

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4: 16

Alleluia, alleluia! / A people in darkness / have seen a great light: / a radiant dawn shines / on those lost in death. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 1: 21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority. In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

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WHAT COMES FROM WITHIN

At his death, Moses was praised because 'never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face' (Deuteronomy 34:10). He was the mediator between the people of Israel and the living God. They could not bear to be in God's presence for long at Horeb and so they had begged him to be the one to represent them and bring God's message back to them in ways they could understand. Today's first reading reminds the reader that Moses' mission was only the beginning of a larger mission that would be completed in the future. In the meantime, the people would have to wait for the promised prophet.

When Jesus began his ministry, his exorcisms, healing and teaching led his contemporaries to recognise his authority. The word for authority is ἐξουσία and it is a beautiful way of describing what others could see coming out of his very being. While Moses knew God face to face, it is clear that Jesus has something more because it comes from within. The demons have insight that we need to make our own – this is more than a prophet, this is the Holy One of God.

Paul continues his advice to the Corinthians reminding them we need to do more than simply proclaim that Jesus is the Holy One of God. Our proclamation is a great start, but it must be lived out in our daily lives. We are called to find the right balance between the attention we give to the Lord and our family commitments.

FIRST READING

Deut 18: 15-20

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command.

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

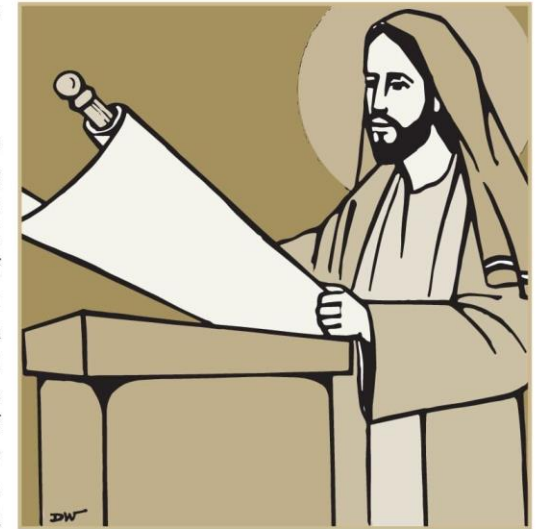
RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 94: 1-2, 6-9. R. v. 9

R. If today you hear his voice harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; / hail the rock who saves us. / Let us come before him, giving thanks, / with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

2. Come in; let us kneel and bend low; / let us kneel before the God who made us / for he is our God and we / the people who belong to his pasture, / the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

3. O that today you would listen to his voice! / 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, / as on that day at Massah in the desert / when your fathers put me to the test; / when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

**SECOND READING**

1 Cor 7: 32-35

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

The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

■ **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 20th 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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 31st January 2021



Recently Deceased: Leon Delpech, Robert Bickerstaff

Our Deceased: Ces Allman, Pamela Croaker, Alice & Kenneth Simmons, Keith Colley, 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, John Casey, Roy & Bessie Landon & O’ Connor, Pigott, Stewart & Casey families; Cyril Joseph Smith
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 Agatha 5th February

PARISH NEWS:

- **From 29th Jan, our parish can have up to 130 people, subject to 1 person per 4sqm rule.**
- **Information evening for parents/carers regarding enrolment to the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and Holy Communion Program will be on Wed, 10th Feb at 7pm via ZOOM.** Children must be in Year 3 or above and baptised Catholic. RSVP essential. Register your interest at: <https://www.stkevinseastwood.org.au/reconciliation/> to receive ZOOM meeting details. For info E: parish@stkevinseastwood.org.au or visit parish website
- **We welcome into the family of God, Francesco Nicola Mastrogiovanni,** who will be receiving the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend. Congratulations!
- **Next weekend is Catechist Sunday. All catechists are invited to attend the 9:30am Mass to receive a blessing from the parish community as they begin another school year.**
- **The next Men’s Prayer Gathering will be on Wed, 3rd Feb 6:30pm** at the St Kevin’s Church Holy Family Chapel. All men welcomed. Please call Lou Youssef 0400 303 733.
- **St Kevin’s Playgroup meets during school term, every Wednesday 9:30am–12nn in different venues around the area (parks, library, parish hall etc.)** Join in the fun! For more information contact Leanne via email: stkevinsplaygroup@gmail.com
- **For those who requested receipts from St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal, they are now available for collection from the table at the back of the church.** Thank you.
- **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 still compulsory 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 and 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 & collection plates still suspended. Please take the parish bulletin home.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE:

- **Annual Catechists Mass at St Mary’s Cathedral on Sun, 7th Feb at 2:30pm** celebrated by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP. Long serving catechists will be awarded for 20, 25, 30, 40 & 50 years of catechetical service. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, attendance is limited. Mass to be livestreamed via this link: https://youtu.be/myqi2nC_SpQ. **Congratulations to our very own St Kevin’s Parish Catechist, Margaret Chiu, Apostolic Blessing recipient, for her 20 years of catechetical service!**

FR MARTIN MAUNSELL’S REFLECTION:

AUSTRALIA DAY, 2021-some insights!

October 31, 2017 marked the 500th anniversary of the founding of the now worldwide Lutheran church. To mark this significant event for many Christian people there were a number of Catholic-Lutheran dialogues. One of these dialogues was in the Chapter Hall of Saint Mary’s Cathedral in Sydney. I well remember one of the Lutheran bishops saying these words; “I think it is best that we commemorate rather than celebrate this occasion as amidst the progress made for us all in better understanding Christianity much hurt and loss also needs to be acknowledged.” I thought recently that this same principle could be used in thinking about *Australia Day* as it’s definitely not a day worthy of celebration for many of our aboriginal people. Yet we should not also ignore the many good things that British colonization has brought to this island continent in the South Seas. So perhaps it’s best that this day be *commemorated*. A thought from *left field* I saw in the letters section in the Sydney Morning Herald on January 26 that came from Jennifer Katauskas of Wahroonga who wrote; “In 1803 Matthew Flinders accompanied by the aboriginal elder Bungaree circumnavigated and mapped the then Great South Land and he named it Australia. This journey took a whole year so any date in the year could be chosen to celebrate this event and it be called Australia Day.” I think that this is definitely something to think about!

NEXT WEEK’S ROSTER – 7th Feb 2021

(AV Projectionist 9:30am Mass – D Muljadi)

Ministry	Vigil	8:00am	9:30am	6:00pm
Senior Servers	S Dick	S Coorey	B Rigney	A Ho
Junior Servers	O Brown I Brown		T Elder L McCudden	R Khalil E Egan
Readers	R: N Brown C: S Fernando	R: K Patterson C: M Hill	R: W Elder C: M James	R: J Khalil C: S Khalil
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	G Brown L Tesoriero	D Macedo R Harvey	C Rigney S Youssef	L Adams J Chang

Counters will be advised as needed.