

eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4: 4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! / No one lives on bread alone, / but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. / Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

Mk 1: 12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

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.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Breaking Open the Word

JOURNEYING WITH THE LORD

It is said that it's better to travel hopefully than to arrive. One element of the truth that underlies this saying is that it is the nature of life that we are continually on the move, that there is always another stage of the journey to be undertaken. As we begin this season of Lent the readings are filled with images of journeys, promises and hope. Noah's journey which began with trusting in the Lord's word and building an ark now comes to its conclusion. Having safely come to dry land another journey begins with a new word and promise of God's blessing and faithfulness towards all creation.

If it is true that we are called to walk towards the light it is also true that we are enabled to do so because God has already taken the first step towards us. Lent is a time when we rightly focus on the task of our on-going conversion but, lest we get discouraged, today's second reading and Gospel are timely reminders that we are not undertaking this journey alone. There is work to be done and Peter calls us to remember the responsibility that goes with our baptism. At the same time we are encouraged by the fact that Jesus has already gone where we hope to go and that not even the Dominations and Powers can really impede us. The testing that Jesus undergoes in the desert at the hands of Satan and his victory is a sign and promise that we too will overcome.

Christopher Monaghan CP



THE SAVING WORD

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT / B

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FIRST READING

Gen 9: 8-15

A reading from the book of Genesis

I will recall the covenant between myself and you ... the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 24: 4-9. R. cf. v. 10

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

I. 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 Pet 3: 18-22

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of

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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

First Sunday of Lent – 21st February 2021



Our Deceased: 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 and O' Connor, Pigott, Stewart, Arch & Casey families; Joan McMullen, Lewis George Saunders

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

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS:

The Chair of St Peter, 22nd February

PARISH NEWS:

- **It was on 14th Feb 1981 when Fr Martin first entered the seminary and began his preparation for priesthood. Congratulations on your 40th anniversary Fr Martin!**
- **Stations of the Cross** will be held every Friday right after the 5pm Mass during Lent.
- To help us prepare and reflect on the scriptures during Lent, we will be offering the **Heartbeat Lenten Program** again this year. For those interested in participating or leading a small group, contact the parish office or E: parish@stkevinseastwood.org.au.
- **The mid-week Men's Group will be taking part in the Heartbeat Lenten Program** weekly during Lent commencing on Wed 24th Feb. If interested ☎ Lou Youssef 0400 303 733
- **We welcome Olivia Cullen, new Family Educator at St Kevin's Primary School.** She will talk about her role in the school & parish community at the Vigil & 9:30am Mass.
- **We welcome into the family of God, Ethan Maynard, who will be baptised this weekend & Congratulations to Lachlan McCosker for his reception into the Catholic Church!**
- **World Day of Prayer 2021:** Anglican, Baptist, Catholic, Uniting, and other denominations are invited to gather & pray. The service will be at Eastwood Baptist Church, 3 First Ave. Eastwood on Fri, 5th Mar at 10am. This year we will pray for Vanuatu. All welcome.
- **We are encouraging everyone to use the NSW Government issued QR code to register on entry.** If you are unable to use the QR code, sign-in manually. **Face mask is no longer mandatory but strongly encouraged. Congregational singing is still suspended.** Weekend & weekday Masses are on a first come, first served basis. Observe physical distancing. Sanitise your hands & use disinfectant wipes to clean your seat as you leave.

OTHER NEWS:

- **Olympic Judo Classes for children aged 5-11yrs in the Haseler Centre (parish hall).** Mon & Thu after school hours. Free trial class on Fri 26th Feb. Bookings essential. Call Philotimo Olympic Judo at 0444 577 608 or Email: olympicjudoeastwood@gmail.com.
- **Marist Sisters' College Woolwich: Year 7 2023 applications close 17th Mar 2021.** Now accepting applications for Year 7 2024. For info visit: <https://www.mscw.nsw.edu.au/>

BLESSING OVER THE CHILDREN PREPARING FOR RECONCILIATION:

Heavenly Father be with these children as they begin their journey to your forgiveness. Open their ears, minds, and hearts to the teachings of your Son and fill them with the Spirit of love, peace, joy, and kindness. Amen



AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE:

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "Be More." As St Oscar Romero said, "Aspire not to have more, but to be more." Through your generosity you are assisting some of the world's most vulnerable people build better future for their families & communities. For more info visit: www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or contact 1800 024 413.

FR MARTIN MAUNSELL'S REFLECTION:

THE POWER OF TOUCH!

In 1991 I was given a rare opportunity to walk through Long Bay Goal as an official visitor. I definitely now do not want to visit this place in any other capacity! During the visit I watched how the trained nurse in the infirmary treated each of the prisoners who came to her for treatment. Each prisoner was warmly greeted, and she deliberately touched their hands & arms even if they came in with a migraine headache. This lady whose name I can't recall then casually said to me; "Experience has taught me that the power of human touch when used with respect is a powerful instrument in healing people." When she said those words, I said to myself there is something Christ like about this lady. What her religious background was or if she had one, I had no idea and I wasn't going to ask anyway. The sense of tactile compassion that this nurse revealed to me is so much more effective in life than just dispensing medicine or listening to a physical condition that someone is giving of them self. Essentially it means giving of ourselves the best way we can in responding to a person's suffering. Jesus of Nazareth was compassion itself especially when he related w/ the marginalized people of his time such as people who were suffering from leprosy, we hear in Matthew's Gospel (Ch 8:3); "he stretched out his hand and touched them."

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER – 28th Feb 2021

(AV Projectionist 9:30am Mass – M Nassif)

Ministry	Vigil	8:00am	9:30am	6:00pm
Senior Servers	C Tumminello	R Lock	D Ie	J Bosco
Junior Servers	F Papallo W Darmadi		S Gibbons T Elder	E Egan E Maina
Readers	R: M Wilkinson C: R Tohme	R: M Farrell C: P Parker	R: M Young C: W Elder	R: C Small C: A DiBella
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	M Mizzi L Mizzi	J Gwynne J Sun	M Tallaridi J Raad	S Ramundi D Khoury

NB: Liturgical rosters will be updated soon. Contact the parish office for any changes.