

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

FIRST READING – Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16

A reading from the second book of the Kings

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God, let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 88: 2-3, 16-19.

R: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **R.**

Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss. **R.**

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One in Israel. **R.**

SECOND READING – Romans 6: 3-4, 8-11

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

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourself to be dead to sin but alive for God in Jesus Christ.

■ The word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia

GOSPEL – Matthew 10: 37-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.'

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.'

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.'

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

Let's reflect...

"...whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." (Matthew 10:38)

Pope Benedict XVI said, "The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness." "Comfort" puts me first. "Picking up your cross and following Jesus" puts God and others first. Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness! Pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on using your gifts and live the life God intended for you!

ST. KEVIN'S PARISH HAMPTON PARK

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)



1st & 2nd July 2023

PARISH CENTRE

120 Hallam Road,
Hampton Park, Vic. 3976
Tel: 9799 2108
Email: HamptonPark@cam.org.au

OFFICE HOURS

Wednesday to Friday (9.30am – 4:00pm)

PARISH PRIEST	: Rev. Fr. Fabian Smith
ASSISTANT PRIEST	: Rev. Fr. Anil Mascarenhas
DEACON	: Rev. Dr. Graeme Pender
PARISH SECRETARY	: Mrs. Indrani Guinan
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**.

WEDDINGS

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

St. John's Regional College

Online Enrolment Information Evening and Launch of the 2025 Academic Scholarships. If you are seeking more information or intending on enrolling your child at St John's Regional College for 2024, 2025 or 2026 please come along to an assisted enrolment session. Wednesday 9 August 7.00pm - 7.45pm
5-11 Caroline St, Dandenong VIC 3175, (03)8793 2000, www.sjrc.vic.edu.au



On behalf of Caritas Australia and the communities we support, thank you to your staff and parishioners for all their fundraising efforts this year. Your compassion in action will allow real change for our most vulnerable brothers and sisters.

Farwell Anne

Anne Abela, our part-time parish secretary has finished up in her position in the parish. We thank Anne for her work in our parish. We wish Anne every blessing as she goes forth from here.



Please note there is a Change to Parish Office Times this week

Wednesday to Friday (9.30am – 4:00pm)

CYBER SAFETY

I would like to extend an invitation to a presentation from international CyberSafety expert Susan McLean at St. John's on Monday July 17. 7:00pm to 8:00pm

Susan will present to parents on the important topic of helping our children stay safe online. The Internet is a powerful tool for education, work, and social interactions. It provides an opportunity for young people to connect and engage with peers right around the world. The reality of the global village and our ability to connect in a myriad of ways and purposes is something that is evolving quickly in our lifetime.

However, with these opportunities comes the necessity to keep ourselves informed and educated in the area of best practice in cyber safety. In Susan's presentation 'Growing up online' you will hear about the mistakes young people are making with Internet use and how we can engage them in a conversation about the importance of cyber safety and the simple routines and practices that will keep them safe online.

I look forward to seeing you at this important and informative evening with Susan McLean. Tim Hogan, Principal, St John's Regional College

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

7TH & 8TH July 2023

READERS

5.00pm Saturday

Indira, Bernardette, Diahann

7.00pm Saturday

Paulita, Sunita, Nichola

9.00am Sunday

Emeli, Warren, Michael

11.00am Sunday

Philomena, Cassie, Elizabeth

6.00pm Sunday

Danielle, Rohan, Clarissa

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS

5.00pm Saturday

Candice, Nancy, Primrose

7.00pm Saturday

Abey, Anacletus, Benita

9.00am Sunday

Florence, Josephine, Lana, Michael

11.00am Sunday

Pam D, Pam G, Philomena, Sherine

6.00pm Sunday

Anne, Sumith, Syd

CHURCH CLEANERS

Team 4 – Samoan Choir

COUNTERS

Team 4 – Athena, Richard, Anslie, Gerard, Kaye & Julz



LAST WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

Envelopes : \$2139.85

Unpledged : \$1555.80

Presbytery : \$1856.85

IN OUR PARISH

3 rd July	Monday	9.15am Mass
4 th July	Tuesday	9.15am Mass
5 th July	Wednesday	7.00pm Mass followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
6 th July	Thursday	9.15am Mass
7 th July	Friday	9.15am Mass 7.00pm Sacred Heart Devotion
8 th July	Saturday	9.15am Mass 5.00pm Mass 7.00pm Mass
9 th July	Sunday	9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

Pray the Parish Daily Rosary on Zoom at 6pm

Since the last 2 years many Parish families come together in prayer for this daily rosary to implore for Our Lady's blessings. All are welcome to join the Zoom Meeting with the link below. The website also has this link.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84932957224>

Meeting ID: 849 3295 7224



On July 3, the Church celebrates the **feast day of St. Thomas the Apostle**. Best known for his initial unwillingness to believe the other apostles in their claim that Jesus had risen from the dead. St. Thomas can teach the faithful about believing without seeing.

