

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



25th & 26th March 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

There will be no preparation meeting for Baptisms in April. The next preparation meeting will be held on the 4th of May at

7.15pm.

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determine distribution of funds. Further details and information will be provided as we continue this process. Once again many thanks and blessings for your support.

St Kevin's Youth Leadership Team

Father Jude Rodrigo

Many parishioners are familiar with Fr. Jude from his visits over the years, staying with his brother, sister-in-law and family here in St. Kevin's Parish. Fr. Jude's mission in Sri Lanka is to assist those who are struggling with various addictions mentally, physically, and spiritually. His ministry engages him chiefly at two centres, Miduma Centre and Pathuma Centre. Fr. Jude is able to offer a twelve month residential programme, sometimes longer, with the aim of assisting those with drug, alcohol, and gambling addictions.

Fr. Jude is currently welcoming donations of milk powder and pasta as well as financial support. Milk powder and pasta are expensive in Sri Lanka. Any donations could be given into the Parish House during office hours or contact could be made with Rohith Rodrigo on 8787 5528.

Martin Thomas

For the past ten years, Martin has been the coordinator of the Altar Servers in St. Kevin's Parish. He has worked alongside the Assistant Priests and overseen certain developments that have occurred. One of these developments, which has been a particular focus for Martin, has been his vision of the formation of a leadership group comprised of senior Altar Servers. It is plain to see the growth in the number of servers: for Martin's part in this and for his commitment and leadership over the years I pay tribute to him on behalf of the parish. Regrettably, other aspects of his life now prevent him from giving his full commitment to this ministry. Thus, he recognises he is unable to continue in the coordinator role. Our thanks to you, Martin!

Fr. Desmond J. Moloney

WYD fundraising and fund distribution

The St Kevin's youth would like to thank all our parishioners for your ongoing support of our fundraisers and your prayers as we embark on our journey towards World Youth Day this August in Lisbon, Portugal. We began fundraising last year in June, and have raised just over \$60,000, thanks to the generosity of our parishioners. We will be continuing our fundraising efforts, however full payment for our pilgrimage is due on the 3rd of April. In light of this we are looking to distribute funds early to ease the burden on our youth. Fund distribution will be determined by our priests in collaboration with an independent committee, with no association with the youth to maintain impartiality. As stated in our expression of interest and fundraising guidelines, and as previously communicated in the parish bulletin as well as announced at Masses in June 2022, funds will be distributed proportionate to involvement of youth in both fundraising and spiritual events. In keeping with this, during the week all 32 registered youth were emailed their attendance records for verification. This data will be passed on to the committee to

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

1st & 2nd April 2023

READERS

5.00pm Saturday

Bernadette, Carlton, Diahann

7.00pm Saturday

Michelle, Abey, Warren

9.00am Sunday

Anita, Sita, Fatima

11.00am Sunday

Cassie, Pam D., Pam G.,

6.00pm Sunday

Lleyton, Kharece, Rohan

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm Saturday

Candice, Shayana, Tessy

7.00pm Saturday

Helen, Indra, Michelle

9.00am Sunday

Florence, Josephine, Lana, Maria

11.00am Sunday

Annabelle, Mary, Philomena

6.00pm Sunday

Anne, Mirtza, Syd

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 : \$2499.25

Unpledged : \$1160.00

Presbytery : \$2426.00

KSC PUBLIC SPEAKING COURSE

This course is designed to help you overcome your fear of public speaking and improve your communication skills. You'll learn the techniques and strategies that successful speakers use to engage their audience and deliver their message with confidence and get opportunities to practice in a supportive environment to help you improve. There are only 10 places available. This course is an initiative of the Knights of the Southern Cross Victoria.

When: 7.30-9.30pm, Thursday nights (for 10 consecutive weeks) starting 13th April.

Where: Majellan Room, St Gerard's Catholic Church Hall, 71 Gladstone Rd. Dandenong.

Cost: \$30

Register: Email

Michael

- mmpalma98@gmail.com

IN OUR PARISH

27 th March	Monday	9.15am Mass
28 th March	Tuesday	9.15am Mass
29 th March	Wednesday	7.00pm Mass followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
30 th March	Thursday	9.15am Mass 7.00pm Parish Reconciliation
31 st March	Friday	9.15am Mass followed by Stations of the Cross (parishioner-led) 7.00 pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass
1 st April	Saturday	9.15am Mass 5.00pm Mass 7.00pm Mass
2 nd April	Palm Sunday	9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass (Principal) 6.00pm Mass

Dance poster business logo: Call for Sponsors

Mothers' Day Fundraising Dance

For the upcoming dance on the 13th of May, St. Kevin's Youth leadership wishes to give an open invitation to potential sponsors of this fundraising event towards WYD in Lisbon, Portugal. Businesses are invited to gift a minimum of \$500.00 in sponsorship. In return businesses' logos will be featured on the event's posters. This invitation will stand until Wednesday, 29th March. If you would like to sponsor the dance and have your logo displayed on event posters, please contact the Parish Office, preferably by email, HamptonPark@cam.org.au or Sheldon - 0430 051 919

Passion play

The youth will be putting on the passion play to coincide with the stations of the cross on Good Friday morning. Passion play practices will be held in the hall after the Sunday 11am Mass. Youth from 10 to 35 are welcome to join. Parents/guardians must sign children under 18 years of age in and out of every practice.

