

Alleluia, alleluia! / Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, / you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 11:25-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

I am gentle and humble of heart.

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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Reflections on the Gospel

TRUE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD

Today's Gospel records a moment of joyful intimacy between Jesus and his heavenly Father. Jesus rejoices because he senses that he has managed to share with his disciples something of his own knowledge of God.

The 'knowledge' of which Jesus speaks goes well beyond knowing a great deal about another person. He has in mind the Semitic sense of 'knowing' that flows from deep intimacy. Such knowledge is not gained by learning or study about God. It is a gift that comes to those who set aside any claim to expertise and adopt before God the simplicity of a child.

Jesus goes on to present himself as one who has come to lift humanity's burdens, including but not confined to the burden of sin. In contrast to the interpretations of the Mosaic law given by the scribes and Pharisees (cf. Matt 23:4), his yoke is 'easy' and his burden 'light'. The ease and lightness do not stem from a lowering of standards but from the fact that mercy and love, rather than precise legal perfection, have become the supreme criterion. Twice in Matthew's Gospel Jesus quotes the prophet Hosea to this effect: 'What I (God) want is mercy, not sacrifice' (Hos 6:6; see Matt 9:13; 12:7; also 23:23).

The heart of that ease and lightness is the knowledge of which he spoke earlier. To those who worship God as a distant and fearful potentate religious rules and requirements can indeed appear burdensome. This ought not be the case for those who truly know the God Jesus reveals.

Brendan Byrne, SJ



THE SAVING WORD

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FIRST READING

Zech 9:9-10

A reading from the prophet Zechariah

See how humbly your king comes to you!

The Lord says this:

'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!
See now, your king comes to you;
he is victorious, he is triumphant,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will banish chariots from Ephraim
and horses from Jerusalem;
the bow of war will be banished.
He will proclaim peace for the nations.
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14. R. v. 1

**R. I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God. (or Alleluia!)**

1. I will give you glory, O God my King, / I will
bless your name for ever. / I will bless you day
after day / and praise your name for ever. **R.**

2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, /
slow to anger, abounding in love. / How good
is the Lord to all, / compassionate to all his
creatures. **R.**

3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, /
and your friends shall repeat their blessing. /
They shall speak of the glory of your reign /
and declare your might, O God. **R.**

4. The Lord is faithful in all his words / and
loving in all his deeds. / The Lord supports
all who fall / and raises all who are bowed
down. **R.**



SECOND READING

Rom 8:9, 11-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Romans

*If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of
the body, you will live.*

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but
in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has
made his home in you. In fact, unless you
possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not
belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who
raised Jesus from the dead is living in you,
then he who raised Jesus from the dead will
give life to your own mortal bodies through
his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity
for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live
unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way,
you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit
you put an end to the misdeeds of the body
you will live.

■ The word of the Lord.

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Catholic Parish of St Kevin Eastwood



Deacon: Eddie Ho

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: Tue 7-7:30pm

Cenacle Marian Movement of Laity: Thu 7pm (Holy Family Chapel)

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 5th July 2020

Recently Deceased: Henry Rheinberger, Sarwa Gunawan

Death Anniversary: Nunziato Laguzza, Caterina Francesco Mirenzi, John Davidson, Geoff & Patricia Clarke, Young Hwan Ho, Yong Min Ho, Young Seok Seo, Soo Woog Jin, Maria Hur, Felix Beins, Cecile Beins, Jan Brayan, Mary Duck, Ces Regan, Roy & Bessie Landon and deceased members of Landon, Pigott, Stewart families, John & Bonnie Bowdern, Leslie & Isobel Johnson and Barbara Kierdal

Our Sick: Robert Lauw, Tenille Moujalli, June Phelan and Anne McIntyre, Adhy Guna S., Daisy and Nur Gouw

UPCOMING FEAST DAY:

Saint Maria Goretti 6th July, Saint Benedict 11th July

PARISH NEWS:

