

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Pet 1:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever:
it is the word given to you, the Good

News.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 17:5-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Luke.

If you had faith!

The Apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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Breaking Open the Word

INCREASE OUR FAITH

On the journey of faith there are moments when we may lose heart or be discouraged. Faced with opposition or misunderstanding it is no easy matter to maintain our trust in the Lord. At times the responsibilities of our Christian lives may be experienced as a burden. Like the first disciples, we find ourselves turning to Jesus saying, 'increase our faith!'

When we look around us there is so much suffering caused by injustice and our violence to one another. It is only natural that we question how God's plans will come to fruition when they clash head-on with human weakness. Habakkuk found himself dealing with many of the same issues. His time was one of violence and his hope and faith in God's power and the realisation of God's plans was flagging. Habakkuk is reminded in a vision that while the wheels move slowly, they are moving nonetheless, and God's purposes will come to pass for the upright who remain faithful.

In the second letter to him, Timothy is also called not to lose heart and remain faithful to his responsibilities as a young pastor. Having been commissioned and called to this ministry he may have been discouraged by its demands and complexity. The sound advice that is given is to remember there is no need to rely solely on his own resources. The precious gift of the Spirit has been given. In the ministry of leadership, it is the Spirit that will guide, empower and strengthen – there is no need to fear.

Christopher Monaghan CP



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

2 OCTOBER 2022

FIRST READING

Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk

The just will live by faithfulness.

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said,

'Write the vision down,
inscribe it on tablets
to be easily read,
since this vision is for its own time only:
eager for its own fulfilment, it does not
deceive;
if it comes slowly, wait,
for come it will, without fail.
See how he flags, he whose soul is not at
rights,
but the upright man will live by his
faithfulness.'

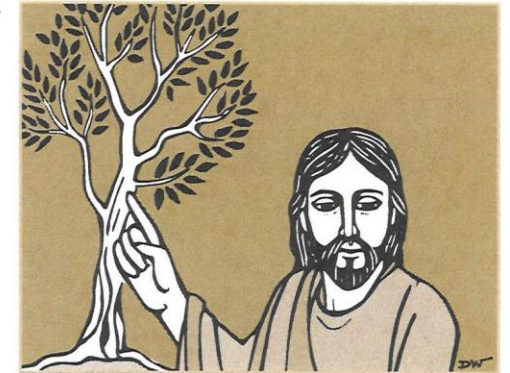
■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 94:1-2, 6-9. R. v. 8

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; / hail the rock who saves us. / Let us come before him, giving thanks, / with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; / let us kneel before the God who made us / for he is our God and we / the people who belong to his pasture, / the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**



3. O that today you would listen to his voice! / 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, / as on that day at Massah in the desert / when your fathers put me to the test; / when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

SECOND READING

2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

Never be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord.

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

■ The word of the Lord.

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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

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – 2nd October 2022

Recently Deceased: Erwin Mendoza, Carl Rosario, Connie Allman

Our Deceased: Lindsay & Les Hendry, Maria Regina Menezes, John Davidson, Lucy Ng, Cecilia Tan, James Joseph Lander, Paul Augimeri, Victor Fernandez, Ces Allman, Pamela Croaker, Frank Murray, Casey, Landon, Pigott, O' Connor & Stewart families; Geoff & Patricia Clarke; Jan Brayon; and all the souls in purgatory.

Our Sick: Ben Isaacs, Harriet D'Souza, Sam Wong, Don Mees, Robert Lauw, Tenille Moujalli, June Phelan, Anne McIntyre, Adhy Guna S., Daisy Gouw, Nur Gouw

Special Intention: Zulfi and Mahar Family

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS:


Saint Francis of Assisi 4th Oct, Our Lady of the Rosary 7th Oct

PARISH NEWS:

- **Join us for morning tea, this Sunday 2nd Oct after the 9:30am Mass. All welcome!**
- **MenALIVE Weekend:** On behalf of Fr Pawel & the St Kevin's organising committee, sincere thanks to the 50+ who attended, and to the families who generously donated all the delicious food for the entire weekend. From the feedback received, the weekend was seen as being Spiritually and Socially a resounding success! We thank all the priests from neighbouring parishes who kindly assisted with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. **In gratitude for all who worked, donated, and attended the recent Parish MenALIVE Weekend, the 9:30am Mass on Sun 9th Oct will be offered as a Mass of Thanksgiving.**
- **We welcome into the family of God, Nora Anne Eltakchi,** who will be receiving the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend. Congratulations!
- **October is the Month of the Holy Rosary.** On Friday, 7th Oct, the Feast of our Lady of the Rosary, we invite parishioners to attend our First Friday Devotion and Adoration at 4pm. Join us in praying the rosary for peace in the world. All welcome.
- **Next Infant Baptism Info Evening: Tue 4th Oct at 7pm** in the Parish Office Meeting Room. Email: parish@stkevineastwood.org.au or Ph: 98742533 if you wish to attend.
- **Men's Midweek Prayer Reflection** will recommence on Wednesday October 12th at 7:30pm in the Holy Family Chapel.
- **We invite married couples on any of the weekend Masses on Oct 15 and 16 to receive a blessing from Fr Pawel in thanksgiving for the gift of marriage and family life.**
- **Rosters will be updated soon.** Please contact the parish office by email for any changes.
- **FESTIVAL OF ST CECILIA, November 19 & 20 - INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE** – We welcome singers (all voices), instrumentalists (especially violinists), contact Suzanne Maslen on 9874 2809. Each year is a different programme and this year's festival occurs during the official Social Inclusion Week, 19-27 Nov. So invite your friends and be part of this special event!



AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE:

- **National Catholic Men's Gathering: MAX2022 in Sydney @ Benedict XVI Retreat Centre: Oct 7-9.** MAX2022 is a National Catholic Gathering of men which is a collaboration between menALIVE and the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation. The theme this year is—RENEW/REFRESH/RECONNECT. We desire to grow into the men we were made to be, better husbands, fathers and men of God. <https://app.tickets.org.au/MA/MAX2022Syd>
- **WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 INFORMATION AND FORMATION EVENING:** Wed 12th Oct, 6:30-9:30pm at Canterbury Leagues Club, Belmore: This FREE event is for young adults (18+) who are interested in attending WYD23 in Lisbon, Portugal. The event is an opportunity for prospective pilgrims to get to know each other, get updated info on WYD, catechesis, live music etc.! Register by Oct 6. 
- **Beloved Women's Day Retreat: An initiative of the Catholic Women's Network, Sydney Centre for Evangelisation.** Sat 5th Nov, 8:30am-5:30pm Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Grose Vale. Speakers include Sr Mary Julian Ekman (Religious Sister of Mercy of Alma, Michigan), Fr Daniele Russo (Vocation Centre, Archdiocese of Sydney) and Heather Khym, co-host, Abiding Together podcast. \$65 early bird price until 14th October. All meals included. Visit: <https://www.catholicwomensnetwork.org/event/cwn-beloved-retreat/>

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 – 9th Oct 2022

(AV Projectionist 9:30am Mass – B Leung)

Ministry	Vigil	8:00am	9:30am	6:00pm
Senior Servers	R Guo	S Coorey	D Ie	J Bosco
Junior Servers	S Garcia		K David O Cullen	
Readers	R: D Arputhanathan C: C Arputhanathan	R: P Porta C: M Hill	R: D Li C: W Elder	R: N Williams C: T Pinson
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	L Mizzi M Mizzi	D Macedo D O'Connor	C McPhillips C Campagna	D Brix-Nielsen A Brix-Nielsen



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 and 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.