

Alleluia, alleluia! / The kingdom of God is near: / believe the Good News! / Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*Repent, and believe the Good News.*

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake — for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

24 JANUARY 2021

## FISHING FOR OPEN HEARTS

In many ways, the book of Jonah is a moral tale that aims to open closed minds and hearts to the possibility that all people can respond to God's word if they are given the opportunity to hear it. When he was first commissioned to go to Nineveh, Jonah fled because he resisted the invitation to see his traditional enemies in a more positive light. Jonah saw Nineveh as a lost city – a symbol of power, aggression, and domination. Having walked into the middle of this huge bustling city he learned that even his enemies hungered to hear God's living word, and could respond generously by amending their lives.

At first sight, Paul's advice to the Corinthians can seem to devalue daily life. Paul was asked to give his advice to a group of Christians who were not sure how they should balance the demands of daily life and their Christian commitment. They expected Jesus to return in the very near future. Time was a precious commodity and they wanted to live each day in a state of readiness. Imagine you had only days or months to live – how would you spend them so as to be ready to meet the Lord?

Peter and Andrew, James and John were going about their normal lives when suddenly Jesus was present among them, inviting them on a journey that would turn their world upside down. Their response, like that of the people of Nineveh, was immediate and generous. It would now be their role to cast the net of God's word into the world – fishing for open hearts.

## FIRST READING

Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

A reading from the prophet Jonah

*The people of Nineveh renounced their evil ways.*

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

■ The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 24: 4-9. R. v. 4

**R.** Teach me your ways, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways. / Lord, teach me your paths. / Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: / for you are God my saviour. **R.**

2. Remember your mercy, Lord, / and the love you have shown from of old. / In your love remember me, / because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**

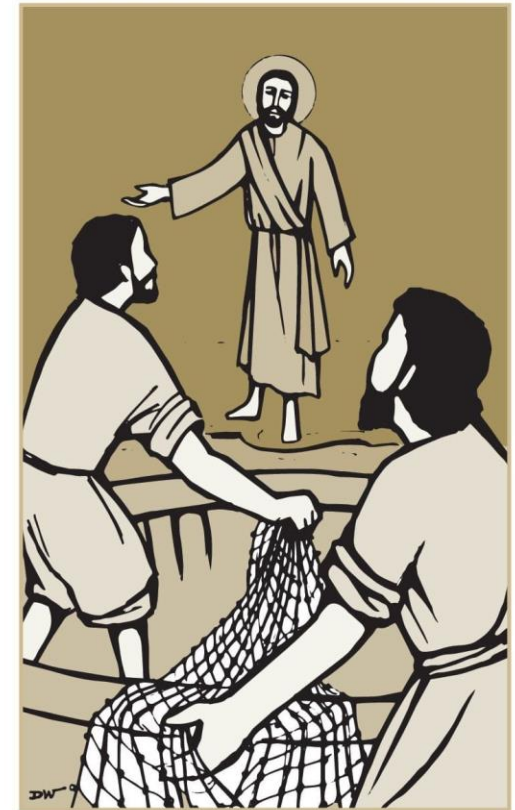
3. The Lord is good and upright. / He shows the path to those who stray, / he guides the humble in the right path; / he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

## SECOND READING

1 Cor 7: 29-31

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*The world as we know it is passing away.*



Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

■ The word of the Lord.

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# Catholic Parish of St Kevin Eastwood



Vigil Mass: Saturday at 5:30pm

NEW Sunday Mass Times beginning 20<sup>th</sup> Sep 2020:

8am, 9:30am, 11:30am (Chinese) and 6pm

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

Eucharistic Adoration: Fri 4:00pm

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

Cenacle Marian Movement of Laity: Thu 7pm

Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Rosary & Novena: Tue 7-7:30pm

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 24<sup>th</sup> January 2021



**Recently Deceased:** Leon Delpesch, Robert Bickerstaff

**Our Deceased:** Cyril Joseph Smith; 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 O' Connor, Pigott, Stewart & Casey families; Alan & Molly McNamara, Bill & Eileen Taylor, Amy Murry, Katherine Corbett, Win Tranor, Fr John Haseler, Sandra Walsh, Jim Grainger, Fr John Lyne, James Bertoldo, Mike Crestani and Fr Maurice Sullivan

**Our Sick:** Rumsey Mangano, Agnes, Heru Ie, Robert Lauw, Tenille Moujalli, June Phelan, Anne McIntyre, Adhy Guna S., Daisy Gouw, Nur Gouw, Mercy Candido

