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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)

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 3rd February, 2019

**Our Deceased:** Geoff Clarke, Lim Ho Lee, 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, John Davidson, Keith Colley and Francesco Costanzo.

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

**Upcoming Feast Day:** St. Josephine Bakhita, 8<sup>th</sup> February

### Parish News:

- **Happy Birthday to Fr Martin!** He will celebrate his 62nd birthday this week!
- **Parent/Guardian Information Evening regarding Enrolment for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will be on Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7pm in the Church.**
- **We welcome into the family of God, Xavier Peter Land, who will receive the sacrament of Baptism this weekend. Congratulations!**
- **Volunteers Needed:** Our responsibility to proclaim the Good News can be exercised in many ways. Perhaps some of you may be interested in taking part in this ministry to be a **Catechist or help a catechist to spread the Good News about Jesus to Catholic children in Eastwood and Carlingford Public schools. We need scripture teachers and helpers on Wed or Thurs for 30-40 mins.** All resources and trainings are provided by the parish. For more info, please get a brochure as you leave the Church or contact the parish office.
- **St Kevin's Parish 100 Years of Worship Celebration, Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019 at 5.30pm. ALL WELCOME!** As we prepare for this momentous occasion, we are inviting all cake and pastry cooks to bring a plate of their favorite biscuits or slices to share after the Mass. There will be a 'sausage sizzle' too! For more info or to lock in your contribution, please contact Carmel ☎ 9874 6008. Thank you and we hope you can join us!
- **If anyone has photos of the old church that they would like to share, as part of our Centenary Celebrations, please email a copy to parish@stkevinseastwood.org.au or call the parish office ☎ 9874 2533 to arrange a time to bring in the photos & we'll scan them for you. All original photos will be returned.**
- **Receipts from Vinnies Christmas Appeal are now ready for collection in the Piety Stall.**
- **FOSK Morning Tea will be in the hall this Sunday, after the 9am Mass. All welcome!**



**Religious Freedom – what does it all mean and how will it affect my family?** How will the new proposed bill effect your children and grandchildren? What impact will it have on educating our children in Catholic schools? What can you do to protect your religious freedom? Listen to Monica Doumit speak about where this is heading & what we can do about it on Sun, 17<sup>th</sup> Feb, 4-5pm, All Hallows' Catholic Church, 2 Halley St, Five Dock.

### A Point to Ponder:

*'Never see a need without doing something about it.'* – St. Mary Mackillop

### Reflecting on SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

It is regularly a publically discussed issue regarding the value of Special Religious Education, there is definitely more publicity about eliminating it than reasons to maintain it in our State schools.

There are a number of reasons as to why I think that Special Religious Education in State schools has a value and needs to be maintained. The first reason is that it provides students with an awareness of diverse religious cultures that has shaped our Western values. Another reason is that it enables people to be informed that they have a personal value and identity beyond what they physically experience in the here and now.

It is true that we as an Australian people are becoming more secular and less religious, as times goes by this is revealed in what comes out of the national census. It was reported that in the 1971 census, 6% of people identified themselves as having *no religion*, in 2016 this figure rose to 30%! A number of years ago a respected social commentator made the point that outside of China, Australia is the most pagan country in the world. It is hard to dispute this comment.

The challenge today for people who do value the place of their faith and religion is to make it distinctive in unifying people by their obvious inner joy and peace. The greatest advertisement of any organization is the quality of the people who profess to believe in it!  
- Fr Martin R Maunsell

**Multicultural Mass 2019:** Celebrating Interculturality. A Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, 2pm on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2019. Celebrated by His Grace, Archbishop Fisher. ALL WELCOME.

### NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER – 10<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2019

(AV Projectionist 9am Mass – B Leung)

Mass	Senior Servers	Junior Servers	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Vigil	M Hanley	L Garcia L Garcia	R: J Murray C: J Murray	A Mazzei, C Jackson E & S Codsi
7:30am	B Gibson		R: S Boland C: L Scully	C Boland, J Gwynne A Lawrence, D O'Connor
9:00am	C Almeida	L Butler A Butler	R: P Ryan C: V Harvey	S Youssef, A Wahbe D Tan, R Harvie
10:30am	G Evans	A Carroll E Dao	R: Br J Curry C: E Fahey	T Taber, M Velasco A Pinto, T Nanden
6:00pm	E O'Regan	S Mourani J Yeung	R: N Williams C: J Gibson	C & V Mourani J Gibson, L Hart

(Counters: 11<sup>th</sup> Feb – B Rigney, R McNamara, P Tassone, E Bowen)