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Mon-Fri: 10:00am-3:00pm

# Catholic Parish of St Kevin Eastwood



Weekend Masses: Vigil Sat 5:30pm,

Sun 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am,

12noon (Chinese) & 6:00pm

Weekday Masses: Mon – Thurs. 7:30am, Fri 5:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 5:00-5:20pm

Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Rosary & Novena Prayers:

Tue 7:00-7:30pm (Holy Family Chapel)

## First Sunday of Advent, 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018

**Our Deceased:** Tony Youssef, Geoff Clarke, Kwei Fong Fu, Young Hwan Ho, Yong Min Ho, Young Seok Seo, Soo Woog Jin, Maria Hur, Felix Michael Beins, Cecile Beins, Jan Brayan, Mary Duck, Ces Regan, John Davidson, Tony Youssef, G. J. Jonas, Tresa Jonas, Jason Eltobbagi and Jeoseph Ayoub.

**Our Sick:** Sharma Cooray, Robert Lauw, Philippa Flahey, Noelene Wilkinson

**Upcoming Saints Feast Day:** St Francis Xavier, 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec

**Parish News:**


- **Make a difference this Christmas. Please support St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal.**
- **Bishop Terry Brady will be joining us next weekend for his Pastoral Visitation.**
- **SAVE the DATE: Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019. 5.30pm Mass** will be a Celebration of the Centenary of Worship at St Kevin's. More details to follow shortly.
- **Our Parish Christmas Morning Tea will be in the hall on Sun, 9<sup>th</sup> Dec after the 9am Mass.**
- **New liturgical rosters are now available for collection at the back of the Church.** Please make sure that you have provided the parish office with your Working with Children Check Number. All readers are advised to get a copy of the 'Break Open the Word' book.
- **Safeguarding: Protecting the Safety, Wellbeing & Dignity of Individuals especially Children.** All parish volunteers are requested to complete the Safeguarding Online Induction Training for Parish Staff & Volunteers. To register online go to: <https://goo.gl/forms/wSkRi3ZO6PzkRfbo1>. Within 48hrs of completing this form you will receive an email with your username, password and a link to take you directly to the training. For info email: [safeguardingtraining@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@sydneycatholic.org) or ☎9390 5811. **Once completed, please email a copy of your certificate to the parish office.**
- **Christmas Mass times** are posted on our website, under the heading "Our Parish."



**All are invited to come and get ready for the coming of our saviour through FR RICHARD LEONARD'S TALK ABOUT 'ADVENT: THE NEW BEGINNINGS' on Tues, 4th Dec 7pm here at St Kevin's.** Fr Richard Leonard SJ is known for his dynamic presentations and in-services around the world. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to enrich your faith this Christmas!

**It's not too late! Join us for a Reflection Day on the theme, "What Really Matters," on Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 9.15am-2.30pm at Holy Name of Mary Parish Hall, 1 Mary St, Hunters Hill.** Relax, reflect, renew and be spiritually nourished. Cost: \$15 includes Mass, morning tea & lunch. RSVP by Dec 5 to [alison.khalil@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:alison.khalil@syd.catholic.edu.au) or leave your name and \$15 in the parish office.

**Thought for the Week:** "Advent is the spiritual season of hope par excellence, and in this season the whole Church is called to be hope, for itself and for the world." - Pope Benedict XVI

**Advent Wreath Liturgy:** (As the 1<sup>st</sup> candle is lit, in place of the Gloria we all say together) "Lord, bless this advent wreath to help us prepare again to celebrate and remember the birth of Jesus, your Son, who is able to bring us light and hope. Amen." 

### THE PARADOX of PEACE

Before I commenced studies for the priesthood, I was a trainee nurse at a large metropolitan hospital in Sydney. I well remember the year 1977 in the ward that I was working in, a Religious nun came in as a patient for surgery and then stayed to recover for a week. The hospital wards over forty years ago were big rooms with about 30 or 40 beds facing inwards, so unlike today there was very little privacy for patients. The positive influence that this woman had on the other patients and staff was amazing in that she radiated a deep inner joy and peace.

As I have grown older I have come to realize that for anyone to have a deep inner joy and peace it is the consequence of deliberately overcoming life's various self-indulgences. Here people have deliberately nurtured a sense of tolerance towards people rather than being critical and they are consciously not self-centered in how they use their possessions, talents and time. Another thing is that these people know the destructive power of temptation in life and they don't allow it to develop and control them.

The paradox of genuine joy and peace within people is that they are *tough* with themselves in the right places! This is why Jesus of Nazareth spoke of the hard option about *Blessed are the peacemakers*, it is softer option in life just to be a *peace lover!* Fr Martin R Maunsell

**Advent App for Christmas! Meet Me in the Silence.** Each day delivers a new video, podcast or written feature to help you prepare for Christmas. Free to download on your iPhone, iPad & Android devices. Search "Xt3 Advent" or go to: [www.sydneycatholic.org/xt3advent](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/xt3advent)

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER – 9<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2018

(AV Projectionist 9am Mass – B Leung)

Mass	Senior Servers	Junior Servers	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Vigil	M Hanley	O Brown I Brown	R: L Laybutt C: N Brown	G Brown, S Gibbons S Youssef, L Persia
7:30am	S Wehbe		R: P Porta C: L Scully	R & C Salvador A Blomfeld, P Scully
9:00am	V Chapman	G Pace L Pace	R: N Akdagcik C: M Laguzza	Z Pace, J Chung E & A Barbagallo
10:30am	B Rigney	E Dao Y Jang	R: Bro J Curry C: E Fahey	C Rigney, A Pinto N & S Lobo
6:00pm	P Brierley	S Sultana A Sultana	R: N Williams C: V Wei	M Brierley, A Wei Y Nair, S Esposito

(Counters: 10<sup>th</sup> Dec – B Rigney, R McNamara, P Tassone, E Bowen)