



Second Sunday of Advent (Year A) – 7th December 2025

Parish Centre

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St Kevin's Parish is committed to the care, safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people, and vulnerable people.

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Team

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Weekday Mass Times

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat – 9:15am

Every Wed – 7:00pm followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Sunday Mass Times

Vigil Sat 5:00pm & 7:00pm

Sun: 9:00am, 11:00am & 6:00pm

A Priest is available for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** 30 minutes before all Masses and on Saturday mornings after Mass till 10:30am.

The **Sacrament of Baptism** is celebrated on the first and third 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** and the child's birth certificate for our records, as we cannot accept originals.

Mass Intentions

Please note the **cut-off** day and time for handing in names for **Mass**

Intentions is Wednesday evening.

Please call (03) 9799 2108, email the **Parish Office** or drop off the mass intention envelope in the **postal slot** in the **Parish Office** door.

St Vincent De Paul Society Christmas Appeal

The members of the St Vincent De Paul Society have been remarkably busy during the current year. With the increase in the cost of living we have a significant increase in requests for help.

Last year the hampers we provided to families were really appreciated by the families. The families were happy to receive food hampers rather than toys. Therefore, this year also, we will be distributing hampers. This will give an opportunity for the parishioners to help a family in need with food rather than giving toys. Also, there is a growing need for food in our community.

On the Christmas tree in the foyer there are cards with the makeup of families. E.g.: Two adults and two children (due to privacy reasons we cannot give names of families). Within the card there is a list of items to be included in the hamper. There are two types of hampers, large and small. We estimate the large hamper to cost \$65 and the small hamper to cost \$40 (the smaller hamper will be, to families, which include two adults or a single person). With the large hamper you might be able to share among two parishioners and donate one hamper towards a needy family. Please take a card and help us by donating a hamper.

We plan to make deliveries by 23 December 2025. Therefore, we will appreciate it if the hampers are received by **Sunday 21 December 2025**.

Thank You, St Vincent De Paul Society – Hampton Park.

Thank You!

On behalf of all the young people that attended ACYF this week, we would like to extend a big Thank You to the Parish for all your support in making this possible. Some of our young people will be speaking on their experience at ACYF after each Mass this weekend. Thank you, ACYF Youth Leaders

Thank You!

On behalf of the Mauritian Community, we would like to thank everyone for your support including the Mauritian Victorian Pastoral Council. We raised **\$6598.77** May God bless you and your family. Merci beaucoup, Marie-France Prosper

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – Monday, 8th December

To honour our Blessed Mother, we will have two masses on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. We invite you to join us for the **9.15am mass** or the **7pm mass** on Monday, 8th December. The evening mass will be animated by our Legion of Mary praesidiums and will be followed by a cuppa in the foyer.

What's On this week

Monday, 8th December: 5pm: Junior Legion of Mary
7pm: Mass for Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, 9th December: 7pm: RCIA

Wednesday, 10th December: 9am: Two Hearts devotion

Thursday, 11th December: 7pm: Advent Program (Office)

Friday, 12th December: 5pm: Mothers who pray

Sunday, 14th December: 6pm: Parish Carols



ROSTERS for 13th & 14th December

Readers & Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion please see the Notice Board for Rosters.

CHURCH CLEANERS

Team 1: Sophia, Brian, Andre, Miriam, Veronique

COUNTERS

Team 5: Lorna, Mervyn, Anita, Howard, Jennifer, Cheryl, Owen, Ian

Last Weekend's Collection

Envelopes: \$6107.00

Unpledged: \$2913.45

Presbytery: \$2867.70

Thank you!

This Sunday we Pray

Thanksgiving

Stanley Perera

Sheldon D'Silva

Ashley and Linda Franklin

Francis and Cutinha Families

Lachlan Ferdinand

Yvonne and Brian Martin

Pastorpile Family

Irene Prakasham

Chloe Hookens

For those who are sick:

Pamela Chen

Elcira Baez

Colin Cunningham

Baby Vash

For those who have died recently:

Fr Michael Shadbolt

Margaret Simons

Rosario Sagra

Jacqueline Janssen

Elizabeth Manos

If you would like to donate towards the building of the Grotto:

St Kevin's Building Appeals A/c

BSB 083 347

Account No.:851452646

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 based on written permission of an authorized person the name can be re-added to the list.

