

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! / The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; / all who come to him will live for ever. / Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Mk 4: 26-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.*

Jesus said to the crowds: 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

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13 JUNE 2021

## LIVE BY FAITH, NOT BY SIGHT

The parables of Jesus have a marvellous way of giving us the feeling of having Jesus sitting beside us. They have always been able to cross barriers of time, space and culture. They have a power to delight and unsettle, to console and challenge that is undimmed with the passing of nearly 2000 years. They are deceptively simple and always invite further reflection. When Jesus spoke of the kingdom or reign of God he drew on the image of the mustard seed. In doing this he was able to speak of the hidden beginnings of God's reign and, at the same time, the certainty of its growth. This of course is where the parable is deceptively simple, and where its challenge is to be found. As in the time of Jesus, it is still difficult to believe in the certainty of the coming of the kingdom, especially when its growth continues to be hidden, and the hearts of many seem to remain unchanged.

It is precisely here that Paul's reflection on his life as a Christian in the first century can be a source of encouragement. While we can picture Paul's ministry as one of on-going successes, the reality was not so simple. Faced with rejection and misunderstanding from some of the community in Corinth he does not lose heart. Sometimes growth among them was hard to see but he keeps his eyes firmly on what lies ahead. He knows there are many times when we must have the trust to live by faith and not by sight.

Christopher Monaghan CP

## FIRST READING

Ezek 17: 22-24

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

*I have made the small tree great.*

The Lord says this:

'From the top of the cedar,  
from the highest branch I will take a shoot  
and plant it myself on a very  
high mountain.

I will plant it on the high mountain  
of Israel.

It will sprout branches and bear fruit,  
and become a noble cedar.

Every kind of bird will live beneath it,  
every winged creature rest in the shade of its  
branches.

And every tree of the field will learn that I,  
the Lord, am the one

who stunts tall trees and makes the low  
ones grow,

who withers green trees and makes the  
withered green.

I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

■ The word of the Lord.

## RESP PSALM

Ps 91: 2-3, 13-16. R. cf. v. 2

**R.** Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord/  
to make music to your name, O Most High,  
to proclaim your love in the morning/  
and your truth in the watches of the night. **R.**

2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree/  
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R.**

3. Planted in the house of the Lord/  
they will flourish in the courts of our God,  
/still bearing fruit when they are old,  
/still full of sap, still green,  
/to proclaim that the Lord is just.  
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R.**



## SECOND READING

2 Cor 5: 6-10

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

*Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.*

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

■ The word of the Lord.

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Parish Office Hours: Mon-Fri: 10:00am-3:00pm

# 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

## Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – 13<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**Recently Deceased:** Peter Rogers, Lydia F. Moster

**Our Deceased:** Helena Curic; Peter Leung; Lucy Ng, Cecilia Tan; deceased members of Menezes family; Geoff & Patricia Clarke, Jan Brayan, Arch Stewart, John Casey, Roy & Bessie Landon and O' Connor, Landon, Stewart, Pigott and Casey families; Carmelo A. Samson; Selma Coutinho; William Eric Smith; and lastly, please pray for all the souls in purgatory.



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

### UPCOMING FEAST DAYS:

St Anthony of Padua 13<sup>th</sup> June, St Romuald 19<sup>th</sup> June

### PARISH NEWS:

- **Sincere thanks to all those who have signed the Save Our Graves petition. It was a huge success!** Renegotiation process begins. Praying for a favorable result!
- **Men's Prayer Breakfast:** Sat 19<sup>th</sup> June, 7am-8:30am, Haseler Centre. All men welcomed.
- **St Kevin's Men's Choir** will sing at the 9:30am Mass on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June. New members welcomed. Please call 0400 303 733.
- **MenALIVE Weekend coming soon.** Please indicate your interest by calling 0400 303 733 or email: [parish@stkevinseastwood.org.au](mailto:parish@stkevinseastwood.org.au)
- **On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June, the usual 5pm Mass will move to an earlier time at 7:30am to make way for Confirmation Masses at 5pm and 7:15pm. There will be No Eucharistic Adoration** on that day. We apologize for the inconvenience.
- **June 26 & 27 will be the last weekend for receipted Planned Giving Donation for this financial year. New set of planned giving envelopes will be available for collection on that weekend.** Thank you for your continued support and generosity.
- Everyday thousands of people turn to Vinnies in their time of need. **On June 26 & 27, our parish will have the Vinnies Winter Appeal.** Help end the pain of poverty through Vinnies
- **UPDATED COVID19 Restrictions:** Face masks are no longer compulsory when visiting places of worship. Congregational singing is now permitted. We can have up to 260 people at any one time under the 2sqm rule. No passing of bulletins & collection plates. Sanitise your hands & use disinfectant wipes to clean your seat as you leave. Thank you.

### AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE:

- **New Independent Boys School in Sydney: Hartford College** is an independent Catholic school for boys opening in 2022 in Daceyville. Commencing in Year 5, Hartford will offer personalized education through to the HSC. For more information and to lodge your expression of interest for 2022, please visit [www.hartfordcollege.com.au](http://www.hartfordcollege.com.au)

- **Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Twilight Reflection Evening:** Join Bishop Anthony Randazzo, Dr. Robbie Lloyd & Ms. Ashleigh Donnelly together with Catholics from the Archdiocese of Sydney, Parramatta and Broken Bay Dioceses, for a prayerful event to celebrate our social justice work & reflect on the theme "To Live Life to the Full: Mental Health in Australia Today," on Wed 30<sup>th</sup> June 6pm-8:30pm at Pennant Hills Bowling Club, 52 Yarrara Rd. To register E: [ruth.moraes@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:ruth.moraes@sydneycatholic.org) or ☎ 0439 584 221.

### FR MARTIN MAUNSELL'S REFLECTION:

#### BEARERS of HOPE!

Recently with a number of priests from my local area I was fortunate enough to listen to a fascinating talk by a Columban Catholic priest Rev. Dr. Patrick McInerney. This extraordinary man in many ways is an ecumenist who specializes in Christian-Islamic dialogue. Below are some valuable insights that he generously shared;

- *Christianity is not a religion of reciprocity it is a religion of grace and love to both give and share. This makes it distinctive to the Jewish and the Islamic religions as they are definitely religions of reciprocity. Practically this means that dialogue nearly always comes from a Christian initiative.*
- *For all major world religions in times of difficulty the place of divine assistance is acknowledged as being vital. This assistance is based on hope rather than just optimism. Hope in a religious sense is a yearning for divine assistance whereas optimism is a good human attitude.*
- *Pope Francis has a particular genius in creating and sustaining effective inter religious dialogue, in this dialogue he often speaks of the place of hope and our common home being planet earth.*

Inter- religious dialogue is a constant and vital challenge for people of all religions to value and much needs to be done yet enormous progress has also happened over the last few decades.

The profound words of the Prophet Isaiah (Ch 26v3) are worth remembering; "The steadfast of mind God will keep in perfect peace because they trust in you."

### NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER – 20<sup>th</sup> June 2021

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

Ministry	Vigil	8:00am	9:30am	6:00pm
Senior Servers	S Tesara	R Lock	D Ie	J Bosco
Junior Servers	K David W Darmadi		E Velasco K Velasco	L McCudden L Persia
Readers	R: P David C: J Alam	R: P Porta C: W Chick	R: M James C: D Li	R: A DiBella C: C McCaughan
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	M Mizzi L Mizzi	A Blomfield J Sun	S Youssef M Tallaridi	J Chang E Lobo