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Whoever keeps the word of Christ,
grows perfect in the love of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL – Matthew 5: 38-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord**



Let's Reflect.....

"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..."MATTHEW 5:44

Love your enemies, easier said than done. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from "me" and moves it towards God and others. It changes my heart and actions, allowing for a little more empathy for "my enemy." When we pray for others, even our enemies, it may soften their hearts as well.