

Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / B (ANZAC DAY)

25 APRIL 2021

GOD'S MYSTERIOUS WAYS

There are always different ways of seeing the same thing. For some of the Jews in Jerusalem, Jesus' death was the necessary outcome for someone who was leading the people astray. Peter on the other hand has come to see it as the foundation and cornerstone of a new building. He does not deny that Jesus was rejected by some of his own, but he has come to appreciate it from a new point of view. As John expresses it, it is the means by which God lavishes us with love ushering in a new dawn for those with eyes to see.

In a similar fashion Jesus speaks to his disciples in the Gospel today about how he understands his own death. The disciples could only see their hopes of being part of a new kingdom being dashed to pieces, and as a failure. Jesus did not see his death in this way. Rather, it is the gift of the loving shepherd, given freely for his flock that they might live. On this Anzac Day we remember with profound thanks the sacrifice of so many who have served and died so that we might live.

Despite how things might appear there is always a deeper reality that the person of faith is called to see and appreciate. There is an invitation to hope and trust in the hidden and unexpected ways that God works in our midst. Even failures and suffering can have a part to play in God's plan for us. Having the openness to look once again with the eyes of faith is part of the challenge of Easter.

Christopher Monaghan CP

and the sheep do not belong to him,
abandons the sheep and runs away
as soon as he sees a wolf coming,
and then the wolf attacks and scatters the
sheep;

this is because he is only a hired man
and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd;

I know my own

and my own know me,

just as the Father knows me

and I know the Father;

and I lay down my life for my sheep.

And there are other sheep I have
that are not of this fold,

and these I have to lead as well.

They too will listen to my voice,

and there will be only one flock

and one shepherd.

The Father loves me,

because I lay down my life

in order to take it up again.

No one takes it from me;

I lay it down of my own free will,

and as it is in my power to lay it down,

so it is in my power to take it up again;

and this is the command I have been given
by my Father.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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FIRST READING

Acts 4: 8-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

This is the only name by which we can be saved.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PS

Ps 117: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29. R. v. 22

R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone. (or Alleluia!)

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, / for his love has no end. / It is better to take refuge in the Lord / than to trust in men: / it is better to take refuge in the Lord / than to trust in princes. **R.**

2. I will thank you for you have given answer / and you are my saviour. / The stone which the builders rejected / has become the cornerstone. / This is the work of the Lord, / a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

3. Blessed in the name of the Lord / is he who comes. / We bless you from the house of the Lord; / I will thank you for you have given answer / and you are my saviour. / Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; / for his love has no end. **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Jn 3: 1-2

A reading from the first letter of St John.

We shall see God as he is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,

by letting us be called God's children;

and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God

but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;

all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him

because we shall see him as he really is.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 10: 14

Alleluia, alleluia! / I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; / I know my sheep, and mine know me. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 10: 11-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd:

the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

The hired man, since he is not the shepherd

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Catholic Parish of St Kevin Eastwood



Vigil Mass: Saturday at 5:30pm

Sunday Mass Times: 8am, 9:30am, 11:30am (Chinese) & 6pm

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

Holy Rosary: Mon – Thu after 7:30am Mass

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 of Easter (ANZAC DAY) – 25th April 2021

Recently Deceased: Lorna Hernandez, Siony Sison, Nancy Oliva

Our Deceased: Geoff & Patricia Clarke, Jan Brayan, Arch Stewart, John Casey, Roy & Bessie Landon and O' Connor, Landon, Stewart, Pigott and Casey families; Kath Dwyer

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

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS:

St Peter Chanel 28th of April, St Catherine of Siena 29th April

PARISH NEWS:

