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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)

Third Sunday of Advent – 17th 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, Tony and Hanne Moujalli, Patrick and Wayne Whalan, and Fr. Ephraem Chifley OP

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

Upcoming Saints Feast Day: St Stephen, 26th December

Parish News:

- **On Thurs 21st of Dec*, we will have our Communal Rite of Reconciliation at 7.30pm.** Please take note of the change of date from last week's bulletin.
- **Congratulations to Steve, Julie and Ava McCosker, and to Caryn Lind** who will be received into the Church this weekend. Also, we **welcome into the family of God, Florence Halstead**, who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism. Congratulations to all!
- **Many thanks for your generosity to the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal and to all those who gave the presents! Donation receipts are now available in the piety store for collection.** Also, a few weeks ago, SVDP have asked for your help on behalf of a refugee family who are looking for a place to stay. They have now moved into a unit in Nth Parramatta and would be needing curtains (not drapes) and carpet. If you can help please **contact Michael Hill at 0410 774 432.** Thank you.
- **The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** will be available after each Mass this weekend.
- **Calling all angels, shepherds and more for our nativity play!** If your children would like to participate in the 6pm Christmas Eve mass, **please contact Rachel Debeck on 0435 587 457.** A rehearsal will be held on Thursday morning in the church. Thank you.
- **On Thurs, 21st Dec. we will have a Christmas Carolling around the streets of Eastwood!** We'll start by singing carols in the church at 7pm (before Reconciliation) and then at 7.30pm we'll head off and spread the Christmas spirit around Eastwood. All welcome!



Advent Wreath Liturgy: As the 3rd candle is lit, in place of the Gloria we all say together:
"On this third week of Advent we pray for the gift of God's distinctive joy as
We prepare again to celebrate the feast of the Christ child. **Amen.**"



OUR FAITH AS A PERSONAL ENCOUNTER

The early members of the Church did not come to appreciate who Jesus of Nazareth could be for them only by reading other people's interpretation of him. Their faith in him as it is now for us comes by way of reflecting on what he did by taking the time to listen and reflect on his word, then discussing (even arguing) about what it implies followed by appreciating its fruits by actually living it.

It is by embracing well the challenges of life that we create an agenda as to how the word of Jesus Christ that we received especially in the Gospels according to *Matthew, Mark, Luke* and *John* can be applied. Of course as times and cultures change so do the issues some of the things we are challenged with today are definitely not those of the early Church they include responding to issues like *euthanasia, same sex marriage* and the various forms of reproductive technology such as *In Vitro Fertilization*.

Church teaching in whatever form needs to be consistent with the word of God it is never meant to contradict it or go beyond it, this is where in our Catholic Church our faith is always passed on by way of both *Word* and *Tradition*. Pope Francis makes a great point in his document *Amoris Laetitia*; "that we be wary of developing an attitude that wants to solve everything in life by the same general rules." Fr Martin R Maunsell

The Parish of St Therese in Denistone will have Reconciliation after their 9am Mass from the 19th 'til the 23rd of December. All welcome.

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER – 24th Dec, 2017

(AV Projectionist 9am Mass – D Tugaoen)

Mass	Senior Servers	Junior Servers	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Vigil	C Tumminello	C Quizon J Eltobbagi	R: M Hill C: D Setiyo	T & R Eltobbagi N Menezes & N Lobo
7:30am	B Gibson		R: T Pinson C: M Pinson	E & A Barbagallo L Bergfield, A Blomfield
9:00am	S Dick	M Lee G Pace	R: M Laguzza C: C Lee	Z Pace, R Boey S Youssef, D Tan
10:30am	G Evans		R: E Fahey C: J Azize	L Chua, M Del Rosario C McPhillips, T Aboud
6:00pm	T Jonas	I Mourani S Mourani	R: R Kelly C: A Kelly	C Mourani, S Esposito C S-Morgan, K Jonas

(Counters: 27th Dec – M Hill, H Reay, D Macedo, R Saez)



Christmas Week Liturgy Times

Date	Time	Liturgy
Thur 21 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