Feast Days for the Week:

Monday, 8th December: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, 9th December: St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

Wednesday, 10th December: Our Lady of Loreto

Thursday, 11th December: St Damasus I, Pope

Friday, 12th December: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Saturday, 13th December: St Lucy

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Stella Marie Hookens, Maria da Costa O. Pires, Nina Collins, Felizberto Monig

Calan. Walter Lockwood, Reneir Noel Snr., Gonzalo Jardeleza Jr., Oswald

Francis, Lita Ciar, Tony Ciar Sr., Hugo Lynch

Parish Christmas Carols

Join us on Sunday, **14th December 2025 at 6:00 PM** for a joyful evening of Christmas Carols at our parish. Let's come together as a community to celebrate the season in song. Your voice matters—whether you sing loud and proud or hum along quietly, your presence will help make this event truly special.

Bring your family, invite your friends, and let's fill the air with music, joy, and the spirit of Christmas. The success of our carols evening depends on all of us joining in harmony! We look forward to singing with you! **Please bring your own blanket as the carols will be held in St Kevin's school grounds.**

Parish Office - Christmas Closure Dates

The Parish Office will be closed for Christmas from 20th December 2025 to 12th January 2026 (both days inclusive). If you would like to offer mass intentions for that period, please offer them by **Wednesday 17th December 2025**.

Advent and Christmas Program 2025

Children's Christmas Party - Sunday, 7th December - 3-5pm – St Kevin's Hall

Parish Christmas Carols – Sunday, 14th December at 6:00pm –St Kevin's Hall

First Rite of Reconciliation – Monday, 22nd December 6pm – 7pm (Please arrive by 5.30pm)

5 Priests available. Confessions will finish at 7pm. No other scheduled confessions will take place till Tuesday, 6th January 2026.

Wednesday, 24th December – 9.15am Mass (no novena)

Christmas Eve masses – Wednesday, 24th December

6:30pm Carols and Children's Nativity Play, 7pm Mass

8:45pm Carols and 9pm Mass

11pm Carols and 12am (Midnight) Mass

Christmas Day mass – Thursday, 25th December

9am Carols and 9:30am Mass

Wednesday, 31st December – 9.15am Mass (no evening mass and novena)

New Year's Eve – 31st December 2025

11pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Rosary

12am (Midnight) Mass

New Year's Day – Thursday, 1st January 2026

10am Mass

First Friday – 2nd January 2026

9.15am Mass

7pm Mass and Sacred Heart devotion. No night vigil.

Please note that all other weekend and weekday masses will be held as per the usual schedule.

The Miraculous Medal

The Medal of the Immaculate Conception popularly known as the Miraculous Medal was designed by the Blessed Virgin herself! On November 27, 1830, our Lady manifested the Medal to Saint Catherine Laboure, in the motherhouse of the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, in Paris. With

approval of the Church, the first Medals were made in 1832 and were distributed in Paris. Almost immediately the blessings that Mary had promised began to shower down on those who wore her Medal. The devotion spread quickly; marvels of grace and health, peace and prosperity, followed in its wake so that before long people were calling it the "Miraculous" Medal.

On the front side of the medal, we see the Blessed Virgin Mary as the Victorious Woman of Genesis.



God Himself put enmities between the Woman and the serpent, a battle to be carried on "in that 'monumental struggle against the powers of darkness' which continues throughout human history." On the medal we see Mary Immaculate with her foot crushing the head of the serpent. The year 1830 was shown inscribed on the globe at the base of the Medal, so it is clearly meant to convey some message. It can very well indicate the year which begins the final stages of the battle between the Woman and the serpent, between good and evil. It could be Heaven's way of indicating the year

opening the Marian Era. Our Lady is standing on the globe of the world. Mary's hands are shown showering a cascade of brilliant rays on the world, as if she found them too heavy with graces and was eager to pour them on us. Around the oval frame of the medal we read the words, "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse." In this brief prayer we find the truth of (a) the Immaculate Conception of Mary, and (b) Mary's intercessory power with God for us who ask for her aid. On the reverse side of the Medal we see a Cross, the symbol of Christ's Redeeming Sacrifice on Mount Calvary for the salvation of the world. At the base of the Cross is a bar, which symbolizes the foot of the Cross. Intertwined with the bar is the letter "M" symbolizing the Mary's intimate involvement at the foot of the Cross with her Son's Redemptive Sacrifice.