- **Sacrament of Confirmation Information Evening** for Parents/Guardians will be on Wed, 5th May, 7pm via Zoom. Candidates must be in Year 6 or above and have completed their First Reconciliation & Holy Communion. For enquiries please contact the parish office at 9874 2533. Visit: <https://www.stkevinseastwood.org.au/confirmation/> for more details.
- **The next Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Appeal will be on May 1-2.** Please help support the work of charitable agencies in the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney.
- Let's commemorate **ANZAC Day** by praying for those who have faithfully served and sacrificed their lives for our country. Lest We Forget.
- **SUNDAY May 2nd AFTERNOON CONCERT in Haseler Centre - 2.30pm** - orchestra, bells, choir & juniors. Lovely programme with Tchaikovsky's Swan Lake, Nutcracker, etc. Handbills in Piety Store - or look up programme on www.kevinwood.org - calendar
- **Mid-Week Men's Gospel Reflection:** The next opportunity will be on Wed, May 5th May at 7:00pm in the Holy Family Chapel. Program provided.
- **St Kevin's Men's Choir** will be singing at the 9:30am Mass on Mother's Day, Sun 9th May. New Members welcomed. To join, please call 0400 303 733.
- PIT LATRINE PROJECT in UGANDA: Construction of pit latrines underway. New photos on noticeboard. All these were made possible through your generosity. Thank you!
- **HELP KEEP OUR CHURCH COVID-SAFE.** Attendance at Masses are on a first come, first served basis. We can have up to 260 people at any one time subject to the 2sqm rule. Congregational singing is now permitted. Passing of bulletins & collection plates still suspended. Sanitise your hands & use disinfectant wipes to clean your seat as you leave.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE:

- **Skilled volunteer bookkeeper needed at Palms Australia, Petersham:** Palms Australia is a Catholic agency who sends & supports qualified & experienced Australians to assist communities in Asia, Africa & the Pacific. If you're familiar w/ accounting processes & wish to volunteer, contact Exec. Dir. Roger O'Halloran: roger@palms.org.au | 9560 5333
- **Sydney Catholic Youth (SCY) is excited to announce its second Y-Factor Camp for 2021!**

July 5-8 at Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, 347 Grose Wold Rd, Grose Vale NSW. Y-Factor is for teens in years 7 to 12. Early Bird Rate: \$260 (closes May 17) Full Rate: \$280 (closes June 21) For more info E: info@sydneycatholicyouth.org or ☎ 9307 8152. To register go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=746555&>.

FR MARTIN MAUNSELL'S REFLECTION:

FRIENDSHIP & SOLIDARITY!

John Donne (1572-1631) is remembered as one of the great English poets, he was an Anglican minister and was the dean of the magnificent Cathedral of Saint Paul in London. One of Donne's most memorable quotes was "No man is an island, every man is part of the world continent. If a clod of land is washed away by the sea it would make England less than it should be. Any person's misfortune diminishes me as we are all connected to the one humanity."

People would be very remiss to ever think that over time they will have a neutral influence with others, in time it will either be positive or negative. If it's either of these extremes it will be determined by the quality of relationships that someone has taken the time to establish with others. I well remember being moved in hearing someone in giving a funeral obituary say of the deceased;" she *made everyone feel as if they were covered in sunshine.*" Solidarity is a vital tool for reducing inequality in our world as it ideally leads to the sustainable development for all people. Some international organizations that play a constant vital role here include *Caritas International, Amnesty International & The World Health Organization.* Jesus of Nazareth makes the poignant point about solidarity & friendship in these words. "That it's how you treat the least of my brothers & sisters is how you treat me." (Mt 25 v 40)

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY:

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you or anyone you know have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, contact the Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office at safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org or (02) 9390 5810. You may want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support & guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER – 2nd May 2021

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

Ministry	Vigil	8:00am	9:30am	6:00pm
Senior Servers	S Tesara	S Coorey	B Rigney	C Njuguna
Junior Servers	O Brown I Brown		F Papallo T Elder	C Brix-Nielsen A Brix-Nielsen
Readers	R: D Arputhanathan C: N Brown	R: K Patterson C: R Brayan	R: V Harvey C: P Zangari	R: D Lalic C: S Polson
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	G Brown R Boey	D Macedo D O'Connor	C Rigney S Youssef	D Brix-Nielsen A Brix-Nielsen

