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Parish Office Hours

Mon-Fri: 10:00am-3:00pm

Catholic Parish of St Kevin Eastwood

Weekend Masses: Vigil Sat 5:30pm,

Sun 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am,

12noon (Chinese) & 6:00pm

Weekday Masses: Mon – Thurs. 7:30am, Fri 5:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 5:00-5:20pm

Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Rosary & Novena Prayers:

Tue 7:00-7:30pm (Holy Family Chapel)



Second Sunday of Advent – 10th December, 2017

Our Deceased: Fr. John Lyne, Geoff Clarke, Kwei Fong Fu, Young Hwan Ho, Yong Min Ho, Maria Hur, Felix Michael Beins, Cecile Beins, Jan Brayan, Mary Duck, Ces Regan, Richard and Joyce Dewi Tanudarta, Jason Eltobbagi, Robert Anderson, Joeseeph Ayoub and Shamel Ayoub, and Nene Ruiz

Our Sick: Robert Lauw, Derek Hogg, Sharma Cooray, Balbina M. Estanislao and Bernie Sagana

Upcoming Saints Feast Day: St Lucy, 13th December; St John of the Cross, 14th December

Parish News:

- **ADVENT TALK:** Mrs. Catherine Kennedy, an excellent and inspiring speaker will talk about "Advent, a Time of New Beginnings" on Wed, 13th Dec at 7.30pm. **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED! All welcome.** Supper to follow. Enrich your faith this Christmas!
- **Next week, the healing sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** will be available after all weekend Masses.
- **Thank you to our Catechists** who spoke last weekend about volunteering in our local Public Schools. We need **Scripture teachers and helpers on Wed or Thurs for 30-40 mins.** Lessons are provided. Please contact the Parish Office on 9874 0312 for more info.
- **Please take note of the change of day of the Communal Rite of Reconciliation*.**
- **Free Exercise Class for St. Kevin's Parishioners:** Last session for the year will be on Tues 12th Dec at 4.15pm. Classes will start again on Tues 16th Jan 2018. For enquiries contact Michael Wilkinson 8819 2280.
- **Youth Group will meet on Sat 16th Dec after the 5.30pm Mass.**

Places still available for the outstanding St. Mary's Cathedral Choir & Orchestra. Join us for "A Christmas Celebration 2017" on Fri 15th Dec, 11am at St. Mary's Cathedral. Cost \$30. Meet at Eastwood train station at 10am. Please contact the parish office or leave your details on the clipboard in the foyer.



Advent Wreath Liturgy: As the 2nd candle is lit, in place of the Gloria we all say together, "O Lord, stir up our hearts to help us prepare for the coming of your only begotten Son at Christmas – the light of our world. Amen."

Blessing for Year 6 Children: "Lord send your blessing upon these students who are soon to finish their time at our Parish school. Give them the confidence to face the challenges that await them in the future. May they be rewarded for their efforts. Amen."



IDENTIFYING THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Jesus of Nazareth the son of God and of Mary tells us in Luke's Gospel; "that the kingdom of God is within."

Perhaps this mysterious statement needs some unpacking, in doing this I hope that this story might help; A four year old girl was standing next to her much loved grandfather, they were next to an old fashioned water well in a beautiful park reserve suddenly the little girl said to her grandfather; "Where do you think God lives?" The old man picked up his granddaughter and held her over the well and said to her; "Look down there and tell me what you see?" So she did and said to him; "I see my face looking back at me on the surface of the water". The wise grandfather then said to her so correctly; "That is where God really is, he is within each one of us and what we are called to do is simply allow his presence to come out of us." The little girl just nodded her head in agreement. This thinking is very consistent with the theology of Saint Paul when he wrote in his letter to the Romans; "That you are God's temple." Perhaps the challenge that we all have is to allow the qualities of God's spirit to grow within us and in doing this we will then reveal something of the Kingdom of God to ourselves and then to others! - Fr Martin R Maunsell

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER – 17th Dec, 2017

(AV Projectionist 9am Mass – J Polson)

Mass	Senior Servers	Junior Servers	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Vigil	A Ho	O Brown N Brown	R: M Chow C: L Laybutt	G Brown, S Gibbons M & L Mizzi
7:30am	S Coorey		R: P Porta C: L Scully	R McNamara, E Wicks D Macedo, R Guo
9:00am	C Almeida	S Sultana A Sultana	R: P Ryan C: C Hogan	M Polson, J Polson A Wahbe, C Tai
10:30am	B Rigney		R: P Zangari C: A D'Costa	C Rigney, L Crowley T Nanden, S Basha
6:00pm	I Madu	A Holowinski H Williams	R: N Williams C: A Brierley	D Le, Y Nair J Chang, K Anderson

(Counters: 18th Dec – H Reay, J & J Murray)



Christmas Week Liturgy Times

Day	Time	Event
Wed 20 Dec*	7:30pm	Communal Rite of Reconciliation
Sun 24 Dec	6:00pm	Mass especially for Children
Sun 24 Dec	8:30pm	Chinese Mass
Sun 24 Dec	11:30pm	Christmas Carols
Sun 24 Dec	12 midnight	Mass
Mon 25 Dec	7:30am	Mass
Mon 25 Dec	9:00am	Mass
Mon 25 Dec	10:30am	Mass