2023 Propagation of the Faith Appeal



Tuberculosis, malnutrition, and maternal mortality are conditions all too familiar for the people of Timor-Leste. In two weeks' time you will learn about the work of the Salesian Sisters, including nurse, Sister Carolina, who desires to see better outcomes for her community. We will also share the story of Petrolina and her daughter's desperate need for medical attention.

You have the opportunity to partner with this life-giving work, and your prayers and generosity are crucial in ensuring this program can continue.

This opportunity is a great way to commit to the missionary movement, as He reminds us in Luke 24:13-35, the fire of Christ burns within us and encourages us to take action for those in most need.

Envelopes are now available in the foyer.

DANDENONG DEANERY COUNCIL

LISTENING TO THE VOICES THAT ECHO "JOY"

DATE: Wed 12TH July 2023

VENUE: St John's Regional College,

Graduate's Restaurant

Caroline Street, Dandenong

New start time: 5.30pm for 5.45pm start.

COST: \$45 3 course meal Wine & Beer.

Guest Speaker: Deacon George Piech Meat

RSVP: by Friday 7th July at the latest

Cash / Cheque or direct into bank only, as we do not have Card facilities.

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

In Thanksgiving:

Eric, Michelle, Micaela & Elaina Moore
Rudy Hendricks and Family.
Arvyn & Emelia Vincent
Larissa Balm, Otto & Bernie

For the sick:

Stella Marie Hookens

For those who have died recently:

Baby Jaylen Joseph Callanan
MDM Teresa Lau
Gerard Lebrasse

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

John Charles Aigner
Alister Dubier
Maria Sumagpang Gutierrez
Dalmacio Gutierrez
Jilbert Modeley, Isabel Pereira
Serge Lebrasse, Ralph Lablache
Norman De Mesa

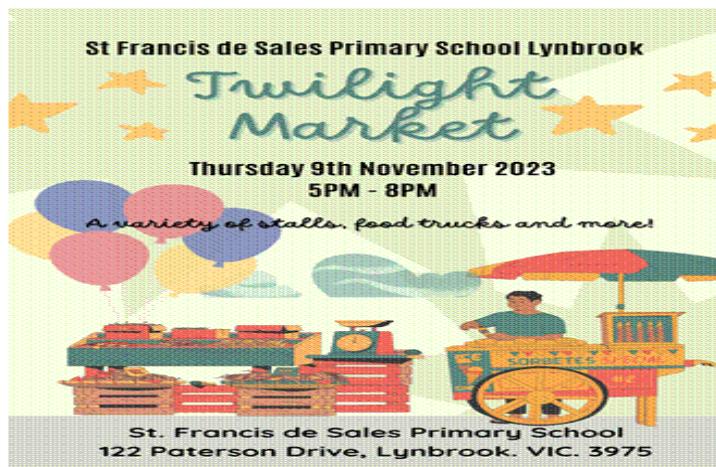


PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

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.



If any parishioner would like to hold a stall, please contact the St Francis de Sales School Office on 8773 6700 for a form. Cost is \$20 to hold a stall.

God's Field Hospital exercises

You are warmly invited to join us for three fortnightly Sunday evening prayer sessions on ZOOM. They are called 'God's Field Hospital' (GFH) prayer exercises and are a series of individual standalone prayer exercises. Each will draw on your lived experience, your present feelings and desires. While great for personal prayer, each exercise may also be fruitfully prayed and reflected upon, in a group. *Michael Hansen SJ*

Where: It is a fortnightly Zoom experience.

When: 2nd July, 16th July, 30th July 2023
Time: Sunday evenings 7pm – 8.30pm
Facilitators: Marie and Peter Davine
RSVP: Marie Davine
Email: mariemcm1991@gmail.com

REST WHILE RUN BY MISSIONARIES OF GOD'S LOVE

***Kindly register here:**
Retreat for Altar Boys/Girls & Young People

***Day 1: 21st Friday**
Encounter Night for all parishioners
6:30pm to 09:30pm
followed by fellowship

***Day 2: 22nd Saturday**
Retreat for the Altar Boys/Girls & Young People
09:30 am to 04:30pm
(From age 12 to age 27)

Sabbath Meal Celebration
Mass: 5:00pm to 6:00
Meal: 6:00pm to 10:00pm
(for all parishioners)

Day 3: 23rd Sunday
Family retreat for all parishioners
10:30am to 05:00pm

ST KEVIN'S CATHOLIC PARISH
WINTER MISSION

CONTACT: BR VIJAY MGL,
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21ST JULY - 23RD JULY

VENUE: ST KEVIN'S HALL
120 HALLAM ROAD
HAMPTON PARK