

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Lk 23:35-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.*

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others', they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One'. The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself'. Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said, 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

## ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE / C

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## VICTORY DEARLY-WON

While the idea of the monarchy may be a difficult and controversial one in contemporary Australia, today's feast calls us to reflect on the paradoxical kingship of Christ. We are invited to ponder with awe and gratitude a kingship unlike any other. In the ancient world, people such as Alexander the Great and Julius Caesar became kings or emperors as a result of their military exploits. David was acclaimed king by the tribes of Israel precisely on that basis. His military prowess was seen to be a sign of God's blessing upon him and his descendants.

When we reflect on the kingship of Jesus it is patently clear that Jesus' exploits and prowess are of another kind. His battles were against sin, suffering and death. His victory was dearly won and his enthronement took place on a rocky outcrop called Calvary, surrounded by misunderstanding, ridicule, rejection and calls to exercise his kingship by saving himself. Both the early Christian hymn of Colossians and Luke's passion narrative bear eloquent testimony to a kingship based on service and self-giving love.

In the hymn from Colossians, we witness the outpouring of the faith of the early Church as it praised Jesus as Lord of creation, head of the Church, and firstborn from the dead. However, they did not lose sight of the fact that it was on the cross that victory had been won, wounds healed and all creation reconciled with God.

Christopher Monaghan CP

## FIRST READING

2 Sam 5:1-3

A reading from the second book of Samuel

*They anointed David king of Israel.*

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

## ■ The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 121:1-5. R. cf. v. 2

**R.** Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say: / 'Let us go to God's house.' / And now our feet are standing / within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**
2. Jerusalem is built as a city / strongly compact. / It is there that the tribes go up, / the tribes of the Lord. **R.**
3. For Israel's law it is, / there to praise the Lord's name. / There were set the thrones of judgement / of the house of David. **R.**

## SECOND READING

Col 1:12-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

*He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.*

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.



Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created

all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers — all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

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## Catholic Parish of St Kevin Eastwood



Deacon: Eddie Ho  
 Vigil Mass: Sat 5:30pm  
 Sunday Masses: 8am, 9:30am, 11:30am Chinese (Cantonese), 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

### Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – 20<sup>th</sup> November 2022



**Recently Deceased:** Selwyn 'Jack' Jackson, Carlos Santiago, Don Mees

**Our Deceased:** Doreen Furlong, Eugenio R. Avila Jr, Charlotte Saunders, Michael Rodrigues, Mario Nicolas D'Souza, Margaret Teutsch, Antonio D'Souza; Casey, Landon, O'Connor, Pigott and Stewart families; and all our departed loved ones whose names we offer at all Masses for the month of November.

**Our Sick:** Peter McNamara, Graham Rumble, Ben Isaacs, Harriet D'Souza, Sam Wong, Robert Lauw, Tenille Moujalli, June Phelan, Anne McIntyre, Adhy Guna S., Daisy Gouw, Nur Gouw

### UPCOMING FEAST DAYS AND MEMORIALS:

Saint Cecilia 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov, Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc & Companions 24<sup>th</sup> Nov

### PARISH NEWS:

- Next weekend is the First Sunday of Advent.** To help us prepare & reflect on the scriptures this Season of Advent, parishioners are invited to join our **Advent Reflection Group to be led by Fr Pawel, starting Thu 24<sup>th</sup> Nov at 6:30pm in the Church.** ALL WELCOME. We will use the **STAY AWAKE! ADVENT COMPANION 2022** provided by the Archdiocese of Sydney. Limited copies available in the Church foyer. Visit: [www.gomakedisciples.org.au](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au) to download for free. This advent companion contains Gospel readings & spiritual reflections.
- Our condolences to the family of long-time parishioner, Selwyn 'Jack' Jackson. Requiem Mass will be on Wed, 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov, 10:30am in our parish.** Please keep him in your prayers.
- Thank you for your generosity. We raised \$2780 towards the CWF November Appeal.
- Rosters needed for our Christmas Liturgies.** If you are available to serve, please put your name down in the sacristy. **Break Open the Word books for rostered Readers** are now ready for collection from the table near the sacristy. Collect 1 book per family of readers.
- FESTIVAL OF ST CECILIA this weekend** - Sunday afternoon programme starts 1.30pm, finishes with Benediction at 5pm. Programme booklets available on the day - should be left in the church for general use - but copies may be taken home at the end of the programme on Sunday afternoon. See [www.kevinwood.org](http://www.kevinwood.org) to download your copy.
- ST KEVIN'S PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER, Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec, after the Vigil Mass.** Enjoy BBQ, salad, and sweets! BYO drinks & nibbles. Tea & coffee provided. For catering purposes, RSVP by adding your name on the clipboard in the Church foyer. Include the number of family members attending. COST: Adults & Children 13yo and up - \$15; Pensioners \$10; Children 12yo & under FREE! Payments can be placed in an envelope labelled 'Christmas Dinner' with your name & number family members attending and drop them in the collection bags at weekend Masses. You can also pay cash at the door or pay online via: <https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/eastwoodparish>, choose 'Events' on the Biller Code. For info, send text message to Therese: 0423 384 987 or E: [tmpinson@bigpond.com](mailto:tmpinson@bigpond.com)

- Anointing of the Sick, after Mass & Devotion at 9am on Saturday, December 3.**
- St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> of December.**
- The St Kevin's Men's Choir** will be singing at the Vigil Mass on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.
- Men's Prayer Breakfast:** The final gathering for 2022 is on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00am in the Haseler Centre/Parish Hall. All men welcomed.
- Men's Midweek Prayer Hour & Reflection** continues, Wednesdays, 7:30pm in the Church.
- Last Baptism Info Evening for 2022 will be on Tues, 6<sup>th</sup> Dec at 8pm (new time) in the Parish Office Meeting Room.** Contact 98742533 to register. No baptism info evening on Jan 2023.

### AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE:

- Association of Miraculous Medal (AMM):** Feast of the Manifestation of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal on Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Nov, 10am St Anthony's, Marsfield. See poster in the foyer.
- Christmas at the Cathedral: 8-25 Dec, St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt.** Festivities begin at 7pm with Christmas market stalls, food, fun activities for the kids and live entertainment. The signature light show of Christmas art will be projected onto the cathedral at 8:30pm.
- Mass for Expectant Mothers and those hoping to conceive:** Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Dec at 10am, St Paul of the Cross Church, 522 New Canterbury Rd, Dulwich Hill, presided by Bishop Daniel Meagher. Light refreshments provided. RSVP by Nov 27 [www.trybooking.com/CDILN](http://www.trybooking.com/CDILN)

### 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 – 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 2022

(AV Projectionist 9:30am Mass – M Nassif)

Ministry	Vigil	8:00am	9:30am	6:00pm
<b>Senior Servers</b>	S Dick	To be advised	A Condoleon	T Jonas
<b>Junior Servers</b>	M Caboche		G Papallo C Condoleon	E Egan
<b>Readers</b>	R: J Alam C: C Caboche	R: P Porta C: M Hill	R: V Aloisi C: W Aloisi	R: S Polson C: M/J Polson
<b>Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion</b>	A Mazzei A Khalil	J Gwynne J Sun	C McPhillips S Youssef	E Lobo R Elliott



**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](mailto: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.