



have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it; and you too have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf. Eph 1: 17-18

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mk 6: 7-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

He called the Twelve, and began to send them out.

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals but, he added, ‘Do not take a spare tunic.’ And he said to them, ‘If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.’ So they set off to preach repentance: and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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OPPORTUNITY AND DANGER

When God intervenes in our lives it can mean radical change that brings with it both opportunity and danger. Amos' work had involved the care of trees – nothing had prepared him for his new ministry as prophet. Preaching far from his home, he was politely threatened, and told in no uncertain terms, that his message of judgement was not welcome at the king's shrine. His response was that while his message was discomfoting to hear, it had been given by God. It was not his own and his experience of God was so powerful that he could not deny it. He had a duty to preach the message he had been given.

The mission of the twelve is another example of the kind of radical change that can accompany a close encounter with Jesus. Called to share in Jesus' mission they are prepared and commissioned for this new task, a task which will lead them to face acceptance, as well as the risk of rejection. They are instructed that they must travel light, there is nothing they can carry that will defend them from a closed mind or a hardened heart.

The opening hymn in the letter to the Ephesians is a beautiful and loving reflection on what we have received in Jesus. It is filled with wonder for the fact that we have all been adopted through Jesus, who is the source of forgiveness and our freedom. There is an implicit invitation: having received so much how could we not share this with others – whatever the risk.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Am 7: 12-15

A reading from the prophet Amos.

Go, prophesy to my people.

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, ‘Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.’ ‘I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets,’ Amos replied to Amaziah. ‘I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, “Go, prophesy to my people Israel.”’

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 84: 9-14. R. v. 8

R. Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, / a voice that speaks of peace, / peace for his people. / His help is near for those who fear him / and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; / justice and peace have embraced. / Faithfulness shall spring from the earth / and justice look down from heaven. **R.**
3. The Lord will make us prosper / and our earth shall yield its fruit. / Justice shall march before him / and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

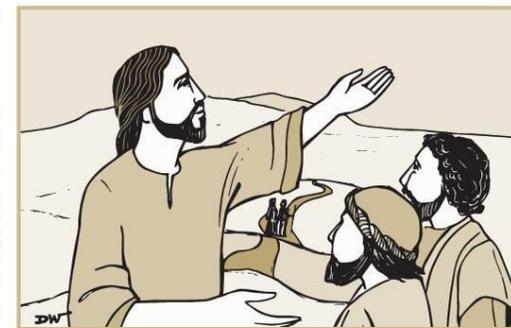
SECOND READING

Eph 1: 3-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

Before the world was made, he chose us in Christ.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence,



determining that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ, for his own kind purposes,

to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved, in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight.

He has let us know the mystery of his purpose,

the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning

to act upon when the times had run their course to the end:

that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth.

And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own,

chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things

as he decides by his own will; chosen to be,

for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came.

Now you too, in him,

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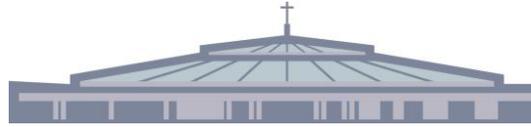
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Catholic Parish of St Kevin Eastwood



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

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 11th July 2021



Recently Deceased: Eileen Goodall, Margaret Ellem, Shirley Pearce

Our Deceased: John Davidson; Lucy Ng, Cecilia Tan; Geoff & Patricia Clarke, Jan Brayan, Arch Stewart, John Casey, Roy & Bessie Landon and O' Connor, Landon, Stewart, Pigott and Casey families; Leena Jaykumhr, Luzer Dilima and deceased members of Dilima and Coutinho family; 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:

Saint Bonaventure 15th July, Our Lady of Mount Carmel 16th July

PARISH NEWS:

- **Greater Sydney Lockdown extended until at least July 16.** We will continue to livestream our weekly Vigil Mass. **From Sunday, July 11, funerals will be limited to 10 people.**
- **Our condolences to the family of Eileen Goodall, long time parishioner at St Kevin's.** Please remember her and her family in your prayers. Thank you.
- **New planned giving envelopes for the next financial year will be available for collection once lockdown ceases.** At the end of 2020-2021 financial year, Planned Giving contributors can request a tax receipt. Click [here](#) or scan the QR code or visit the parish website. Thank you for your continued support.
- **The Eastwood Conference of St Vincent de Paul are looking for new members.** If you are interested to join, please contact the parish office.
- **Volunteer Projectionist needed for Sun, 8am Mass,** contact the parish office if interested.
- **Kevinwood Concert tentatively postponed to Sun, Aug 1st at 2:30pm** in the Haseler Centre. Featuring the music of Beethoven. Kevinwood Orchestra & Bells are joined by George Carrard, solo violin. Go to www.kevinwood.org for details. Subject to COVID restrictions. Should there be changes, announcement will be made on the website.
- **Save the Date: The second MenALIVE weekend to be held at St Kevin's Eastwood has been planned for October 23rd / 24th.** All men invited.
- **Safeguarding Update:** To all parish volunteers, if your WWCC has expired or is expiring, please ensure that you renew your WWCC number and provide the parish office with your new details. For more information on how to renew go to: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/renew-working-children-check-wwcc>.
- **The parish office is closed until further notice.** Please send any enquiries by email: parish@stkevinseastwood.org.au or leave a message at 9874 2533. Thank you.



AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE:

Ignite Conference 21: Sydney, Sep 29 – Oct 2, Freeman College Bonnyrigg. Every year, Ignite Youth hosts one of Australia's most powerful Catholic youth conferences. Ignite Conference draws together a network of high schoolers, young adults, ministry leaders, families, teachers, priests, and religious from around the country, sending them out with a passion for authentic faith in Jesus. For info visit: <https://igniteconference.com.au/>

FR MARTIN MAUNSELL'S REFLECTION:

SAINT JOSEPH-a few insights!

Whenever I go on holidays I often just go to a church as a parishioner and then hope that no one notices me or asks me to be a warden or to bring up the offertory gifts.

While on one holiday after Mass a parishioner told me about a church where at the entrance in the foyer there was a life size bronze statue of Saint Joseph. In front of him was an 8- or 9-year-old Jesus waving his arms in animated conversation. The sculptor brilliantly conveyed Joseph looking at the boy with a loving, respectful gaze in his eyes. It is no surprise that the parish is named *Saint Joseph the Worker!* Pope Francis has dedicated 2021 to Saint Joseph and in his brilliant apostolic letter *Patris Corde* he offers what I consider to be 2 valuable insights on him. The first insight is for people to remember that Saint Joseph is the key figure who stands at the crossroads of the Old and the New Testament. It is of value to remember that he is a direct descendent of King David. The second insight is to remember that throughout the scriptures unlike Mary and a number of the apostles Joseph is not recorded as ever saying anything. Yet he more than anyone lived so well the great words of his foster son; *"Learn from me for I am gentle and humble of heart."* (Matthew. Ch 11 v 29)

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER:

As all Churches remain closed in Greater Sydney, we encourage everyone watching us online to receive Jesus through the Spiritual Communion Prayer:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already here and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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 also 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.

