

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 24:37-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Stay awake, you must be ready.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

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WALK IN THE LIGHT

There are some phrases from the scriptures which have the power to stir the imagination thousands of years after they were written. The image of hammering swords into ploughshares, spears into sickles, and soldiers becoming farmers speaks so powerfully to our deep longing for peace. Isaiah's vision was that a time would come when all people would be united in worship of the living God; when war would be replaced by understanding and all people would walk in the light of the Lord.

Paul understood Isaiah's vision was soon to become reality on the Lord's return. His concern was to make sure that the Christians of Rome were prepared for that moment. Some of them had fallen into a misplaced sense of complacency. Paul disagrees. Now was the time to get one's house in order, to put aside the ways that blur and obscure our vision, so as to come into the light of Jesus.

In a similar way, fifty years after the resurrection of the Lord it was all too easy for Matthew's community to lose hope that the Lord would return soon and bring Isaiah's and Paul's vision to reality. As this Advent season begins, the challenge is placed squarely before us – if the Son of Man were to return now would we be ready and waiting? What are we doing to bring Isaiah's vision of peace to reality? What areas of our life still need to be brought into the light of Christ?

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Isa 2:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come

the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills.

All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the Temple of the God of Jacob
that he may teach us his ways
so that we may walk in his paths;
since the Law will go out from Zion,
and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'

He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares,
their spears into sickles.

Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9. R. cf. v. 1

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. It is there that the tribes go up, / the tribes of the Lord. / 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.**

3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray: / Peace be to your homes! / May peace reign in your walls, / in your palaces, peace! **R.**

4. For love of my brethren and friends / I say: 'Peace upon you!' / For love of the house of the Lord / I will ask for your good. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 13:11-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The time has come, our salvation is near.

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

■ The word of the Lord.

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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

First Sunday of Advent – 27th November 2022



Recently Deceased: Jumpy Quizon, Kathleen Mary McElhone, Selwyn 'Jack' Jackson
Our Deceased: Lorraine Smith, Doreen Furlong, Eugenio R. Avila Jr, Casey, Landon, O'Connor, Pigott and Stewart families; and all our departed loved ones whose names we offer before you 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:

St Andrew 30th November, St Saint Francis Xavier 3rd December

2022 CHRISTMAS WEEK LITURGY TIMES:

	Thu 22 Dec	7:30pm	2 nd Rite of Reconciliation
	Sat 24 Dec	5:30pm	Christmas Eve Mass (Children's Mass)
		7:30pm	Christmas Eve Mass (Livestreamed Mass)
	Sat 24 Dec	9:00pm	Chinese Mass (Bilingual – English/Cantonese)
		11:30pm	Christmas Carols
	Sun 25 Dec	12 midnight	Christmas Midnight Mass
		8am, 9:30am, 11:30am (Chinese)	Christmas Day Masses (No 6pm Mass)

ADVENT WREATH LITURGY: As the 1st candle is lit, we pray together -

“Lord, help us prepare again to celebrate and remember the birth of Jesus, your Son, who brings HOPE for one and all. Amen.”



PARISH NEWS:

- **Our condolences to the family of long-time parishioner, Kathleen Mary McElhone. Requiem Mass will be on Tue 29th Nov at 10:30am in our parish.** May her soul rest in peace.
- **Christmas Rosters: Please add your name to the roster in the sacristy if you can help. Break Open the Word** books for rostered Readers now available for collection.
- **Family Mass next weekend, Sun 4th December at 9:30am. ALL WELCOME!**
- **CASTING CALL:** If your child is interested in taking part of the **Nativity Play** at the 5:30pm Christmas Eve Mass, contact Therese on 0409595566. Grab a flyer in the foyer for details!
- **Advent Reflection Group led by Fr Pawel, Thursdays at 6:30pm in the Church. ALL WELCOME.** Resource available: **STAY AWAKE! ADVENT COMPANION 2022** – contains Gospel readings & spiritual reflections. Download for free: www.gomakedisciples.org.au.
- **ST KEVIN'S PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER, Sat 3rd Dec, after the Vigil Mass.** Enjoy BBQ, salad, and sweets! BYO drinks & nibbles. Tea & coffee provided. For catering purposes, register by adding your name on the clipboard in the Church foyer. COST: Adults & Children 13yo and up - \$15; Pensioners \$10; Children 12yo & under FREE! Payments can be put in an envelope labelled 'Christmas Dinner.' Add your name and drop them in the collection bags

at weekend Masses. Pay online: <https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/eastwoodparish>, choose 'Events' on the Biller Code. For more info email: tmpinson@bigpond.com

- **Baptism Info Evening, Tue 6th Dec, 8pm in the parish office.** Contact 98742533 to register.
- **Anointing of the Sick, after Mass & Devotion at 9am on Saturday, December 3.**
- **Final Men's Prayer Breakfast for 2022 on Sat 3rd Dec, 7am** in the Haseler Centre.
- **St Kevin's Men's Choir will be singing at St Mary's Cathedral Christmas Festivities! Allocated time: Wed 21st Dec, 8pm – 8:30pm. Come, watch & support our Men's Choir!!** Light show of Christmas Art starts at 8:30pm.
- **Vinnies Christmas Appeal, Dec 3 & 4:** Help raise funds for those doing it tough this Christmas! Donate online via the QR code. Appeal envelopes available next weekend. Christmas Cards \$6/pack & Columban Calendars \$10ea, now on sale in the church foyer. Drop your payments in the Vinnies buckets. Thank you!



ADVENT WALKING PILGRIMAGE THROUGH THE CBD, Fri 2nd Dec, 10am-1.30pm:



Join us on a half day walking pilgrimage, from St Mary Mackillop Place North Sydney, crossing the Harbour Bridge to St Patrick's Church Hill, & concluding at St Mary's Cathedral. **RSVP to our STK Family Educator, Olivia Cullen via the QR Code.** Meet at 8.30am, in front of school gates. BYO snack/lunch. See poster for details.

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 – 4th Dec 2022

(AV Projectionist 9:30am Mass – S Aloisi)

Ministry	Vigil	8:00am	9:30am	6:00pm
Senior Servers	R Guo	R Lock	B Rigney	J Bosco
Junior Servers	C Condoleon A Khattar		O Cullen R Raad	
Readers	R: C Small C: D Arputhanathan	R: Br J Curry C: L Scully	Family Mass	R: C Wockner C: A Wockner
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	M Mizzi L Mizzi	S Zavesky A Blomfield	C Rigney J Raad	K Anderson L Adams



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 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.