

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

FIRST READING – Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19

A reading from the book of Wisdom

There is no God, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.

Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned

and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement,

you govern us with great lenience,

for you have only to will, and your power is there.

By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people

how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men,

and you have given your sons the good hope

that after sin you will grant repentance.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 85: 5-6, 9-10,15-16.

R: Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.

Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. **R.**

All the nations shall come to adore you,
and glorify your name O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. **R.**

But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. **R.**

SECOND READING – Romans 8: 26-27

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

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot chose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

■ **The word of the Lord**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom

Alleluia

GOSPEL – Matthew 13: 24-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this," he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie in in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn".

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Let's reflect...

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom." (Matthew 13:24, 37-38)

As children of God, we are all "good seeds." We are blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God's plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others, and share our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth. Through our example of gratitude and generosity we sow "good seeds" on earth and ultimately help each other get to **Heaven!**

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

In Thanksgiving: Dymphna Hickman, Allen V Sarmiento, Darwin Bordon, Olivia (Bobbie) M Cruz, Mina & Dax Bordon, Joshua Bartlett, Pauline Kourevellis, Bob & Malou Bartlett, Conrad & Bernadette Lynch, Natalie Mason, George Taylor

For the sick: Noel Duddy (4), Sally-Ann Schreuers (3)

For those who have died recently: Benjamin Keough

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Dennis Pereira, Stanislav Schafer. Franciska Drnovsek, Joachim Saldanha, Walter D'Roza, Joseph Crasto, Seymour Misso, Elmo Fernando, Joseph & Zita Rogers, Hyacinth & Oscar Weston, Bernice Fernando, Lucette Brabant, Daphne Fernando, Starlene Moses, Allen King, Emilio R Villanueva, Naomi Heiden

ST. KEVIN'S PARISH HAMPTON PARK

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(Year A)



18th & 19th July 2020

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

'Support us' page

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

YouTube Channel

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

Catechism Classes

To those who were enquiring about the Wednesday afternoon catechism classes and if there was the possibility of resuming this year: We are sad to say that the classes have stopped for this year. There will be a notice in the Bulletin during December/January with the date for start of classes in 2021. We will be happy to see the children return again. Please make sure to let the Parish office know that your child/ren will be returning.

Mary Doherty

During this time when our experience of community is so different: may the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph, watch over and guide not only our parish community, but also the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Let us continue in St. Kevin's Parish to be a prayerful community in commending ourselves to the Holy Family.

Fr. Desmond J. Moloney

To the Holy Family

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, we pray that our family love may reflect his (the Father's) love in its openness to all people. May we forgive even when not forgiven, and be patient with others' weaknesses.

Jesus, give us peace, unity, and strength to meet the difficulties of daily living. May we use our family resources to improve the quality of life for ourselves and all people. Let us show joy in serving, for whatever we do for others we do for you.

Mary, inspire us, that our love may be strong but not possessive. Let our willingness to give depend on the needs of others rather than the cost of giving.

Joseph, help us to be attentive to the Father's will. Let us be ready, as you were, to act whenever he calls us.

Amen.

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What is a missionary disciple?

A missionary disciple has been described as someone who has had a transformational encounter with Jesus and has then chosen to surrender and follow. A missionary disciple has encountered Jesus through a personal experience of the love and presence of God. As a result of this encounter, they have chosen to say 'yes' – to surrender to God's love and God's will for their life. They allow their entire life to be transformed by this relationship.

A common misconception and why it matters

'We are all disciples.' We assume that everyone 'in the room' at Mass on Sundays is a missionary disciple. We think that by faithful attendance each week, people are demonstrating a close and personal relationship with Jesus. Our practice of sacramentalising babies and young children and then catechising them in Catholic schools can lead to sacramentalised and catechised adults who have never encountered Jesus or made an intentional decision to follow. They have never been evangelised. The assumption that 'we are all disciples' normalises a minimalist understanding of what being a Christian truly is and short-changes parishioners who are never introduced to the tremendous, life-changing power of an encounter with Jesus.