

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 8: 17

Alleluia, alleluia! / He bore our sickness, / and endured our suffering. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 1: 29-39

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

07 FEBRUARY 2021

CONCERN FOR OTHERS

In the midst of his suffering Job takes stock of his life and judges that it can be best described as drudgery and futile. His words are a powerful reminder to us that ours is not the first or last generation to search for meaning in the midst of the complexity of the human situation. It is into the darkness, pain and questioning of ours that Jesus enters with a message of hope. His mission and message is one of healing, freedom and new beginnings.

Paul writes to the Corinthians about the mission that he has received from the Lord, that of preaching the gospel message. He is dealing with a situation where some of the people are exercising their freedom in Christ by eating meat which had previously been sacrificed to idols. While Paul agreed with them that idols did not exist, and that the meat was only meat, their mistake was in not being concerned about their 'weaker' brethren who were scandalised by their behaviour. Rather than arguing who is right and who is wrong, Paul argues that not causing suffering to the other person is a higher value. Using his own practice as an example he talks about how he has tried to become all things to all people so that he might not be an obstacle to the gospel message being preached. Since he exercises his freedom by concern for the other, he hopes that the 'stronger' members of the community will do the same.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Job 7: 1-4, 6-7

A reading from the book of Job

I am filled with sorrow all day long.

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service,
his time no better than hired drudgery?
Like the slave, sighing for the shade,
or the workman with no thought but his wages,
months of delusion I have assigned to me,
nothing for my own but nights of grief.
Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'
Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'
Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.
Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days
have passed,
and vanished, leaving no hope behind.
Remember that my life is but a breath,
and that my eyes will never again see joy.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 146: 1-6. R. v. 3

R. Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted. *or Alleluia!*

1. Praise the Lord for he is good; / sing to our God for he is loving; / to him our praise is due. **R.**
2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem / and brings back Israel's exiles, / he heals the broken-hearted, / he binds up all their wounds. / He fixes the number of the stars; / he calls each one by its name. **R.**
3. Our Lord is great and almighty; / his wisdom can never be measured. / The Lord raises the lowly; / he humbles the wicked to the dust. **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23

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

Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel.

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessing.

■ **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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 7th February 2021



Recently Deceased: Rumsey Mangano, Norah Byrne

Our Deceased: John Davidson, Eugenio R Avila Jr, Mavis Field, Lorraine McDougall, 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; Ces Allman, Pamela Croaker, Alice & Kenneth Simmons, Keith Colley

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

UPCOMING FEAST DAY:

St Bakhita 8th Feb, St Scholastica 10th Feb

PARISH NEWS:

- We would like to wish Fr Martin a very Happy Birthday!** Enjoy your special day!
- We welcome Lucca Agostino into the family of God.** Congratulations on your baptism!
- Information evening for parents/carers regarding enrolment to the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and Holy Communion Program will be on Wed, 10th Feb, 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 the ZOOM meeting details. For info E: parish@stkevinseastwood.org.au or visit the parish website.
- Today is Catechist Sunday.** If you're interested to be a **Catechist or help a catechist to spread the Good News about Jesus to children in Eastwood & Carlingford Public Schools**, contact the parish office via E: parish@stkevinseastwood.org.au or ☎ 9874 2533. Classes are on Wed/Thu, 30-40mins. Trainings & Lessons provided. Grab a flyer in the foyer!
- The Annual Catechists Mass will be at St Mary's Cathedral, 7th Feb at 2:30pm.** Mass will be livestreamed: https://youtu.be/myqi2nC_SpQ. **Congratulations to our very own parish catechists: Margaret Chiu, Apostolic Blessing recipient, for her 20 years of catechetical service and to Michela Augimeri, recipient of Cardinal Gilroy award for her 40 years of catechetical service, our longest serving catechist. We are so blessed to have you both!**
- Men's Prayer Breakfast:** The next gathering will be on 20th Feb at 7am, Haseler Centre. This will be the first week of Lent. All men are welcomed. Info: Lou Youssef 0400 303 733
- We extend our condolences to the family and friends of Rumsey Mangano**, sister of Anne Younis and Lou & Michael Youssef. Her children attended St Kevin's Eastwood. Please keep her and her family in your prayers. 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. Congregational singing is suspended until further notice.** Observe physical distancing. Sanitise your hands & use disinfectant wipes to clean your seat as you leave. **Please take home the parish bulletin.**

CATECHIST BLESSING:



"May God bless you, our Catechists, with wisdom, strength and joy, we ask this in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." – AMEN.

FR MARTIN MAUNSELL'S REFLECTION:

FRATELLI TUTTI-some insights!

Whenever *the spirit moves* the Pope, he sometimes responds by writing a letter called an *encyclical* for the people of the world. This letter is the consequence of his observation and response to some of the issues in the world that he wants to comment on. It's to be appreciated as a learned commentary and nothing more! Pope Francis has now written 3 encyclical letters. The first letter was *Lumen Fidei* – the light of faith, the second was *Laudato Si* – on the care of the earth and his third is *Fratelli Tutti*- on the importance of human relationships. Father Patrick McInerney is an Australian born Columban missionary priest he has recently produced an excellent summary of this 144-page letter, *Fratelli Tutti*, below are some insights;

**There are definite shadows in our world that are causing people to suffer in their relationships with others that need to be addressed.*

**The Good Samaritan parable is a template for all people to follow in effectively addressing the needs of suffering people.*

**All politicians need to have a priority of being charitable to all people and remember that human dignity needs to be upheld.*

**It's an important challenge to address past injustices and mistakes before finding ways not to repeat them.*

**All religions are meant to serve the needs of people and never to be a source of division.*

The words of Pope Francis are inspiring, now the spirit to apply them is before us all!

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER – 14th Feb 2021

(AV Projectionist 9:30am Mass – B Leung)

Ministry	Vigil	8:00am	9:30am	6:00pm
Senior Servers	K Woo	B Gibson	M Velasco	C Jonas
Junior Servers	L Garcia J Quizon		K Velasco E Velasco	J Mercurio
Readers	R: D Arputhanathan C: J Alam	R: R Brayan C: Br J Curry	R: R Tibbertsma C: P Zangari	R: S Polson C: A Jonas
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Br J Guthrie A Mazzei	D O'Connor D Tan	M Cruz J Cruz	V Mourani K Jonas