

Alleluia, alleluia! / You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. / Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 10: 37-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

2 JULY 2023

GOSPEL MESSAGE BEFORE ALL ELSE

Anyone who has ever been on the receiving end of gracious hospitality in a time of need knows how marvellous it is to be trusted by a stranger. To be treated with respect by someone who does not know us is not something to be overlooked. In the case of Elisha, a woman's generous and attentive hospitality reaped a most unexpected reward, the promise of a child. In its early years, the Christian movement was going through a period of rapid growth and expansion. This meant that preachers were required to move from one community to another passing on the traditions of Jesus' sayings and teachings. To sustain such endeavours a network of hospitality was required. Today's Gospel reflects that situation. Both the missionaries, and the communities that would welcome them, were instructed about their responsibility for the Gospel message, and for each other. Jesus' call may sound harsh and uncompromising but what is being communicated is the need to put the Gospel message before all else, to follow in Jesus' footsteps and to share in his life.

After some twenty years of missionary work, of preaching, catechesis and founding communities, Paul reflects with the community in Rome on the meaning of our baptism as Christians. It is not simply a sign of entering a new community of faith but, at its deepest level, being brought into the saving life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. The events of that first Easter are not simply foundational events to be gratefully remembered but must transform every aspect of our lives.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

2 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16

A reading from the second book of the Kings.

That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 88: 2-3, 16-19. R. v. 2

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; / through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. / Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, / that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **R.**

2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king, / who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, / who find their joy every day in your name, / who make your justice the source of their bliss. **R.**

3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; / it is by your favour that our might is exalted: / for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; / our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **R.**



SECOND READING

Rom 6: 3-4, 8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

■ 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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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time/Year A

2 July 2023

PRAYER REQUESTS:



Recently Deceased: Tsu-Sheng Chang Lee, Irene de Silva, Rosemary Parks

Death Anniversary: Fr Kevin O'Grady, Czeslawa Pytko, Patrick Lander

Deceased: Joan McMullen, John Davidson, Lucy Ng, Cecilia Tan, Selwyn Jackson, Don Raffin, Peter McNamara, Milly Farrell, Marie Cummins, Casey, Landon, O'Connor, Pigott and Stewart families; Geoff & Patricia Clarke; Ron and Jan Brayan

Sick: Dennis Ho, Elizabeth Uy Tan, Burkhart Foertsch, Graham Rumble, Sam Wong, Robert Lauw, Tenille Moujalli, June Phelan, Anne McIntyre, Adhy Guna S., Daisy Gouw, Nur Gouw

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS:

Saint Thomas July 3

PARISH NEWS:

- **Welcome to Fr Bogdan Swierczewski CSMA**, Regional Superior of the Congregation in Papua New Guinea, and the Deputy Superior of the Vice-Province of Australia and PNG. *Fr Bogdan will say a few words about the Michaelite ministry in PNG and involvement of St Michael Mission Society - a ministry that has long been supported so generously by so many good people. To support the missions in PNG we have placed donation boxes at the door.* To read a brief history of St Michael Mission Society, please visit our parish website.
- **The annual Holy Father's Appeal is on this weekend.** The appeal highlights the global charitable causes spearheaded by Pope Francis, aimed at helping those affected by natural disasters, wars, refugee crises, and poverty. We humbly ask you to give what you can. To donate visit: www.ourfaithhourworks.org/give-to-holy-fathers-appeal or phone 1800 753 959. Alternatively, you may place your donation envelopes in the weekend parish collections.
- **FOSK (Friends of St Kevin's)** will be serving morning tea outside the Church this Sun 2nd July. Please join us after the 9:30am Mass. The FOSK team is also looking for new members. Interested? Email the parish office or speak to one of the ladies. Thank you!
- **Next Baptism Info Evening: Tuesday July 4 at 8pm** in the parish office meeting room. To register your attendance please email: parish@stkevinseastwood.org.au.

- **On July 7, we will have First Friday Mass and devotion at 4pm. ALL WELCOME.**
- **Men's Retreat: Sep 29 - Oct 1st - Interested? Contact Lou 0400303733.**
- **Weekly Men's Prayer Hour:** 7pm Every Tuesday in the Church.
- Parishioners are invited to attend '**An Introduction to the Catholic Faith**' – a 20-week FREE course – to help you grow deeper in your faith. *Attend one or attend all! Thursdays, 7:30pm at the Our Lady of Lebanon, Harris Park.* See poster in the church foyer for details on how to register or contact Charbel on 0410 343 233 for more information.
- **July-Oct 2023 Liturgical rosters now available for collection at the back of the church.**
- **At the end of 2022-2023 financial year, parishioners donating through the Planned Giving Program can request a tax receipt.** To lodge your request, visit our parish website or fill-out a form in the church foyer. New set of planned giving envelopes are now ready for collection.
- **If you wish to offer a Mass for the sick, deceased or other occasions, please collect a 'Mass Offering' envelope in the church foyer.** Please include the date, time (any of our usual parish Mass times), and the name of the person who you wish to pray for. You may tick the box 'For Publication' if you wish for the name to be printed in the parish bulletin for 2 weekends
- On Sat 8th July - St. Kevins Young Choristers will perform in solos and duos in the Eisteddfod at North Ryde. On July 26, they will perform as a choir at Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club.
- **Join our parish & school community for a ST KEVIN'S PICNIC on 20th Aug, 12pm** at George Kendall Riverside Park, Ermington. FREE Sausage Sizzle! BYO drinks and picnic blankets. For catering and group notification purposes, RSVP to Belinda on 0421 669 752 by Aug 10.

UPCOMING TRAININGS to be conducted by the Archdiocese of Sydney Liturgy Office, Venue: St Kevin's Parish Hall. Copy of Baptism Certificate required. COST: FREE. For details on how to register go to: <https://liturgy.sydneycatholic.org/ministry-training-formation/>

- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMOHC), Wednesdays, July 19, 26 and Aug 2, 6pm-9pm. This course is a pre-requisite to all Senior Altar Servers who wish to take the Acolytes course.
- Acolytes/Senior Altar Servers: Saturdays August 5, 12 and 19, 9am-12pm
- Readers: Saturdays October 7 and 14, 9am-12pm

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE:

- **This Sunday, 2nd July, is the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday.** 2023 marks the 50-year anniversary of the First National Aboriginal Liturgy in Australia.
- **Jesus Light of the World Communities – Day Retreat**, Sat 29th July 2023, 9:30am-4:30pm, St Joseph's Parish Hall Walz St, Rockdale, NSW (Parking Entry at Parker St.) **"You are VICTORIOUS"** with guest speaker, *Marina George* – a devout Catholic who loves sharing her deep relationship with God the Father, the love of Jesus & the Holy Spirit. FREE Lunch & Afternoon Tea. RSVP to Helen at 0433 455 114 or E: jlowcommunity@gmail.com

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.

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: safeguarding-enquiries@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.