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Parish Office Hours

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)

## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2019

**Our Deceased:** Anthony Hogan, Geoff Clarke, Kwei Fong Fu, Young Hwan Ho, Yong Min Ho, Young Seok Seo, Soo Woog Jin, Maria Hur, Felix Beins, Cecile Beins, Jan Brayan, Mary Duck, Ces Regan, Raymond Coe, Thomas Wigmore, Joan McMullen, Anna & Francesco, Dirium Celli & Giosue family; Joseph & Rose Pace and Dolores Micallaf; Margaret Anne Rutledge, Patrick O'Connor, Arthur Liddell; Joyce & Richard Tanudarta; Roy & Bessie Landon, Arch Stewart, Landon Pigott & Stewart Family; James, Catherine & John Browne; Neil, Roy, Winifred & Odette Baird.

**Our Sick:** Robert Lauw, Philippa Flahey and Tenille Moujalli

**Upcoming Feast Day:** St Angela of the Cross, 2<sup>nd</sup> March

### Parish News:

- **Celebrating 100 Years of Catholic Worship, Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> of March:** Most Rev Bishop Tony Randazzo to preside at 5.30pm Mass. Enjoy a sausage sizzle, drinks & a celebration cake afterwards. Please bring a plate of something sweet to share. All welcome!
- **World Day of Prayer 2019** will be celebrated in our parish on Fri, Mar 1 at 10am. All are invited to gather together and pray for the women of Slovenia. Morning tea to follow.
- **Preparations for the Lenten Program have begun.** The Lenten program is a wonderful way to spend some time reflecting on the scriptures during Lent and in preparation for Easter. The program runs for 5 weeks and takes approx. 1½hr/wk. If you are interested to host a group or be a group leader, either in your own home, in the Parish Office Meeting Room or in the Church please contact the parish office at 9874 2533.
- **FOSK Morning Tea will be outside the church next Sunday, Mar 3 after the 9am Mass.**
- **Ministry rosters will be updated soon.** Kindly email: parish@stkevinseastwood.com.au by end of February if you have any changes or requests. Thank you.
- **Please be advised that Marist College Eastwood's carpark will not be available on Sunday, March 3 due to 'Open Day' activities. Thank you.**

**Parish Safeguarding Support Officer (PSSO) Volunteer Required for our Parish!** The Safeguarding Office of the Archdiocese of Sydney has recently launched an initiative to recruit PSSOs to support the Parish Priest to implement proactive Safeguarding measures to ensure safe environments for children, young people and the vulnerable in Parish communities. The PSSO's role includes raising awareness of Safeguarding in our parish, creating risk assessments for parish events, among others. **For more info, brochures with role description are available in the foyer or speak with Fr Martin to express your interest.**

**Miraculous Medal Association:** Mass with Novena will be celebrated in St. Anthony's Church, Marsfield, on Saturday, March 2 at 10am. All welcome.

**Blessing for the Children Preparing for Reconciliation:** 'Heavenly Father, be with these children as they begin their journey to your forgiveness. Open their ears, minds & hearts to the teachings of your Son, fill them with the Spirit of love, peace & joy.'- Amen



### SOLITUDE and LONELINESS

I would like a dollar for the number of times that people have asked me over the years; "Is it lonely being a Catholic Priest?" It is true that part of the priestly calling is they do spend more time by themselves than most other people. The key I believe is to use this time of being alone well and to make it a time of creative solitude so that does not lead to loneliness.

Nelson Mandela was not a Catholic priest yet he wrote so well of the value of solitude as he reflected on the many years that he spent in prison. He wrote these valuable words; "The years in prison gave me time to reflect on the important issues of life that in time enormously shaped my words and actions after I left prison to serve my country in public life."

Christian or any form of solitude to a degree is definitely not reserved only for Catholic priests. It is a time where anyone can use quiet time well so as to reflect and pray on those things that will shape their actions and words. Loneliness for anyone is not a good condition as it makes people feel as if they are abandoned and often not understood. As we go through the gospels so often we read that; Jesus spent the night in prayer and then he went out to heal and teach. He definitely used his times of solitude well! *Fr Martin R Maunsell*

**Marist College Eastwood OPEN Day, Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> of March from 12nn – 3pm.** Enrolments are not being finalised for Year 7 2020 and applications for 2021 and 2022 are being taken. Please download enrolment form via: [www.mce.nsw.edu.au](http://www.mce.nsw.edu.au)

### NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER – 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar, 2019

(AV Projectionist 9am Mass – D Muljadi)

Mass	Senior Servers	Junior Servers	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Vigil	P Darmenia	O Brown I Brown	R: N Brown C: L Laybutt	G Brown, L Persia A Mazzei, C Jackson
7:30am	S Coorey		R: P Parker C: E Parker	J Sun, E Wicks T Elias, J Gwynne
9:00am	V Chapman	T Hanna P Nassif	R: R Debeck C: T Nassif	S Youssef, J Chung E & A Barbagallo
10:30am	B Rigney	J Ferris R Ferris	R: A Hogan C: E Smallhorn	C Rigney, C McPhillips J Isaac, A Lay
6:00pm	T Jonas	S Sultana A Sultana	R: C Small C: W T-Mordi	J Yih, Y Nair S Esposito, K Varis

(Counters: 4<sup>th</sup> Mar – C Hogan, J Hanna, **Volunteers Please**)

