

**ST. KEVIN'S PARISH
HAMPTON PARK
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF
LENT
(YEAR A)**



11th & 12th March 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: 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.

More Appointments by the Archbishop

Last week, St. Kevin's received the news of Fr. Anil's appointment as Assistant Director of Vocations in the Archdiocese of Melbourne while he continues as Assistant Priest at St. Kevin's. There is news this week of additional appointments made by the Archbishop.

Clergy Life & Ministry (Ongoing Formation) – Rev Desmond Moloney PP

The Archbishop has appointed **Rev Desmond Moloney PP** as a member of the Clergy Life and Ministry Office responsible for ongoing formation. This appointment will take effect on 19 April 2023 and will be in addition to his new appointment (as from 31 May 2023) as Parish Priest of Ascot Vale Parish.

This is an official communication that spells out I have received an appointment as coordinator of Ongoing Formation of Clergy, which has led to my appointment as Parish Priest of St. Mary's Parish, Ascot Vale. My role connected to the ongoing formation of clergy will begin on the 19th April. Therefore, the 19th April will be my departure day from St. Kevin's Parish. As shown above, I will begin as Parish Priest of Ascot Vale on the 31st May.

I appreciate this may come as something of a 'bombshell' for parishioners here, and so time is probably needed to process developments such as these. For me, the Archbishop's call came unexpectedly since I saw myself continuing as your Parish Priest for some time to come. I am reminded that in the spirit of surrender and trust in God that surprises tend to come our way. A Jesuit priest, Gerard Hughes, gives this message with his book entitled, "God of Surprises". There will be more to be said in the time remaining as we are able to reflect in light of such surprising and unexpected twists and turns. This is a time for prayer, adding to our prayer in this Lenten season, praying for what God would want in the outcome of a new Parish Priest for St. Kevin's Parish.

Fr. Desmond J. Moloney

Fiat – A Weekend of Prayer in the Archdiocese of Melbourne

(The *fiat* of Our Lady is her total 'yes'.)

Hour of Prayer – 8.00pm to 9.00pm

The Archbishop calls on us to reflect on what Mary's example means for us as individuals, as local communities of grace, and as the local Church in Melbourne.

On Saturday, 25th March, there will be in St. Kevin's Church **an hour of prayer from 8.00pm to 9.00pm** in response to the call made by the Archbishop. The hour will take place after the 7.00pm Mass. All are welcome to come and join in this hour of prayer.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

18th & 19th March 2023

READERS

5.00pm Saturday

Shayana, Primrose, Nancy

7.00pm Saturday

Abey, Kimberley, Nichola

9.00am Sunday

Patricia, Alexah, Warren

11.00am Sunday

Pam G., Pam D., Zen

6.00pm Sunday

Kharece, Ryan, Lleyton

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm Saturday

Candice, Carlton, Indira

7.00pm Saturday

Christobelle, Gerard, Gilda

9.00am Sunday

Florence, Michael, Monique, Nadine

11.00am Sunday

Annabelle, Mary, Philomena, Sherine

6.00pm Sunday

George, Mirtza, Rohan.

CHURCH CLEANERS

Team 1 – Vasanthi Cooray, Antonio

Macasinag, Eileen Fernando, Prasad Fernando

COUNTERS

Team 3 – Sumith & Samantha Olagama,

Ransiri Fernando



LAST WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

Envelopes : \$2205.70

Unidentified envelopes: \$60.00

Unpledged : \$1610.55

Presbytery : \$1926.40



The Hospitality of St. Kevin's Church

Parishioners of St. Kevin's show hospitality in a variety of ways.

One important way is in the care given to St. Kevin's Church by keeping it clean and in good order. Last Sunday, several parishioners have indicated their willingness to engage themselves in this form of hospitality and service.

IN OUR PARISH

13 th March	Monday	9.15am Mass
14 th March	Tuesday	9.15am Mass
15 th March	Wednesday	7.00pm Mass followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
16 th March	Thursday	9.15am Mass
17 th March	Friday	9.15am Mass followed by Stations of the Cross (parishioner-led) 7.00 pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass
18 th March	Saturday	9.15am Mass 5.00pm Mass 7.00pm Mass
19 th March	Sunday	9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL – Call for nominations

You are invited to utilize the Nomination Form in order to nominate for the Faith Cluster on the PPC. The person(s) being nominated must sign the form. The forms can be returned to the Parish Office by 13th March.