### UPCOMING FEAST DAY:

St Thomas Aquinas 28<sup>th</sup> January, St John Bosco 31<sup>st</sup> January

### PARISH NEWS:

- **The next Men's Prayer Gathering will be on Wed, 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 6:30pm** at the St Kevin's Church Holy Family Chapel. All men welcomed. Please call Lou Youssef 0400 303 733.
- **St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal receipts are now available on the table at the back of the church** for those who requested them. Thank you.
- **Fr Martin would like to welcome and congratulate Ms. Silvana Rossetti**, newly appointed Principal of Marist College, Eastwood commencing Term 1, 2021. See church noticeboard for the official announcement from Sydney Catholic Schools.
- **On Tues, 26<sup>th</sup> January, we will celebrate Australia Day with a Mass at 9.15am.** An opportunity to pray for peace and reconciliation. NB: No 7:30am Mass on that day.
- **We are encouraging everyone to use the NSW Government issued QR code to register on entry.** However, in cases where parishioners are unable to use the QR code, please sign-in manually. Weekend and weekday Masses are on a first come, first served basis.
- **Face masks are now mandatory for indoor religious gatherings, NSW Health can impose a \$200 fine on each individual failing to abide by this rule. Should you forget to bring a face mask with you, there are extra face masks available in the foyer. Congregational singing is suspended until further notice.** Avoid mingling & crowding. Physical distancing of 1.5m between persons not living in the same household applies in each pew. Sanitise your hands & use disinfectant wipes to clean your seat as you leave. Passing of bulletins and collection plates are still suspended. **Please take home the parish bulletin.**

### AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE:

- Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor is opening up its home at 35 Dudley Street, Coogee to visitors for monthly open days throughout 2021 to allow Sydneysiders to pray at the tomb of Eileen O'Connor, Servant of God & learn more about this 'saint in waiting'. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, numbers are limited to 12 visitors at any one time. Next open day

will be on Sun, 7<sup>th</sup> Feb. Register online: <https://eileenconnor.com.au/open-days>.

- **Project Compassion Virtual Immersion:** Each week during this Lenten season, Caritas Australia will hold Virtual Immersion opportunities for parishes via Zoom. These digital engagements will allow participants to focus on prayer & reflection, Catholic Social Teaching, etc. Sessions will run for 1 hour, Tue & Thu. To register go to: [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au)

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

*"The Spirit of Christ is the spirit of missions, and the nearer we get to him, the more intensely missionary we must become." - Henry Martyn*

### FR MARTIN MAUNSELL'S REFLECTION:

#### ***BRILLIANCE-some insights!***

Recently, I attended a funeral for an exceptionally good priest and as I was waiting after the funeral the priest next to me said; 'What did you think of the homily?' I casually said that it was OK, and he then said to me; 'That the really brilliant homilists so often reveal valuable insights from the readings that I never knew were there.' When he said that to me, I spontaneously said; 'That is just so true!'

Besides the art of preaching brilliance is revealed where a musical composer is able to compose musical melodies that are simply rare, outstanding, and enduring. Some people who come readily to mind would include *Mozart, Leonard Bernstein* as well as *John Lennon and Paul McCartney*. Or it could be a newspaper journalist who is able to accurately report on life's events with a sense of exceptional clarity and insight.

In Australia some of these people would include *Paul Kelly, Mark Colvin, and Kate McClymont*. How these people do this I am convinced is a combination of natural talent, a deep learning of their field and a good perception as to what people can readily appreciate and remember. Each of these elements naturally feed off each other to create a positive impact. Jesus of Nazareth was consistently brilliant in his words, gestures & actions as revealed in comments like this; "People were overwhelmed with amazement as he did all things well." (Mark 7:37)

### NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER – 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2021

(AV Projectionist 9:30am Mass – J Chung)

Ministry	Vigil	8:00am	9:30am	6:00pm
Senior Servers	S Tesara	B Gibson	D Ie	J Bosco
Junior Servers	F Papallo W Darmadi		K Velasco E Velasco	E Maina
Readers	R: R Tohme C: M Wilkinson	R: P Parker C: M Farrell	R: V Aloisi C: W Aloisi	R: A DiBella C: C Small
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	F Reay R Elliott	J Gwynne J Sun	C McPhillips M Polson	S Ramundi J Gibson

Counters will be advised as needed.