

**ST. KEVIN'S PARISH
HAMPTON PARK**
**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
(DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)**
(YEAR A)



15th & 16th April 2023

PARISH CENTRE

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday (9.30am – 4:00pm)

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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

Prayer to Divine Mercy



God's love is the flower – Mercy is the fruit! Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion - inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Jesus, the Risen Lord, Divine Mercy, I trust in You! Amen.

Parish Social Group – Anita Fernandez

The fundraising group of St. Kevin's Parish is the Social Group. It organises events and activities serving the coming together of parishioners in a spirit of celebration. Each month (2nd Sunday) there is cuppa after Sunday Masses organised by the Social Group. Mother's Day and Father's Day have been highlighted by the Social Group, and major celebratory events and fundraising dances have been coordinated and organised by the Social Group. For over a number of years, as President of the Social Group Anita Fernandez has led the group into effectively enhancing the social dimension of St. Kevin's as well as successfully holding various fundraising events. While Anita intends to continue her involvement in the Social Group, she has decided to step aside from the role of president. For all the hard work involved and her dedication as president, St. Kevin's can say, "Congratulations, Anita, and thank you for all you have given as President of the Parish Social Group!"

Fr. Desmond J. Moloney

WYD fund distribution - An update

On behalf of all the 32 youth registered for WYD as a parish youth group, we would like to sincerely thank our parish community for helping our young people to raise so far \$67,964.58.

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 4th of May.

WEDDINGS

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

Event	Amount raised
Bake Sale	\$2,664.55
Dance (Jul 2022)	\$9,312.00
Hoppers Night	\$9,465.15
Trivia Night	\$3,776.80
Food Sale	\$2,594.46
Dance Sep	\$19,254.38
December BBQ	\$406.07
Valentines Dance	\$13,489.81
March BBQ	\$1,173.20

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ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

22nd & 23rd April 2023

CHURCH CLEANERS

Team 5 – Tyrone Fernando, Tyronie Fernando, Emeli Teolfilo, Pelento Teofilo

COUNTERS

Team 3 – Sumith & Samantha Olagama, Ransiri Fernando



LAST WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

Envelopes : \$3846.55

Unpledged : \$2818.10

Presbytery : \$ 4119.25

WYD fund distribution - continued

Bunnings BBQ KSC	\$900.00
March Food Sale	\$2,498.65
Donations	\$2,229.51
TOTAL	\$67,964.58

As shown in the table, our young people held a number of events from June 2022 to March 2023. The involvement and participation of youth at these events was recorded by the SKY leadership team, as well as at other spiritual youth events including regular youth group meetings, Pentecost Vigil, Corpus Christi celebration, youth retreat, etc. Attendance requirements at all events, both spiritual and fundraising, had previously been communicated by way of announcements after Mass in June and in December 2022, at various youth groups from June 2022 and in a guidelines document that all registered youth signed as a part of their expression of interest form (EOI). Last month, each youth was emailed their attendance records to verify them. After this, a total percentage attendance was calculated. Other commitments including, work commitments, weddings, and sickness, were factored into the attendance calculations.

This data was handed over to the priests and the committee responsible for determining the method for the allocation of the funds. A total of \$66,500 was distributed amongst the registered youth as parish group, since not all the money had been made available in the Youth Account, and since there was a need for urgency in awarding funds due to the payment deadline on the 11th of April.

The committee has considered the response presented by the leadership team. Upon consideration of the variety of points raised, the decision of the committee is shown below.

Committee's Recalculation based on new

Category	Amount funded for commitment	% of funds to each tier from the pool of funds
	%	
Tier 1	1-49	20%
Tier 2	50 - 69	30%
Tier 3	70 - 100	50%
Total		100%

allocation - No cap, \$1000 base per participant

No. of youth per category	\$1000 base allocation each tier	Total for each tier after the \$1000 base	Total allocation	Allocation to each participant
10	\$10,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$17,000.00	\$1,700.00
9	\$ 9,000.00	\$10,500.00	\$19,500.00	\$2,166.67
12	\$12,000.00	\$17,500.00	\$29,500.00	\$2,458.33
31	\$31,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$66,000.00	



To make it a more equitable allocation almost 50% of the funds (\$31,000) were allocated equally (\$1,000 to each participant). The balance of funds (\$35,000) were allocated based on a 3 tier system. This took into account the commitment made by each tier. Consideration was also given to ensure that the amount for each participant did not have a significant variation between the 3 tiers. A token of funds (\$500) was provided as an encouragement to a participant who requested no funding.