FAITH CLUSTER <i>Telesia Mulitalo (Leaving PPC)</i>	We (below)
	nominate _____ Signed
	(nominee)

	Nominated by
	1) _____
	2) _____

Archbishop to deliver 2023 Patrick Oration – Friday 17 March 2023

Four years ago, Archbishop Comensoli delivered the first Patrick Oration, in which he put forward a guiding framework for how we might live and grow as people of faith in our Melbourne reality. Please be encouraged to join us online on St Patrick's Day as the Archbishop delivers his annual Patrick Oration from the Catholic Leadership Centre in East Melbourne. Commencing at 7.30 pm you can view the Oration live through Community TV Channel C31 or via the Archdiocesan YouTube Channel - www.youtube.com/archmelb

Good Friday Passion Play

St Kevin's Youth will be organising the Passion Play on Good Friday again this year. The first practice will be held on Sunday March 12th after 11 am Mass, in the school hall. All youth and children aged 10-35 are welcome, but parents/guardians must sign children less than 18 years of age in and out of every practice.

WYD fundraiser BBQ

The youth of St. Kevin's would like to thank all those who supported the World Youth Day fundraiser BBQ last weekend, by helping to organise the BBQ and thank you to all those who supported to raise funds. We are one step closer to our pilgrimage in Lisbon, Portugal.

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

In Thanksgiving:

Ryan Martin
Anna Maria Paris
Emilyn & Victor Rebojo & Family
Grace Pena
Leonard Fernandes
Trudy DeSouza, Blessica Scurville
Grenville & Monica Scurville & family
Florence Millicent Shanmugaratnam
Cyprian and Stella Mascarenhas

For the sick:

Mary Starr (4)
Olga Lloyd (4)
Rudy Hobkirk (3)
Herbert Claracay

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Joseph Crasto
Kenneth, Philomena & Everard Paris
Bertha Adie
Margaret White, Alicia Malaque
Diosdado Malaque, Juliana Rebojo
Timothy & Sylvia Lobo, M. George
Juntez Family, Schafer Family
Jozica Kastelic, Fani Drnovsek
Frank Koncina, Stella Collins
Perfecta Abellana, Natalia Cañeba
Lucette Brabant, Concy Peiris

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.

Let's Reflect.....

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again." John 4:13

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us over the long run. When we build our lives around material possessions we will always want more, and no amount will ever satisfy our desire. True joy and peace only come when we follow Jesus - when we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered."

PROJECT COMPASSION



Priscilla lives in the Hwange district in Zimbabwe with her husband, Charles, and their two grandsons. With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops to support her family during the current food crisis. Priscilla used the funds from her harvest to start poultry farming, which enabled her to sell eggs to pay for her grandchildren's school fees, books and stationery. While the situation in Zimbabwe and across eastern Africa remains dire, the work of Caritas Hwange means that Priscilla can learn the skills she needs to build resilience and support her family during this current food crisis.

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.

BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE FUNDRAISER FOR ST KEVIN'S YOUTH ON MARCH 18TH

The Knights of the Southern Cross are holding a Sausage Sizzle at Dandenong Bunning, 101 Princes Hwy, Dandenong South on Saturday 18th March from 8.30 AM to 4.00 PM. All of the funds raised on the day will be donated to St Kevin's Parish to assist members of the Youth Group to attend World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal in August. Members of the Youth Group will also be assisting throughout the day.

We invite parishioners to purchase a sausage (with or without onions) for \$3.50 from the stall outside Bunnings and help support St Kevin's Youth. Drinks are also on sale for \$1.50. We look forward to seeing you there!

(Gospel continued)

'What do you want from her?' or, 'Why are you talking to her?' The woman put down her water jar and hurried back to the town to tell the people, 'Come and see a man who has told me everything I ever did; I wonder if he is the Christ?' This brought people out of the town and they started walking towards him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, do have something to eat;' but he said, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples asked one another, 'Has someone been bringing him food?' But Jesus said:

'My food is to do the will of the one who sent me, and to complete his work. Have you not got a saying: Four months and then the harvest? Well, I tell you: Look around you, look at the fields; already they are white, ready for harvest! Already the reaper is being paid his wages, already he is bringing in the grain for eternal life, and thus sower and reaper rejoice together. For here the proverb holds good: one sows, another reaps; I sent you to reap a harvest you had not worked for. Others worked for it; and you come into the rewards of their trouble.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done.' So, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman. 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord

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FIRST READING – Exodus 17: 3-7

A reading from the book of Exodus.

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. "Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?" Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, "Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 94: 1-2, 6-9.

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. R.

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. R.

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when you fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work. R.

SECOND READING – Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8

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

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

■ The word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL – John 4: 5-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.' Go and call your husband' said Jesus to her 'and come back here.' The woman answered, 'I have no husband.' He said to her, 'You are right to say, "I have no husband"; for although you have had five, the one you have now is not your husband. You spoke the truth there.' 'I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

At this point his disciples returned, and were surprised to find him speaking to a woman, though none of them asked,

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