

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

You are the Christ . . . The Son of Man was destined to suffer much.

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



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PATHWAY TO LIFE

In Caesarea Philippi as Jesus prepared to take the dark road to Calvary he asked his disciples whether they really understood his mission and the fearful fate that awaited him in Jerusalem. Not surprisingly, their understanding was limited and their vision clouded by hopes and dreams of an earthly kingdom and release from foreign oppression and domination. Peter was correct in identifying Jesus as the Christ, the anointed king, but completely misguided in thinking that Jesus could avoid the passion. It was precisely by this means that he would open a pathway to the glory of the resurrection. After the resurrection the early disciples came to understand that the mystery of the identity of the suffering servant of Isaiah was now revealed. Jesus was the one who was able to endure the shame and suffering of the cross with confidence and courage because he knew that the love of God would always be there to sustain him.

Jesus was clear that those who want to follow him must be prepared to courageously set out on the same path. The mystery of the paradox of losing our lives in order to find them is one that each disciple must embrace. The letter of James reflects on how this can be lived out at the most practical level by giving of oneself and what we have for the good of those less fortunate than ourselves. Acknowledging that Jesus is the Christ is one thing, putting it into practice is another. Our actions will speak louder than our words.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Isa 50:5-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

I gave my body to those who struck me.

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults.

So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me?

Then let us go to court together.

Who thinks he has a case against me?

Let him approach me.

The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 114:1-6, 8-9. R. v. 9

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living. (or Alleluia!)

1. I love the Lord for he has heard / the cry of my appeal; / for he turned his ear to me / in the day when I called him. **R.**

2. They surrounded me, the snares of death, / with the anguish of the tomb; / they caught me, sorrow and distress. / I called on the Lord's name. / O Lord my God, deliver me! **R.**

3. How gracious is the Lord, and just; / our God has compassion. / The Lord protects the simple hearts; / I was helpless so he saved me. **R.**



4. He has kept my soul from death, / my eyes from tears / and my feet from stumbling. / I will walk in the presence of the Lord / in the land of the living. **R.**

SECOND READING

James 2:14-18

A reading from the letter of St James.

Faith without good works is dead.

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gal 6:14

Alleluia, alleluia! My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. Alleluia!

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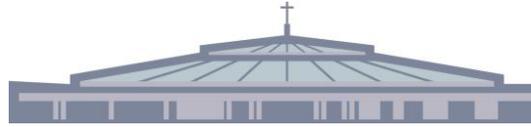
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Catholic Parish of St Kevin Eastwood



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

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 12th Sep 2021



Our Deceased: Terry Magill, John Davidson, Lucy Ng, Cecilia Tan, Margaret Ellem; Geoff & Patricia Clarke, Jan Brayan, Arch Stewart, John Casey, Roy & Bessie Landon and O' Connor, Landon, Stewart, Pigott and Casey families. Lastly, please pray for all the souls in purgatory.

Our Sick: Lee Kok Wa, Stephanie Thielbeer, Sam Wong, Donald Mees, Agnes, Robert Lauw, Tenille Moujalli, June Phelan, Anne McIntyre, Adhy Guna S., Daisy Gouw, Nur Gouw

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS:

St John Chrysostom 13th Sep; The Exaltation of the Cross 14th Sep; Our Lady of Sorrows 15th Sep; Sts Cornelius & Cyprian 16th Sep

PARISH NEWS:

- **As we celebrate Safeguarding Sunday, we would like to thank all the parish volunteers who have done the Online Safeguarding Induction Training recently.** A reminder that this training is mandated by the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney for selected volunteering roles in the parish. If you have received an email from the parish and haven't done the training, we encourage you to do so. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.
- **The parish bulletin is now available outside the Church for anyone to take home or place inside letterboxes of parishioners you know, who are alone, elderly, and don't have the technology to watch our online Mass. Help them reconnect with our parish.** If you are in an LGA of concern and wish to receive the parish bulletin, please contact the parish office.
- **We thank all the parishioners who are continuously supporting our parish financially during lockdown and all the volunteers involved in our livestreamed Vigil Mass.**
- **Prayer requests/Mass offerings for the deceased are still accepted.** Send us an email or leave a message at 9874 2533. Donations can be made online via the parish website.
- **The parish office is closed until further notice.** Please send your queries by email: parish@stkevinseastwood.org.au or leave a message at 9874 2533. Thank you.
- **For pastoral care emergencies, please contact Fr Martin directly at 0414 841 928.**

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 2021

This week the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney celebrated National Child Protection Week for the fifth year in a row, and today, the week culminates with the celebration of **Safeguarding Sunday**. Child Protection Week, has provided us with an opportunity to reflect on how we can improve the ways we care for, protect, and listen to the Children and Young People in our communities. To help us reflect, the Safeguarding Office has developed two new resources; the **Children's Activity Book** and **A Guide for Young People to Better Understand their Wellbeing**. Additionally, the Safeguarding Offices of the Archdiocese of Sydney, the Diocese of Parramatta and Broken Bay, have collaborated on the development of a resource

entitled **Children and Young People's Participation in Catholic Communities**. You can access all these resources here: <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection/>. To watch Archbishop Anthony's Child Protection Week 2021 message, visit our parish website: <https://www.stkevinseastwood.org.au/>.

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, you can contact the Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE:

- **An Evening Retreat for married Couples:** a marriage enrichment opportunity, couple's prayer & reflection, and quiet time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, closing with Benediction: 16th Sep, 8pm-9pm: <https://www.facebook.com/LifeMarriageFamilySydney>
- **Women of all ages are invited to join the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia for an online retreat into silence, Sep 24-26.** Mass, communal & private prayer, and talks that delve deeper into the theme of silence. To register go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/BTYGD>

FR MARTIN MAUNSELL'S REFLECTION:

CLIMATE CHANGE-a reflection!

Japan has recently been in the world news in a positive way with the successful presentation of the Olympic and the Paralympics Games. What has also been given worldwide news is what has become known as *Climate Change*, I doubt that anyone could dispute it is a subject that needs to be addressed but to what extent is where debate happens.

In 1983 a Japanese born Catholic bishop whose name was Stephen Fumio Hamao (1930-2007) spoke these powerful words at an international conference in the Vatican; "*When we work for peace it will only be effective when all people become aware of their deep connection with the living things of nature. We must not seek to dominate nature but rather seek harmony with it. Over time we all need to be free from the frenzy of wanting to be possessive and become more partners of peace.*" Pope Francis emphasized these same sentiments in his relatively recent letter *Laudato Si*.

In so many ways God the creator has created the world as if it was a beautiful garden similar to planting the seeds that would bloom into flowers for his loved children. The whole of creation especially the air we breathe, the water we drink and the earth we walk on all need to be seen as gifts to be valued so they can be passed down to future generations. To do this effectively both individually and collectively is a challenge before us all.