Since the Cross is the symbol of Christ's Redemptive Sacrifice, we can also see a Eucharistic symbolism on the Medal. In every Holy Mass the Church involves the Blessed Virgin Mary, so befitting to her who stood at the foot of the Cross uniting her sufferings to the Sacrifice of her Son, filling up in her body those things that are wanting to the sufferings of Christ, for the sake of His Mystical Body, the Church.

We see the "M" is below the line or foot of the Cross, signifying Mary's subordinate role to that of Jesus. "This union of the Mother and her Son in the work of Redemption reaches its climax on Calvary, where Christ offered Himself as the perfect Sacrifice to God and where Mary stood by the Cross suffering grievously with her only-begotten Son. There she united herself with a maternal Heart to His Sacrifice, and lovingly consented to the immolation of this Victim which she herself had brought forth and also was offering to the Eternal Father. It was also at the foot of the Cross that Jesus gave us, in the person of the Beloved Disciple, His own Mother to be our Mother. "Woman, behold your son; son, behold your Mother." And the beloved disciple gives us an example to follow, so that we learn to take Mary into our homes, into our lives, into our hearts, as do loving children. So the "M" stands not only for Mary, but also for Mother. Mary's mediation is intimately linked with her Motherhood.

On the Medal beneath the Cross and the "M" we see the two Hearts, the Sacred Heart of Jesus encircled with a crown of thorns, and the Immaculate Heart of Mary pierced with a sword. We see the prophesy of Holy Simeon fulfilled: the Son who was destined for the sign of contradiction, dying on the Cross, and the Mother pierced with a sword of sorrow beneath the Cross "so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

The union of the two Hearts foreshadows the message of Fatima: "The Sacred Heart of Jesus wants the Immaculate Heart of Mary to be venerated at His side." "God wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart."

The two Hearts are surmounted by flames, symbolizing the burning love with which Jesus and Mary accomplished the work of Redemption, each in their proper way. Around the oval frame of the Medal, encircling the Cross, the "M," and the two Hearts, we see a crown of twelve stars. This can be seen as a reference to the "the Great Sign" in the Book of the Apocalypse; the "Woman clothed with the sun, with the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars." Mary, Mother of the Incarnate Word, is placed at the very center of that enmity, that struggle which accompanies the history of humanity on earth and the history of Salvation itself."

We can see then in the Miraculous Medal the vital role that the Victorious Woman is destined in the final defeat of the devil. God uses a Medal, not indeed as a sacrament, but as an agent, an instrument, in bringing to pass certain marvellous results. "The weak things of this earth hath God chosen to confound the strong." It is amazing how in such a small medal God can give us so many profound lessons. As is the case with all of God's graces, it is up to us to humbly accept what He offers, as Mary did and to cherish and ponder it in our hearts, as Mary did.

For more info see www.praytherosaryapostolate.com

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First Reading - Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse,
a scion thrusts from his roots:
on him the spirit of the Lord rests,
a spirit of wisdom and insight,
a spirit of counsel and power,
a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.
(The fear of the Lord is his breath.)
He does not judge by appearances,
he gives no verdict on hearsay,
but judges the wretched with integrity,
and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land.
His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless,
his sentences bring death to the wicked.
Integrity is the loincloth round his waist,
faithfulness the belt about his hips.
The wolf lives with the lamb,
the panther lies down with the kid,
calf and lion feed together,
with a little boy to lead them.
The cow and the bear make friends,
their young lie down together.
The lion eats straw like the ox.
The infant plays over the cobra's hole;
into the viper's lair
the young child puts his hand.
They do no hurt, no harm,
on all my holy mountain,
for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters swell the sea.
That day, the root of Jesse shall
stand as a signal to the peoples.
It will be sought out by the nations
and its home will be glorious.

Responsorial Psalm 71(72):1-2,7-8,12-13,17 *Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.*

O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement.

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds.

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor.

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

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May his name be blessed for ever
and endure like the sun.

Every tribe shall be blessed in him,
all nations bless his name.

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Second Reading - Romans 15:4-9

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing to your name.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel - Matthew 3:1-12

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'