

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

FIRST READING – Deuteronomy 4 : 1-2, 6-8

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

■ The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM –Ps. 14: 2-5.

R. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart. R.

He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. R.

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. R.

SECOND READING – James 1: 17-18, 21-22, 27

A reading from the letter of St. James

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created. Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

■ The word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL – Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service,
while their hearts are far from me.

The worship they offer me is worthless,
the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord

Let's reflect...

"Be doers of the word and not hearers only..." James 1:22

It's easy to understand the definition of stewardship. The hard part is living it! What do you do to live God's word? Do you share your time in prayer with God? Do you use your talent to help those in need? Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?



ST. KEVIN'S PARISH HAMPTON PARK TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)



28th & 29th August 2021

PARISH CENTRE

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OFFICE HOURS

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DEACON : Rev. Dr. Graeme Pender

PARISH SECRETARY : Mrs. Indrani Guinan

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Parish Website

<https://stkevins.org.au/>

‘Support us’ page

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THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

In Thanksgiving: Dexter and Cindy Dubier
Dnetto Family

For the sick:

Catherine Ishikawa (2)

For those who have died recently:

Leslie Labata

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Celine Martinz,
Avis Hooper,
Percival D'Gama,
Sally-Ann Schreurs,
Maria Gloria Pastorpili,
Ceferino Rico,
Annie Coggin,
Robert Gardner,
Avinash Fernandez,
Dennis Hyndman,
Frank Komar,
Jozef-Marija Juntez

And so – it remains for now

In the current Lockdown, Mass will be live-streamed on Tuesdays at 7.00pm, Wednesdays at 7.00pm followed by the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Fridays at 7 pm.

Mass for Sunday will be live-streamed on Saturdays at 5.00 pm and will be accessible on the parish website thereafter.

Remembering St. Kevin's Parish – So Impressive!!

I want to acknowledge most sincerely the generous commitment and sheer thoughtfulness of so many parishioners in continuing with their financial support of St. Kevin's Parish. A visible and impressively heart-warming aspect is seeing planned-giving envelopes, which have been delivered to the Parish House. Not as immediately visible, yet equally impressive, is the increased number of those contributing by direct debit and credit card. May God bless St. Kevin's in fidelity to the mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ.

Getting closer: The Parish sign not far from the fence alongside Hallam Road and near to the entry will be renewed in the near future.

Fr. Desmond J. Moloney.



Father's Day Appeal

A message from Archbishop Comensoli

It has been a wonderful custom in the Archdiocese of Melbourne to allow the faithful of the Archdiocese to show something of their own appreciation through an annual Father's Day Appeal. The appeal goes to the care of retired and sick priests by providing suitable accommodation, medical assistance and a comfortable standard of living for them.

In the midst of a year like no other we have experienced, I am especially mindful of the great love that God's People have for the spiritual and pastoral care offered to them from the heart of the priestly ministry. I am deeply thankful for the ways in which you are the face of Christ for our priests, and the support that you give to them. May I commend the Appeal to you.

Please pray for your priests, as they pray for you!

Send in your cheque made payable to "Priests Retirement Foundation" to P O Box 615 East Melbourne VIC 8002. Or fill out the donation form on the website and mail in. Envelopes will be available together with the Bulletin at the front of the church.