WYD Food sale

The youth will be selling food after all masses this weekend to raise funds for the pilgrimage to World Youth Day.



Palms for Palm Sunday

The Flower Ministry Team is in need of palm branches for Palm Sunday. If you can donate, palms can be dropped off at church on Wednesday 29th March. We thank you so much for your generosity.

Patricia (Flower Team coordinator)

PPC ELECTION FORM

There are two nominees, Ryan Martin and Nichola Jacob, for the Faith Cluster. The election forms are in the church foyer. You are asked to tick one box or circle only one of the Nominees and put the Election Form in the box provided before you go home.

This election form will be repeated this Sunday (26th) and voting will conclude after the 6.00 pm Mass.

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

In Thanksgiving:

Antoinette Crasto
Nelson & Deborah Cardozo
Kenneth Peters
Patrick & Bernadette Chen & family
Zaccai & Aatreya Perera

For the sick:

Herbert Claracay (3)

For those who have died recently:

Joseph Selim
Audrey Martins

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

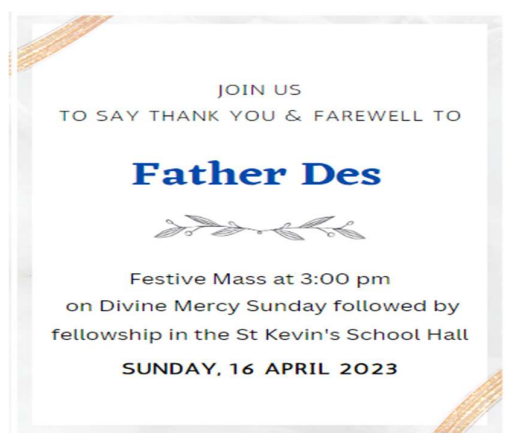
Deanna Wilkinson, David Hendricks
Annie Witson, Joseph Crasto
George Micua, Nestor Soliven
Cyril Rozario, Jasper Dingle
Joseph & Zita Rogers
Hyacinth & Oscar Weston
Renecito Pansoy, Erenia Jamen
Ma Ruby Guantero
Ignacio & Teodosia Sab
Angela Coutinho, Rudolf Noronha
Stanley Desouza, Sancia D'Souza
Joe and Rose Paul

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.



Free Bus Trip on Palm Sunday

ANNUAL MELBOURNE PASSION PLAY



An opportunity to watch free of charge the 24th Annual Melbourne Passion Play which was held back for 3 years because of Covid restrictions. Bringing the Ministry of Jesus to life at Holy Cross Centre on Palm Sunday.

The MELBOURNE PASSION PLAY - re-enacts the journey of Jesus Christ's life from Palm Sunday to his crucifixion and resurrection. Don't miss the chance to watch the greatest story ever told.

Free bus transportation to and from the venue is provided from St. Kevin's Parish, Hampton Park, on Palm Sunday only, leaving at 12 noon.

If you are interested to attend please do your RSVP by Monday 27th of March by emailing to the parish office HamptonPark@cam.org.au

Please note parents or guardians must accompany their children. Thank you & God bless you all.

PARISH SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK

3 rd April	Monday	9.15am Mass
4 th April	Tuesday	9.15 am Mass
5 th April	Wednesday	7.00pm Mass followed by Novena
6 th April	Holy Thursday	No morning Mass 8.00pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper
7 th April	Good Friday	8.30am Divine Mercy Novena** 9.00am Passion Play 3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
8 th April	Holy Saturday	8.30am Divine Mercy Novena 9.45am Reconciliation 8.00pm Easter Vigil Mass
9 th April	Easter Sunday	7.00am Mass 8.30am Divine Mercy Novena 9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass No Evening Mass
16 th April	Divine Mercy Sunday	9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass 2.45pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 3.00pm Festive and Farewell Mass followed by fellowship No Evening Mass

****Please note that the Divine Mercy Novena continues daily at 8.30 am until the 16th of April.**

PROJECT COMPASSION



You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available in the Church foyer, or by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

FIRST READING – Ezekiel 37: 12-14

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

The Lord says this: I am going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this - it is the Lord who speaks.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 129. R.v.7.

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ear be attentive
to the voice of my pleading. **R.**

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you. **R.**

My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.
(Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord.) **R.**

Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity. **R.**

SECOND READING – Romans 8: 8-11

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

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

■ The word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL – John 11: 1-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life.

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live,
and whoever lives and believes in me
will never die.

Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.

I knew indeed that you always hear me.

But I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me,
so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

■ The Gospel of the Lord