- **From 1st July, churches in NSW are open for Masses under the four-square-metre rule.** Our parish can now accommodate up to 150 attendees at a time subject to this ruling. Contact details of all those entering the church (name, phone number and email address of one adult per household) must be recorded in case contact tracing is required. Physical distancing of at least 1½m from each other and hygiene directions (including regularly disinfecting the church) will be observed. Parishioners who are unwell or in high risk categories must stay home. See noticeboard or visit the parish website for guidelines when attending. For the latest pastoral letter from the Archdiocese of Sydney go to: <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/>
- **New planned giving envelopes for the next financial year is now available for collection at the back of the church.** To all planned giving members who requested to collect their tax receipt last weekend, it is now available for collection at the back of the church. To request a tax receipt, fill-in a form in the church foyer and place it in the box provided. Alternatively, visit the parish website home page and click on the link to request a tax receipt. Thank you for your continued support.
- **ST KEVIN'S MEN'S CHOIR:** First gathering is scheduled at 11.30am on Sunday, 5th July in the parish hall. For info contact Francis David 0421 511 987 or Lou Youssef 0400 303 733.
- **A message from Francis David:** "Hi Parishioners, just letting you know that I am commencing singing lessons for all age groups. If interested, give me a call 0421 511 987"
- **Kevinwood Concert in the Haseler Centre on Sun 5th July.** 1st half of the programme starts at 2.30pm, Next half is at 3.45pm. ☎ Suzanne 9874 2809 or www.kevinwood.org
- **Free exercise class for St Kevin's Parishioners** will resume on **Tues, 7th July at 4.15pm in the Haseler Centre.** For information ☎ Michael Wilkinson, Personal Trainer at 88192280.
- **The parish office is on reduced hours.** Please leave a message at 9874 2533 and we will return your call. Best way to reach us is by email: parish@stkevinseastwood.org.au.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

'God is full of compassion and never fails those who are afflicted and despised if they trust in him alone.' – St Teresa of Avila

FR MARTIN MAUNSELL'S REFLECTION:

SELF-REVELATION has value!

While travelling to the cemetery after a funeral, one of the family members of the deceased suddenly broke the silence by saying; *"That Mildred was really a religious person although she never spoke about it."* No one made a comment until the funeral company car driver suddenly said; *"If she never shared her religious views then how would you know that she was religious?"* Again no one said anything, but this man definitely had a point!

Experience has taught me that so many good and faithful spouses in marriage until their dying day remain a religious mystery to their partner. As well so many parents remain religious mysteries to their children. It is often immensely valuable especially at a religious milestone event such as at a funeral, a baptism, a first communion or a confirmation that the people gathered mention something to others of the religious significance the event has for them. Of course, this needs to be done gently and it does not need to dominate the event, yet it can provide for the people gathered some real *pearls of wisdom*. Throughout the Gospels Jesus of Nazareth constantly enriched his audience when speaking about his relationship with his heavenly Father. In John's Gospel he says, *"Of myself I can do nothing, I do not seek to do my own will but that of my Father."* I recently read; *"That a lighted candle loses nothing of its light by sharing it with others."*

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE:

- **We are pleased to announce that the Marriage Mass at St Mary's Cathedral will be going ahead.** All married couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries are invited to come, celebrate, and receive a blessing from Archbishop Anthony. The relics of Saints Louis and Zelig Martin, Patrons of Married Life, will also be available for veneration after Mass. **Please register here:** www.sydneycatholic.org/marriagemass2020
- **Palms Australia is currently seeking office volunteers.** Palms Australia is a registered Catholic charity that has been working to reduce poverty through long-term, skilled volunteering for 59 years. To find out more, call the Palms team on 02 9560 5333.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS:

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER – 12th July 2020

(AV Projectionist 9am Mass – B Leung)

Ministry	Vigil	7:30am	9:00am	10:30am	6:00pm
Senior Servers	A Ezembaukwu	R Guo	D Lui	B Rigney	A Ho
Readers	R: W Yau C: S Fernando	R: K Patterson C: M Farrell	R: R Debeck C: M Laguzza	R: P Zangari C: E Jumauan	R: S Polson C: C Small

Counters will be advised as needed. Thank you.