

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

FIRST READING – Isaiah

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the Sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant - these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 66: 2-3, 5-6, 8.

R. O God, let all the nations praise you.

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. R.

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. R.

Let the peoples praise you, O God,
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. R.

SECOND READING – Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32

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

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice. Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

■ The word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia

GOSPEL – Matthew 15: 21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil'. But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants', they said, 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep for the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' The Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

Let's reflect...

*"For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable"
(Romans 11:29)*

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone.

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

In Thanksgiving: Francis Family, Glory Hall, Rody Hall, Ava Scarnival, Alvito Gracias, Arokiasekar & Meicy

For those who have died recently: Davis Thomas, Fr. Michael Wheeler, Warren Saunders, Yvonne Emmanuel

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Roland, Ruth & Rita Peterson, Leslie & Vera Francis, Douglas Nunes, Karolyn Gomes, Dina Anjos, Philomena and Kenneth Paris, Bertha D'silva, Rejina Mary

It is important to be aware that our Parish secretaries, Michelle and Indrani, are required to work from home during this period of Stage 4 restrictions. Additionally, parish volunteers should not be attending Parish facilities and working from home if at all possible. Only essential services personnel can attend the Parish Office with the COVID-safe plan being followed.

ST. KEVIN'S PARISH HAMPTON PARK

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15th & 16th August 2020

PARISH CENTRE
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<https://stkevins.org.au/support-us/>
YouTube Channel
<https://youtu.be/k-qBOvfy-I0>
(st kevins parish hampton park)
You can now follow us on Facebook too!

Sacrament of Penance/ Reconciliation
Until further notice the Saturday morning time for the Sacrament of Penance/ Reconciliation will be suspended. Arrangements can be made privately by contacting one of the priests.

Natural Fertility Awareness Week
from 17th to 23rd August
Are you wondering how you can find out more about your reproductive health during these times of isolation and social distancing? Billings LIFE has the answer!! Why not learn how to track your fertility using, Fertility Pinpoint™- it's more than an App! It is an online service that provides you with your own personal accredited Billings Ovulation Method® tutor who can help you learn how to track your unique cycles and recognise your fertility and infertility on a daily basis – all remotely and safely.
For more information check the website: www.fertilitypinpoint.com

This WEEK: A New Start

The recent development of live-streaming parish liturgies enables a potential for more to be offered to St. Kevin's Parish community and for those beyond the parish who choose to connect. Though very limited in what is permissible to do, I believe the desire and the efforts made to engage with and provide ways for parishioners to engage is well understood. We can all be most grateful to those most involved in the live-streaming project, namely, Ryan Martin, Howard Fernandez and Khuram Jawad. A shift takes place this week providing the opportunity to connect with Mass on Wednesday and Friday. This will become the new pattern:

From this week:

Masses to be live-streamed

On Wednesday at 6.00pm (followed by Novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Help)
On Friday at 6.00pm

Fr. Desmond J. Moloney

Additional Appointment for Fr. Albert

Our thoughts and prayers go with Father Albert Yogarajah in light of his recent appointment by the Archbishop as Episcopal Vicar for the Western Region of the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

Caritas Appeal for the victims of the recent disaster in Beirut:

Caritas Australia has committed to provide immediate response in the form of crucial financial support as part of its already established Middle East Regional Appeal. Additionally, through its in-country staff and partners in Lebanon, the wider Caritas network is working to deliver:

- Food and water.
- Hygiene kits including masks and soap.
- Material for shelter repairs and the clean-up of debris.
- Medication and other health services.

Currently Caritas Australia supports two programs in Lebanon, including a Protection program supporting shelters for women and children who are survivors of gender-based violence, and a Humanitarian program supporting Syrian refugees and vulnerable Lebanese host communities. If you wish to support donations can be given through the following link;

<https://www.caritas.org.au/learn/emergency-response/middle-east-emergency-appeal>
or by ringing 1800 024 413