

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death,

and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 10:46-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Master, grant that I may see.

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said, 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him, 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

24 OCTOBER 2021

HEALING POWER OF FAITH

The exile was a brutal experience for the people of Israel. It was a moment of powerlessness, shame, and disgrace for them. Feeling abandoned by God and bearing the scars of the bitter siege which had preceded their defeat, they huddled together trying to understand how their world, and God's promise, had been turned upside down. Jeremiah who had warned the people of their impending fate can now finally proclaim a word of comfort and hope. They will be brought back to their land. Furthermore, the path God is making for them is not one just for the strong. The vulnerable, the blind and lame, and those in labour will be able to tread this path.

As Jesus makes his way to Jerusalem a blind man calls out for his help. For others on the road, this man is an intrusion and obstacle. But he is the one who demonstrates what it means to have faith in Jesus. As Jesus bravely and compassionately journeys to his death and resurrection it is the blind man who ironically has the eyes to see what is really happening – and the courage and faith to follow.

The compassion of Jesus for the blind man is in keeping with how the letter to the Hebrews sees Jesus' high priesthood. He is the one who offers sacrifices on our behalf, the one who heals our wounds and brings us back into relationship with God and with others. He deals with us gently and with sympathy knowing our vulnerability and weakness.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Jer 31:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

I shall lead them back in mercy – both the blind and the lame.

The Lord says this:

Shout with joy for Jacob!
Hail the chief of nations!
Proclaim! Praise! Shout:
'The Lord has saved his people,
the remnant of Israel!'
See, I will bring them back
from the land of the North
and gather them from the far ends of earth;
all of them: the blind and the lame,
women with child, women in labour:
a great company returning here.
They had left in tears,
I will comfort them as I lead them back;
I will guide them to streams of water,
by a smooth path where they will not stumble.
For I am a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my first-born son.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 125. R. v. 3

R. The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, / it seemed like a dream. / Then was our mouth filled with laughter, / on our lips there were songs. **R.**
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels / the Lord worked for them!' / What marvels the Lord worked for us! / Indeed we were glad. **R.**
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage / as streams in dry land. / Those who are sowing in tears / will sing when they reap. **R.**



4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, / carrying seed for the sowing; / they come back, they come back, full of song, / carrying their sheaves. **R.**

SECOND READING

Heb 5:1-6

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

■ The word of the Lord.

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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

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 24th Oct 2021

Death Anniversary: Monsignor John Lyne Oct 23, Thelma Coe, Jack Field

Our Deceased: Paoloni family, Rina Rovere, Livia Bosi, Lindsay & Les Hendry, 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: 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:

Sts Simon & Jude, apostles 28th Oct; ALL SAINTS DAY 1st Nov; ALL SOULS DAY 2nd Nov

PARISH NEWS:

- **Welcome back! We are grateful to celebrate our Mass with you all!**
- As we reopen our doors to all parishioners, we ask that we all follow the guidelines displayed in our church foyer. Also, we ask that doors and windows be opened during Mass to optimize ventilation. We appreciate your ongoing support and cooperation. WE NEED YOUR HELP TO KEEP OUR CHURCH COVIDSAFE.
- **In addition to keeping everyone safe, we have installed two touch free Holy Water dispensers on the wall, just above the stoups in the church main entrance. Holy Water is a visible and sacred symbol of our Catholic faith. We think that it is important for us to have access to Holy Water even in these unprecedented times.**
- **New Liturgical rosters will be available for collection next weekend.**
- **All Masses during the month of November will be offered for the repose of the souls of our dearly departed. November Mass envelopes will be available from Oct 25.**
- **Thank you to all the parish volunteers who have done the Online Safeguarding Induction Training.** 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 our parish and have not done the training, we encourage you to do so.
- **Thank you to all those who have joined our daily 3pm Parish Zoom to pray the Rosary.** Please feel free to invite friends and family to join as well. All welcome. Click [here](#) or join using **Zoom Meeting ID: 920 3494 0509 Passcode: rosary**
- **Volunteer Projectionist needed for Sun, 8am Mass,** contact the parish office if interested. Training will be provided.
- **Back-up Livestream Operator needed for Saturday Vigil Mass:** If interested to volunteer please contact the parish office. Training will be provided.
- **We thank all the parishioners who are continuously supporting our parish financially.**



- **For pastoral care emergencies, please contact Fr Martin directly at 0414 841 928.**
- **Starting next week, the parish office will be open at different times, please call, or leave a message at 9874 2533 before coming in or E: parish@stkevinseastwood.org.au**

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE:

Write to your NSW MP ahead of euthanasia vote: NSW Independent MP Alex Greenwich tabled his euthanasia bill in parliament last week. It is more critical than ever for parishioners to act now and voice their opposition to the proposed bill. It is particularly important for residents in this *list of electorates* (available in our parish website) where an MP appears to be undecided on their voting intention to write to the MP concerned. *The anti-euthanasia coalition, HOPE has developed an online tool that will allow you to send an email directly to MPs.* Visit: https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/petition_2108_ocp_nsw

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

“God whispers in our pleasures but shouts in our pains.” – C.S. Lewis

FR MARTIN MAUNSELL’S REFLECTION:

CHARITY & JUSTICE –a reflection!

I was recently told of a homeless man who had a sign draped over his shoulders that said, *“Please don’t give me your coins, I just need more people to give me an opportunity.”* I hope that this man did not have to wait too long for this to happen.

There is a big difference in life between giving people justice and giving them charity. When someone is given justice, it’s often associated with redressing an unfair economic, political, religious, or social environment so they are given a *fair go*. I can assure you in the Catholic Church I have often seen where women in ministry and governance have not been given justice. When people are given charity, it is when they are given an appropriate form of nourishment to survive. This is not a healthy position for anyone to have to be in over the long term. There is a famous saying; *that if you give a man a fish you nourish him only for a while but if you teach him out to fish you can nourish him for a lifetime.*

Jesus of Nazareth often looked to redress unjust forms of religious and civil living structures that oppressed people. A case in point was when he challenged the religious and political leaders of his time to answer the question; *“Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good, to heal and to save life?”* (Matthew Chapter 3 verse 4)

NEXT WEEK’S ROSTER – 31st Oct 2021

(AV Projectionist 9:30am Mass – To be advised)

| Ministry | Vigil | 8:00am | 9:30am | 6:00pm |
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| Senior Servers | S Tesara | R Lock | V Chapman | J Bosco |
| Readers | R: M Wilkinson C: L Laybutt | R: R Tohme C: M Hill | R: D Li C: R Tibbertsma | R: A DiBella C: S Polson |
| Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion | To be advised | J Gwynne A Blomfield | M Tallaridi J Graziano | S Ramundi M Polson |