

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
the man who follows me  
will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Mt 5:13-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Matthew.

*You are the light of the world.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

5 FEBRUARY 2023

## FIRM FOUNDATIONS

When the people of Israel returned from exile it was a time of great hope and rejoicing. God's promises had proved true and their persistence in faith had been rewarded. Now was the time to rebuild and people set about re-establishing their lives, homes and businesses. During the exile, they had been united in their suffering but now there was the danger of people looking after themselves at the cost of others. Isaiah was concerned to nip this in the bud showing that the best foundation on which to rebuild was their concern for others, especially the poor and the disadvantaged. In this way, their lives would be a shining example. In the gospel, Jesus calls each of us to examine the quality of our care for our brothers and sisters. It is by means of our practical concern that we can be salt for the earth and light for our world.

Paul was concerned that the faith of some of the Corinthian Christians was not built on a firm foundation. They had been overly impressed by the quality of the preaching and rhetoric of the various preachers who had worked among them. He knew that while their response was understandable, it was nonetheless misguided. At the end of the day, he knew that rhetoric and philosophy would never build a foundation that could challenge the one built on the self-giving love of Jesus. With their eyes fixed on the crucified one, they could learn true wisdom and the meaning of love.

Christopher Monaghan CP

## FIRST READING

Isa 58:7-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*Your light will shine like the dawn.*

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,  
and shelter the homeless poor;  
clothe the man you see to be naked  
and turn not from your own kin.  
Then your light will shine like the dawn  
and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you  
and the glory of the Lord behind you.  
Cry, and the Lord will answer;  
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke,  
the clenched fist, the wicked word,  
if you give your bread to the hungry,  
and relief to the oppressed,  
your light will rise in the darkness,  
and your shadows become like noon.

### ■ The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 111:4-9. R. v. 4

**R.** A light rises in the darkness for the upright. (or Alleluia!)

1. He is light in the darkness for the upright: / he is generous, merciful and just. / The good man takes pity and lends, / he conducts his affairs with honour. **R.**
2. The just man will never waver: / he will be remembered for ever. / He has no fear of evil news; / with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **R.**
3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear; / open-handed, he gives to the poor; / his justice stands firm for ever. / His head will be raised in glory. **R.**



## SECOND READING

1 Cor 2:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.*

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

### ■ The word of the Lord.



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### MASS TIMES, RECONCILIATION AND DEVOTION

**Weekday Mass:** Monday - 7:30am (Communion Service, except on Feast Days);

Tuesday to Thursday - 7:30am (followed by Holy Rosary); Friday - 5pm

**Weekend Mass:** Saturday Vigil - 5:30pm (livestreamed); Sunday - 8am, 9:30am, 6pm

**CCC Mass:** Sunday at 11:30am (English/Cantonese)

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Friday 4pm-5pm

**First Friday Devotion:** Monthly at 4pm

**First Saturday Mass and Devotion:** Monthly at 9am

**Exposition and Benediction:** First weekend of the month at all Masses

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Friday 4pm-4:45pm and Saturday 4:30pm-5:15pm

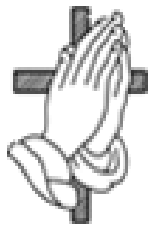
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## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time/Year A

5th February 2023

### PRAYER REQUESTS:



**Recently Deceased:** Peter McNamara

**Deceased:** Keith Colley, Arch Stewart, John Davidson, Lucy Ng, Cecilia Tan, Louise Brooks, John Casey, Francis Murray, Cyril Joseph Smith, Margaret Dunne, Patricia Dunne; Casey, Landon, O'Connor, Pigott & Stewart families; Geoff & Patricia Clarke; Jan Brayan; and all souls in purgatory.

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

### UPCOMING FEAST DAYS AND MEMORIALS:

St Josephine Bakhita 8th Feb (Catholic Anti-slavery Day), St Scholastica 10th Feb

### SPECIAL OCCASIONS:



**Congratulations to Colin and Yvonne Ticehurst for celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary! May God bless you both on this momentous occasion!**

### PARISH NEWS:

- Our deepest sympathies go out to the family and friends of long-time parishioner and faithful servant, Peter McNamara. Peter has been part of our parish for all of his lifetime. He was involved in different ministries and committees of both school & parish. A wonderful & selfless man who has dedicated his time and skills for our parish. Our 'go-to' person whenever we had something that needs fixing. Peter had met and farewelled a number of priests in our parish. This time around, we would like to send him off with honour and love for his invaluable contributions to our parish. **Funeral Mass will be on Thu, 9th Feb, 4:30pm here at St Kevin's. All are welcome to attend. St Kevin's school parking will be available from 4pm. Reduced parking available in the college grounds from 4pm.** Funeral Mass will be livestreamed, email: [joannemcnamara@hotmail.com](mailto:joannemcnamara@hotmail.com) or the parish office to receive the link.

**Dear Peter, 'May God give you the comfort & peace that you seek. You will be missed.'**

- We welcome into the family of God, Enzo Agsaulio! Congratulations on your baptism!
- LITURGICAL ROSTERS WILL BE UPDATED SOON.** Contact the parish office for any changes.
- SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM DATES 2023** now available on the parish website.
- FOSK (Friends of St Kevin's) will be holding morning tea outside the Church this Sunday, Feb 5. Please join us after the 9:30am Mass. All welcome.**
- CHILDREN'S LITURGY TO RECOMMENCE THIS SUNDAY FEB 5, AT THE 9:30AM MASS.** The Children's Liturgy is run by parent volunteers during school term. For more info or if you wish to volunteer, Email: [therese.egan@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:therese.egan@syd.catholic.edu.au) Resources & support provided
- ST KEVIN'S PLAYGROUP Wednesdays during school term, 9:30-11:30am in the Haseler Centre (parish hall). All parents/carers and little ones are welcome to join in the fun! COST: \$3 per session or \$25 for the term. For more info Email: [olivia.cullen@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:olivia.cullen@syd.catholic.edu.au)**
- Volunteer Church Projector Operator Needed!** Please contact the parish office.

### CATECHIST SUNDAY, 5TH FEBRUARY 2023:



Become a Catechist in 2023! Half of Catholic children in Sydney are in public schools. Share with them the hope and joy that Jesus brings and become a Catechist! Starting off as a class helper, you will be supported by an experienced Catechist. St Kevin's Catechists are assigned to either Eastwood Public School or Carlingford Public School. Scripture classes run for 30/40mins each week on Wed/Thu. Take home a brochure to find out more. Interested? Contact the parish office 9874 2533 or <https://ccd.sydneycatholic.org/>

### SEASON OF LENT 2023:

This year, Ash Wednesday will be on Feb 22. This marks the beginning of Lent. Watch this space for updates on our Ash Wednesday Masses, Caritas' Project Compassion, Stations of the Cross, Lenten Groups, etc. Our Parish Lenten Group led by Fr Pawel will start on Thu, 23rd Feb at 6pm in the Church. Parishioners are welcome to form their own groups. Parish resource available: Spirit & Truth, The Power of Christ Revealed, Lenten Companion 2023

### PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL THE 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.

### SAFEGUARDING:

To all Catechists, Children's Liturgy Volunteers, Senior Servers, Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and other volunteers whose WWCC will be expiring this year: Approximately three months before your WWCC is due to expire, you will receive an email notification from the Working With Children Check - Office of the Children's Guardian, regarding details on how to renew. Once your renewal application has been processed at Service NSW, please provide the parish office your new WWCC Expiry Date for verification. For info: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/renew-working-children-check-wwcc>

### 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 Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office (02) 9390 5810 or E: [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org). You may speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support & guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to police.