

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

FIRST READING – Isaiah 35 : 4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.
'Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;
for water gushes in the desert,
streams in the wasteland,
the scorched earth becomes a lake,
the parched land springs of water.

■ The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM –Ps. 145: 7-10.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

SECOND READING – James 2: 1-5

A reading from the letter of St. James

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats;' then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and Corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

■ 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 – Mark 7: 31-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord

Let's reflect...

"Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?" James 2:5

What is more important – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society tells us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first and experience true joy and peace. When we put possessions first, we soon realize we can never have enough and happiness is fleeting. When we put faith over possessions we truly realize it is better to give than receive.



ST. KEVIN'S PARISH HAMPTON PARK

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4th & 5th September 2021

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

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THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

In Thanksgiving:

Andrew Patrick Vincent, Maria Karunakaran

Walter Bordon, John Palacios

Charms Lozano, Matthew Bartlett

Fernando & Marissa De Guzman

For the sick:

Catherine Ishikawa (3)

Jackie Todd

For those who have died recently:

Elisabeth Seyer, Micheal Gomes, Herminio Esguerra, Noemi Tesorero, Margaret, Jeanie, Fidou and Reynold, Shirley Dias, Jean Vanderputt

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Dean Moses, Edwin Perera, Carine Kelaart, Justa Quintano, Annie Philogene, Joseph Crasto Valentine Lapierre, Camilo Cardozo Austin, Zita & Mary D'Silva, Kenneth Paris Patrick & Russel D'Silva

Continuing in Lockdown 6

Mass will continue to 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.

Fr. Desmond J. Moloney

Father's Day Appeal

The Archbishop's collection for retired and sick priests

Please give generously

Donations can be made through the Priests Retirement Foundation website via debit, credit card or Paypal where the donor's details are loaded and receipts can be issued.

The site is www.cam.org.au/foundation.

Send in your cheque or money order made payable to "Priests Retirement Foundation" and mail to P O Box 615 East Melbourne VIC 8002.

Envelopes will be available together with the Bulletin at the front of the church.

NEWS FROM THE PPC...

The Parish Pastoral Council met on Wednesday night. One of the items for discussion was the forthcoming PPC elections. It was agreed to delay the annual PPC elections process as it would be unlikely that parishioners would be able to fully take part whilst we are in lockdown. Once Covid restrictions lift and attendance at Mass is allowed, we will reopen the elections process. We will keep the parish community informed as time progresses.

Denise Lyons (PPC Chairperson)

Lockdown Light —a weekly series

A weekly series bringing 'light' to this time of lockdown ...

Well and truly done with sourdough starters? Not interested in another DIY project? To help fill the void during lockdown, each week we'll suggest some inspiring content to bring 'light' to this difficult time. Check out the recommendations

at www.bit.ly/LockdownLight

May we join in praying in thanksgiving and ask God's blessings upon Fr. Anil's priestly ministry as he celebrates his fourth anniversary of ordination to the Priesthood on Thursday, 9th September.

Fr. Desmond J. Moloney

