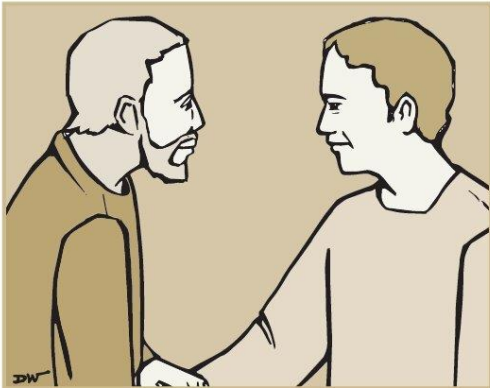


the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit; people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

#### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

27 FEBRUARY 2022

## VICTORY THROUGH CHRIST

We often hear it said that actions speak louder than words, and that talk is cheap. While these sayings may well be true, what we say provides others with a window into our hearts. Both the first reading and the Gospel invite us to reflect upon the quality of our speech and what it reveals about where our heart lies. As trees are judged on the quality of their fruit so our hearts are judged on the quality of our speech. Jesus' words forcefully remind us that before we judge others, we would do well to look to ourselves and the quality of the fruit we bear in our actions and in the words we speak.

As Paul concludes his argument about the bodily resurrection, he praises God for the victory that has been won over sin and death. Like other Jews of his time, he understood that sin and death had entered the world through the fall of Adam. When Paul states that sin gets its power from the law, he invites the Corinthians to reflect on the paradox posed by the Jewish law. While the law calls us to righteousness, its very existence is living proof of the power of sin, since the commands of the law would not be necessary if there was no sin. Paul sees the death and resurrection of Jesus as the first fruits of a crop that is yet to come. In the meantime, the community is called to continue to live their Christian lives in the hope that they are not working in vain.

## FIRST READING

Sir 27: 4-7

A reading from the Book of Sirach.

*Do not praise someone before they have spoken.*

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

■ The word of the Lord.

## RESP PSALM

Ps 91: 2-3, 13-16. R. cf. v. 2

**R.** Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord / to make music to your name, O Most High, / to proclaim your love in the morning / and your truth in the watches of the night. **R.**
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree / and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R.**
3. Planted in the house of the Lord / they will flourish in the courts of our God, / still bearing sap when they are old, / still full sap, still green, / to proclaim that the Lord is just. / In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R.**

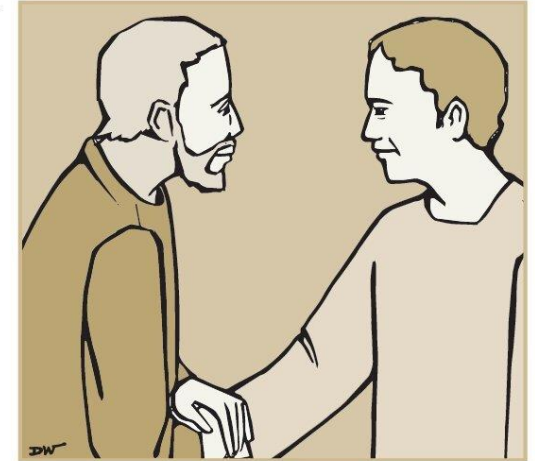
## SECOND READING

1 Cor 15: 54-58

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

*Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.*

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is



sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

■ The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Phil 2: 15-16

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Lk 6: 39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*A person speaks from what is in his heart.*

Jesus told a parable to his disciples. 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciples will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice

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# Catholic Parish of St Kevin Eastwood



Deacon: Eddie Ho

Vigil Mass: Sat 5:30pm

Sunday Mass Times: 8am, 9:30am, 11:30am (Chinese) & 6pm

Weekday Masses: Tues - Thurs 7:30am, Fri 5:00pm

Liturgy & Communion Service: Mon 7:30am

Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation: Fri 4:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 4:30-5:00pm

Holy Rosary: Mon - Thu 8am

## Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022

**Recently Deceased:** Manuel De Araujo, June Long, Minerva Santos

**Our Deceased:** Eugenio Avila Jr; Patrick O'Connor; David Hamilton; Ella Barton; Casey, Landon, Pigott, O' Connor and Stewart families; Geoff & Patricia Clarke; Jan Braynan; D'Lima, Menezes & Lobo family; and all the souls in purgatory.

