

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 21:36

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful, pray constantly,
that you may be worthy to stand before
the Son of Man.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 13:24-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Mark.

He shall gather his elect from the four winds.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.'

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

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'MY WORDS WILL NOT PASS AWAY'

The language of Daniel's prophecy and Jesus' dire warnings concerning the day of judgement that will accompany the return of the Son of Man were intended to be deliberately unsettling. In the centuries immediately preceding Jesus' birth a style of literature developed which is now known as apocalyptic.

The seeds for this style of preaching and literature had been sown earlier by the prophets who had spoken of the day of the Lord. At its heart was the belief that God would forcefully intervene in human history and set in order all that humanity had wounded through violence, sin, and unfaithfulness. It was theological reflection on a large scale since it gave expression to the deep-seated belief that God was the Lord not only of life and death but of human history as well.

Faced with a world that desperately needed to be set in order, the apocalyptic literature expressed the belief that the means that God would use would be cataclysmic, involving the resurrection of the dead prior to the distribution of rewards and punishments. The signs that would accompany this moment of judgement and grace were cosmic, involving the disruption of the natural order of the universe.

It is this mode of expression which Jesus himself uses in speaking of God's intervention in our world at the coming of the Son of Man. It is crucial to note that while the heavens and earth will be overturned there is a point of reference that does not change or pass away – Jesus' life-giving word.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Dan 12:1-13

A reading from the prophet Daniel

When that time comes your own people will be spared.

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 15:5, 8-11

R. Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

1. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; / it is you yourself who are my prize. / I keep the Lord ever in my sight: / since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R.**

2. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; / even my body shall rest in safety. / For you will not leave my soul among the dead, / nor let your beloved know decay. **R.**

3. You will show me the path of life, / the fullness of joy in your presence, / at your right hand happiness for ever. **R.**

**SECOND READING**

Heb 10:11-14, 18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

By a single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection of those who are sanctified.

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

■ 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

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 14th Nov 2021



Our Deceased: Margaret Ellem, Eugenio R. Avila Jr, Don Raffin, John Davidson, Lucy Ng, Cecilia Tan, Thelma Coe, Jack Field, Geoff & Patricia Clarke, Jan Brayon, 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:

St Elizabeth of Hungary 17th Nov, **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE 21st Nov**

PARISH NEWS:

- **Congratulations to Fr Martin on his 34th anniversary of ordination to priesthood!**
- **From 8th November, two-square metre rule applies.** Our church can now have 260 attendees at a time. Face masks and QR code check-in still mandatory.
- **Congratulations to all the children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation! May the Holy Spirit guide them in their faith journey.**
- **Reader and Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist rosters are now available at the back of the church. To all Readers: please collect your ‘Break Open the Word’ book.** Thank you.
- **Charitable Works Fund (CWF) November Appeal next weekend.** We know that for some of us this has been a tough time, but it is also the reason why we need to support our Charitable Works Fund, which in turn supports Catholic Care, the Ephpheta Centre and many other ministries in the Archdiocese of Sydney. Help support CWF, your charity.
- **IMPORTANT NOTICE: Midweek Men’s Prayer Hour has now moved to TUESDAYS** at 7:30pm in the Holy Family Chapel starting next week, Nov 16. (formerly held every Wed)
- **Monthly Men’s Prayer Breakfast in the Haseler Centre on Sat 20th Nov.** Starting at 7am for coffee & a light breakfast, followed by Gospel Reflection and prayer. Newcomers most welcomed. For info contact Lou Youssef 0400 303 733.
- **The St Kevin’s Men’s Choir is planning a Christmas Fundraising Concert.** This is to be held on Sun Dec 12th at 3pm in the Church. 100% of the funds raised will be used to help families in our parish who are experiencing financial difficulties. We are all parishioners, so come along enjoy the concert and support this very worthwhile cause!
- **Festival of St Cecilia - next weekend - (Nov 20 & 21)** beautiful music at Masses and afternoon concert **IN THE CHURCH** with great variety of music. Covid safe measures apply. Joyous programme including Beethoven's Symphony No. 5 and “Romance” with solo violin George Carrard. The children open the afternoon programme at 1.30pm with “The Shepherd King.” More information on Kevinwood website: www.kevinwood.org
- **All November Masses will be offered for the repose of the souls of our dearly departed.**

• **The parish office will be open at different times, please call 9874 2533 before coming in.**

A MESSAGE FROM OLIVIA CULLEN, ST KEVIN’S FAMILY EDUCATOR:

Rosary Novena for Peace in Afghanistan, Nov 10-18 at 8pm: Across the Archdiocese of Sydney, a special Rosary "Novena of Novenas" has been organized to pray for peace in Afghanistan. The school and parish community of St Kevin’s Eastwood & St Michael’s Meadowbank are hosting this novena via Zoom. Meeting ID: 623 6554 1273 PW: rosary

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE:

Compassion Never Kills Rally, Thursday 18th November 4-6pm: Say No to Euthanasia Rally! Meet in the Domain at the State Library end. Due to COVID rules, only 1000 double vaccinated people can attend this event. Scan the QR Code to register. Dress Code: something red



FR MARTIN MAUNSELL’S REFLECTION:

LEADERSHIP-some observations!

Over the last 35 years I have had the opportunity to observe closely 2 types of leaders, they being some of the Catholic bishops and some Catholic school principals especially in the archdiocese of Sydney.

There are some common traits in each of these leaders, the first is that I’m sure none of them when they began their respective vocation would have anticipated where in time it would lead them to. What has often happened is that people already in positions of church and school leadership would have noticed their vocational stability and their potential leadership skills and when openings appeared encouraged them to apply for them. Another trait of an effective church or school leader is that they be role models in being dedicated to their own position so that when they speak of standards that other people are to uphold there is no contradiction. I was once told that there is no one more uninspiring in life than an unreformed reformer! A third aspect of leadership that I have noticed is that they need to readily adapt to changing circumstances of people coming and going and even political situations changing that influence their mission.

Jesus of Nazareth was an outstanding leader, what he said he lived with absolute integrity, even his enemies could not dispute that! He makes the poignant point for any leader to remember; “to whom much has been given much will be required.” (Luke Ch12 v 48)

NEXT WEEK’S ROSTER – 21st Nov 2021

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

Ministry	Vigil	8:00am	9:30am	6:00pm
Senior Servers	A Rahme	B Gibson	V Chapman	T Jonas
Readers	R: P David C: J Alam	R: P Parker C: Br J Curry	R: W Aloisi C: V Aloisi	R: P Zangari C: A DiBella
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	L Mizzi M Mizzi	L Bergfield D Tan	A Wahbe M Polson	S Ramundi K Anderson