The committee recommended that \$8,000 be reserved for future fundraising so that a minimum of \$5,000 will go towards the catering of a thanksgiving event, with a further \$1,500 to be reserved for

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

In Thanksgiving:

Zenith & Rebner Baran & Family
Enriquita Thomson
Anacletus, Jennifer & Avellino Jones
Harsh Shah
Kenneth Peters
Ojvi & Archimedes Gracias
Pastorpile Family

For the sick:

Arneaux Zakhariel Baran (2)

For those who have died recently:

Angilita Mangahas
Cristoria Rabaya

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Beryl D'Gama
Vincent Mariadoss, Regina Vincent
Jabamalai Mary
Angela Coutinho
Jose (Joe) Coutinho
Monica Maguire
Onofre De Leon
Ceferino Rico
Diosdado Pansoy
Joseph Fernandez

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.....

"Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" John 20:19
Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, like a new neighbor, a new work colleague or a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. We are made for relationships – with God and each other. When you see yourself as a beloved son or daughter of God, you tend to see others the same way, too – just as God, Our Father, sees us.

Tshirts. Also, a further amount will need to be reserved for transport from the church to the airport (minimum \$800 - \$1,000).

For what has been an extraordinary fundraising response to assist the young people of St. Kevin's Parish towards their participation in WYD this year a very sincere *Thank You* for all the support given.

Fr. Desmond J. Moloney & Fr. Anil Mascarenhas

WYD Food sale:

The youth will be selling food after all masses on the 22nd and 23rd of April in the effort to raise funds for our pilgrimage to World Youth Day. We are looking for parishioners to donate food for us to sell. If you can donate food for us to sell, please get in contact with Jess - 0421427751 or Evanka - 0497857023

IN OUR PARISH

17 th April	Monday	9.15am Mass
18 th April	Tuesday	9.15am Mass
19 th April	Wednesday	7.00pm Mass followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
20 th April	Thursday	9.15am Mass
21 st April	Friday	9.15am Mass
22 nd April	Saturday	9.15am Mass 5.00pm Mass 7.00pm Mass
23 rd April	Sunday	9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass



Cardinal Pell Luncheon & Lecture: Aid to the Church in Need is launching an annual *George Cardinal Pell Luncheon & Lecture* with the inaugural event to take place in Melbourne CBD on Sunday 21 May. The keynote speaker will be Mr David Pell, brother of the late Cardinal. For information and to register, please visit www.trybooking.com/CGUDA.

God and Beer April: The Pell Legacy

NB: Please note below the change of venue and start time for God and Beer in April.

George Cardinal Pell was arguably the most significant leader in the history of the Australian Church. As well as a lasting impact here, he played a key role reforming the global English liturgy, the Vatican's finances and in numerous Church debates. Our speaker Bishop Elliott was a life-long friend and co-worker who will help us to understand his legacy.

Topic: The Pell Legacy

Speaker: Bishop Peter Elliott

Date: Monday 17th April

Time: 7.30pm (NB: dinner is not available on this occasion)

Venue: St Gerard's Catholic Church Hall, 71 Gladstone Rd, Dandenong North (The Nott is being renovated)

Register: GodandBeer.com.au

Contact: John itsmyth@gmail.com

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A

FIRST READING – Acts 2: 42-47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 117: 2-4, 13-15, 22-24

**R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.**

Let the sons of Israel say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let the sons of Aaron say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let those who fear the Lord say:

‘His love has no end.’ **R.**

I was thrust, thrust down and falling
but the Lord was my helper.

The Lord is my strength and my song;
he was my saviour.

There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just. **R.**

The stones which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is then work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad **R.**

and my mouth shall declare your praise. **R.**

SECOND READING – Peter 1: 3-9

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which had

been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold-only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire- and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

■ The word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;
Happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia

GOSPEL – John 20: 19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, ‘Peace be with you,’ and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. ‘As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.’

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

‘Receive the Holy Spirit.

for those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.’

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, ‘We have seen the Lord,’ he answered, ‘Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.’ Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. ‘Peace be with you,’ he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.’ Thomas replied, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him:

‘You believe because you can see me,

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.’

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

■ The gospel of the Lord.