**Our Sick:** Damien Macrae, Sam Wong, Donald Mees, Agnes, Robert Lauw, Tenille Moujalli, June Phelan, Anne McIntyre, Adhy Guna S., Daisy Gouw, Nur Gouw

### UPCOMING FEAST DAY:

Ash Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar

### PARISH NEWS:

- **Ash Wednesday – March 2. Masses will be at 7.30am and 6pm. Parking will be available on the school playground. Stations of the Cross, Fridays after the 5pm Mass during Lent.**
- **Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season. Help raise much-needed funds for people living in poverty. Together, we can make a difference now, and For All Future Generations.** For info: [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or contact 1800 024 413.
- **We wish Fr William Chow all the best in his new assignment at St Felix de Valois, Bankstown!** A Farewell Morning Tea will be held this Sun, 27<sup>th</sup> Feb after the 9:30am Mass.
- **Join us for a HOLY HOUR on Sun, 27<sup>th</sup> Feb at 3pm. Let us pray the rosary for PEACE in the world, and for the people affected by the armed conflict between Ukraine and Russia.**
- **Congratulations to Asher Knoi McGee for receiving the Sacrament of Baptism!**
- **Presentation of First Reconciliation Candidates will be on March 5, Saturday at 5:30pm Vigil Mass and on March 6, Sunday 9:30am Mass.**
- **Next week, is the first weekend of the month. We will have the Rite of Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction at the end of each Mass.**
- **From 7<sup>th</sup> March, we will have Liturgy and Holy Communion every Monday at 7:30am.** Weekday Masses will be celebrated from Tues-Thur at 7:30am and on Friday at 5pm.
- To help us prepare & reflect on the scriptures during Lent, parishioners are invited to join our **Parish Lenten Group to be led by Fr Pawel, starting 3<sup>rd</sup> of March at 6pm in the Church.** We will use the *Lenten Companion 2022* provided by the archdiocese. All welcome.
- **World Day of Prayer 2022 at St Philip's Anglican Church, Shaftsbury Rd cor. Rutledge St. Eastwood on Fri, 4<sup>th</sup> Mar at 10am.** For info © Sandra Youssef 0412 990 718.
- **Men's Midweek Gospel Reflection Hour: Tuesdays at 7:30pm in the Holy Family Chapel.**
- **Men's Choir will be singing on Sunday March 13th at the 9:30am Mass. New members invited. Please call 0400303733.**
- **Men's Monthly Prayer Breakfast: 7:00am in the Haseler Centre Hall Saturday 7th March.**

- **MUSIC - accessible rehearsals for school children in the Haseler Centre as part of Kevinwood's parish activities.** Singers - Thursdays from 7-8pm. Instruments - Fridays from 5-6pm. Contact Suzanne Maslen on 9874 2809 for more details.
- **New Rosters Now Available for Collection.** To selected parish volunteers who will receive forms together with their roster, please return the completed forms by email or place in the parish office letter box near the reconciliation room in the church. **To those who are yet to complete the Online Safeguarding Induction Training or Refresher, you will receive a letter with a link to register** or you may call the parish office arrange face to face training.
- **To all parish volunteers whose WWCC has expired or will be expiring this year, and to those volunteers who just turned 18yo:** Please visit: <https://ocg.nsw.gov.au/working-children-check/applicant> for details on how to apply for or renew your WWCC. This is mandatory for all child-related volunteering roles.
- **COVID19 UPDATE: Wearing of FACE MASK in the church is not mandatory but recommended when physical distancing is not possible.** When possible, please keep a safe distance from people not living in your household. Kindly open doors & windows during Mass to optimize ventilation. Always observe good hygiene practices.

### AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE:

- **Lenten Companion 2022 Now Available:** 'Mercy and Healing Await - Come Back to Me!' This free booklet, also available to download at [www.gomakedisciples.org.au](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au), contains Gospel readings for the Sundays of Lent until Easter Sunday. Suitable for individual or group, in-person or online. The Parish Renewal Team is providing training for those keen to lead a group. To register go to: <https://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/>.

### PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL ARCHANGEL:



St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

### NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER – 6<sup>th</sup> Mar 2022

(AV Projectionist 9:30am Mass – D Muljadi)

Ministry	Vigil	8:00am	9:30am	6:00pm
Senior Servers	A Rahme	S Coorey	B Rigney	C Jonas
Junior Servers	I Brown L McCosker		F Papallo O Cullen	T Maina
Readers	R: M Wilkinson C: N Brown	R: M Hill C: Br J Curry	R: R Tibbertsma C: D Li	R: C Arputhanathan C: D Arputhanathan
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	G Brown R Elliott	D O'Connor R Harvey	C Rigney M Tallaridi	J Gibson K Anderson

