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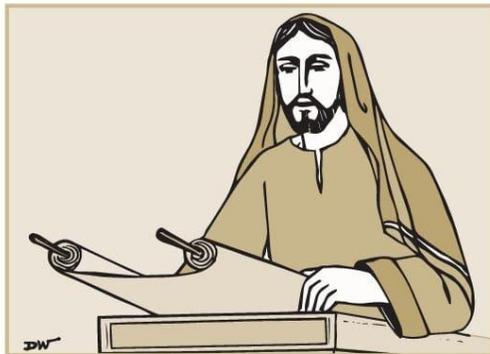
Mk 6: 1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

A prophet is despised only in his own country.

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

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GOD WORKS THROUGH OUR WEAKNESS

It has been said that we are now living in a post-Christian society, where the Christian values that have undergirded our social fabric are being increasingly challenged. While the impact of our multicultural and multifaith society have their part to play, it is perhaps more helpful to consider that preaching the word of God has always been a task fraught with the danger of facing misunderstanding and rejection. When Ezekiel was sent to preach the word to the people of Israel he did not suffer from the illusion that success was certain. In fact, God commissioned him knowing that the task ahead was difficult. His task was to preach the word whatever the response.

Like Ezekiel before him, Jesus faced rejection from his neighbours and his relatives. Even Jesus had to work within the room he was given and his healing ministry was limited by the disbelief he encountered. Mark points out that not even God's Son worked miracles where there was no faith to request or receive them.

Like Jesus and Ezekiel, Paul had to come to terms with rejection from those close to him. In this case the very community which he had founded was divided and there were some who rejected him and resented the ways that he exercised his spiritual leadership and authority. As a means of trying to heal the rift Paul admits, unlike his opponents, that his weakness and frailty are real and yet God has chosen to work through them.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Ezek 2: 2-5

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

The people are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst.

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 122. R. v. 2

R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

1. To you have I lifted up my eyes, / you who dwell in the heavens: / my eyes, like the eyes of slaves / on the hand of their lords. **R.**
2. Like the eyes of a servant / on the hand of her mistress, / so our eyes are on the Lord our God / till he show us mercy. **R.**
3. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. / We are filled with contempt. / Indeed all too full is our soul / with the scorn of the rich, / with the proud man's disdain. **R.**

SECOND READING

2 Cor 12: 7-10

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

I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord



three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Lk 4: 18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me: he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

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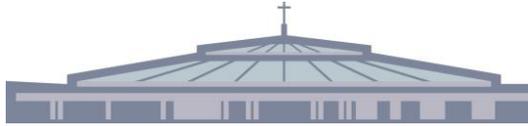
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Catholic Parish of St Kevin Eastwood



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

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 4th July 2021

Recently Deceased: Margaret Ellem, Shirley Pearce, Marie Wassef, Violeta Canales

Our Deceased: John Davidson; Lucy Ng, Cecilia Tan; Leena Jaykumhr, Luzer Dilima and deceased members of Dilima and Coutinho family; Geoff & Patricia Clarke, Jan Brayan, Arch Stewart, John Casey, Roy & Bessie Landon and O' Connor, Landon, Stewart, Pigott and Casey families; 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 Maria Goretti 6th July

PARISH NEWS:

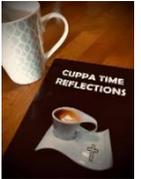
- **Greater Sydney in Lockdown:** From 6pm June 26, all Churches in Greater Sydney will remain closed until at least July 9. We will continue to livestream our weekly Vigil Mass. Funerals will be limited to a maximum of 100 under the 4 square metre rule.
- **The parish office is closed until further notice.** Please send any enquiries by email: parish@stkevinseastwood.org.au or leave a message at 9874 2533. Thank you.
- **Our condolences to the family of Margaret Ellem, long time parishioner at St Kevin's.** Please remember her and her family in your prayers.
- **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.
- **Vinnies Winter Appeal will be re-scheduled** due to Greater Sydney lockdown. Date to be determined when lockdown is over. New members welcome. If you are interested to join, please contact the parish office.
- **Liturgical rosters will be updated soon.** Contact the parish office by email for changes.
- **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.
- **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. Visit: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/renew-working-children-check-wwcc> for more information on how to renew.



- **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.

A MESSAGE FROM FR FABIUS:

Dear Friends: Fr Martin, St Kevin's Parishioners, Eastwood Uniting Church Congregation, and other contributors - My sincere heartfelt thanks to you all. Solely, through the sale proceeds of Fr Martin's book, 'Cuppa Time Reflections,' sufficient funds were raised to complete the Pit Latrine Project at Pere Achte Primary School, Uganda. See new photos in the noticeboard or visit the parish website to read Fr Fabius note of appreciation in full.



FR MARTIN MAUNSELL'S REFLECTION:

LOVE & SERVICE-some insights!

Doctor Elisabeth Kubler-Ross (1926-2004) was a Swedish born American psychiatrist. Her specialty was in working with people who were approaching their physical death and also with people who were suffering the consequences of people dying. It would not have been easy work! Over her long professional career this remarkable lady interviewed hundreds of people and recorded their near-death experiences. Consistently these people reported that as death came near to them, they replayed 2 significant events. These events were the measure of service they had given out to others and the depth of love that they had given and received in their life from others. Dr. Kubler-Ross interestingly reported that her clients/patients rarely reported towards the end of their life any of their worldly fame, status, and power as being significant.

Recently a legendary Australian footballer died (Bob Fulton) and his extraordinary playing skills were naturally well documented. But what I found most significant was what this man's daughter said of him in these words; "my father was more a champion husband to my mother, a parent to his children and a loving devoted grandparent to his grandchildren. He was also consistently patient and giving to the many strangers who came to him."

Jesus of Nazareth also had something to say about the importance of love and service in these words; "if anyone wants to be great then they must make themselves the servant of all." (Matthew Chapter 10, verse 43)

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 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.

