

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

FIRST READING – Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16

A reading from the second book of the Kings

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 88: 2-3, 16-19.

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

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.

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.

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 in Israel. R.

SECOND READING – Romans 6: 3-4, 8-11

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

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

yourself to be dead to sin but alive for God in Jesus Christ.

■ The word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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 – Matthew 10: 37-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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.

Let's reflect...

"...whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." (Matthew 10:38)

Pope Benedict XVI said, "The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness." "Comfort" puts me first. "Picking up your cross and following Jesus" puts God and others first. Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness! Pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on using your gifts and live the life God intended for you!

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

In Thanksgiving: Joseph Ambrose, Wayne Paris, Antoinette Crasto, Sandra Araujo, Mira Sarmiento Ike Buan, Lizelle Palacios, Josephine Bordon, Sonia Pablo, Fe Padilla, Rina Bordon, Ikre & Grace Buan, Rico & Jenny Banson

For the sick: Noel Duddy

For those who have died recently: George Tiberi, Violet Zauzarte, Audrey Bakelmun, Eduardo Cojuangco Jr., Catalino Ocampo

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time: A. Joseph Ambrose, Joseph Crasto, John & Antoinette Crasto, Clifford & Linda de Rozario, Philomena, Kenneth & Everard Paris, Liam Doherty, Susan Leighton, Tony O'Doherty, Joyce & Desmond Hookens, Gladwin D'Silva, Bendicato & Cecilia Abraham, Felisberto Moniz, Maria de Costa Moniz, Romeo Bordon, Emilio Villanueva, Barbara Palman

ST. KEVIN'S PARISH HAMPTON PARK

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27th & 28th June 2020

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<https://stkevins.org.au>

'Support us' page

<https://stkevins.org.au/support-us/>

YouTube Channel

<https://youtu.be/k-gBOvfy-l0>

(st kevins parish hampton park)

You can now follow us on Facebook too!

Mass Times:

Tuesday: 9.15am and 5 pm

Wednesday: 9.15am and 7 pm

Thursday: 9.15 am and 5 pm

Friday 9.15am and 7 pm

In order to attend a Mass, please register in the church for one Mass only in the week. Also, out of fairness and consideration of others please come and take the place you have reserved.



New Sets of Envelopes are available in the church foyer until Friday, 3rd July. Please try and collect either prior to one of the scheduled weekday Masses or during an "open church" session (10.00am till 11.00am, Tuesday to Friday). You are encouraged to collect packs of new envelopes for those living near you.

General Guidelines: Latest Update (19th June)

Temporary Times at St. Kevin's Church for Weekday Masses only permit up to 20 people.

The four square metre rule still applies, as well as the maintenance of the Records Book and the hygiene and disinfectant measures. The doors are locked at the start of Mass.

Sunday Mass The recording of Sunday Mass continues while the number permitted to be in the church remains very low. From the outset of restrictions being imposed due to COVID-19 an important guiding principle has been to be fair as possible to all our church-going parishioners. In the first instance, the primary concern was to be particularly mindful of those who would normally come to Mass on weekdays. As time has passed in this period, the times of the second Mass on Tuesdays to Fridays have been made a little later; thereby opening up greater opportunity for those working during the day. On the note of fairness, it is disappointing when places at our Masses have been filled and then those who have taken them do not come to these Masses. This is definitely unfair to others. St. Kevin's is being well-served by all who become connected to the recorded Sunday Mass, as well as our sacristans and their assistants. I also gratefully acknowledge those who maintain the flow of information on the parish website and Facebook.

Fr. Desmond J. Moloney

A short reflection for 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel is the conclusion of the instructions and consolations that we've heard Jesus offering to his disciples during the past few weeks. In this passage, Jesus summarizes both the costs of discipleship and its rewards. Once again our understanding of the Gospel is strengthened by considering the context in which it was written and the perspective of Matthew's audience.

The conditions of discipleship outlined in Matthew's Gospel may appear harsh. Yet they underline for us a truth - choosing anything with one's whole heart has consequences. Choosing life with Christ means that every relationship we have must be understood from a new perspective. For many in Matthew's community, this choice brought division to their family.

Matthew also outlines the reward of hospitality offered to Jesus' followers. In today's Gospel, Jesus explains the difficulties of discipleship, yet reveals that those who welcome the disciples have also welcomed him.

Today's Gospel also highlights for us the importance of hospitality in the Christian life. To welcome another in Jesus' name is to extend hospitality to Jesus himself. We have many opportunities in our daily life to reach out to others, to be a welcoming presence and a sign of God's love.

Fr Dong Tran

