

Date: 20th/21st July 2024 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time				
Mass Time:	Acolyte	First Reading & Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading & Prayer of the Faithful	Music
Vigil: 5:00 PM	Ed Junis	Margaret Smith	Wilhelmina de Raadt	No One
8:00 AM	Marek Grus	Tanya Graham	Tom Horsfall	
9:30 AM	Richard Merchant	Phil Saville	Steve Bishop	Chris Wilson
Morning Tea: Parish Pastoral Council				

Date: 27th/28th July 2024 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time				
Mass Time:	Acolyte	First Reading & Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading & Prayer of the Faithful	Music
Vigil: 5:00 PM	Ian Miles	Felix Kobus	Anne Maureen Scarff	Chris Wilson
8:00 AM	Randall Noney	Ros Comfort	Georgia Cook	
9:30 AM	John Belfanti	Anne Ellis	Domhnall MacCormac	Streeters

KID'S CORNER



Gospel
Mark 6:30-34

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, "You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while"; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

Jesus taught them many things

What did Jesus teach people?
Answer True or False to the following

- "Love your neighbour" _____
- "Punish those who dislike you" _____
- "I am the wine of life" _____
- "Blessed are the meek, they shall inherit the earth" _____
- "I am the light of the world" _____
- "A rolling stone gathers no moss" _____



Jesus was a shepherd, a leader, a teacher and a helper to his followers. In the footprints, write the names of people you know who care about others the way Jesus did.



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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday 8.30 am - 3.30 pm

Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm, Sunday 8:00 am and 9:30 am
Weekday Mass: Monday - Saturday 9:30 am
Adoration: Monday - Saturday from 8:15 am - 9:15 am
First Friday Adoration: Every first Friday of the month 7:00 pm
Reconciliation: Saturday after 9:30 am Mass and 4:00-5:00 pm before the Vigil Mass
Children's Liturgy: 3rd Sunday of every month, 9:30 am
Baptisms: 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month - 11:00 am and by appointment
Weddings: By appointment
Funerals: Please Contact the Parish Office



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We respect the Darug people and their elders both past and present, as the traditional custodians of this land on which we celebrate the Eucharist.

The Diocese of Parramatta mourns the death of Bishop Emeritus Kevin Manning

Kevin Manning, the second Bishop of Parramatta died peacefully this morning Monday 15 July 2024, in Bathurst NSW at the age of 90.

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, the Bishop of Parramatta, Fr Fernando Montano VG and Sr Mary Comer, a loyal friend and devoted carer, were with Bishop Manning today when he passed. "Bishop Kevin Manning was a loving servant of Christ. He dedicated his life to serving others and the church. He was a man of deep faith and prayer, and he leaves a strong legacy in Parramatta and the Australian Catholic Church, said Bishop Vincent.

"I give thanks for his life, for his vision and leadership for our local church and his legacy," he said. Born on 2 November 1933 in Coolah, NSW to Kevin and Edith Manning, he was the second eldest in a family of five boys and two girls.

He attended Sacred Heart Primary School in Coolah before going on to St Columba's College, Springwood where he later began his studies for the priesthood. He was selected to complete his studies at the Propaganda Fide College in Rome, where he was ordained to the priesthood on 21 December 1961.

From 1962 to 1978, he served as a priest of the Diocese of Bathurst. In 1978, he was appointed Assistant Secretary to the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference in Canberra for five years, and then as Secretary from 1983 to 1991.

In 1991, Bishop Manning was appointed the eighth Bishop of Armidale, NSW, where he served until his appointment as Bishop of Parramatta.

Bishop Manning was appointed as the second Bishop of Parramatta on 10 July 1997, and was installed in the Morley Centre at Parramatta Marist High School, on 21 August 1997. He served as Bishop for over 12 years until his retirement on 4 March 2010. During this time, he led the youngest diocese during a period of rapid growth as more migrants and people chose to live in the western suburbs and Blue Mountains. This is evidenced by the fact that Parramatta now is bigger than most Australian archdioceses.

Bishop Manning is well-known and well-loved by many in the diocese and across Australia. During his time as Bishop of Parramatta, he raised the new St Patrick's Cathedral after the disastrous fire of 1996 and was renowned for his outreach to the marginalised and the poor. He worked tirelessly campaigning and advocating for justice for workers, First Nations people, migrants and refugees, women and children and the growing youth population in the diocese.

He was the first bishop to reach out to the Muslim community in Western Sydney, building relationships based on mutual respect, and continued this interfaith and ecumenical work with other Christian communities and faiths.

He loved listening to and dialoguing with many people. He was a communicator at heart, and in 1998 launched Catholic Outlook, then a monthly newspaper. Writing in the first issue, he said: "It gives me great joy to write my first letter to you in Catholic Outlook, an initiative which is close to my heart, for it gives me the opportunity to correspond regularly with you."

His legacy and work continued after his retirement. He was appointed the Apostolic Administrator of the Wilcannia-Forbes Diocese in 2010 until 2012. A special Bishop Manning Lecture Series was hosted by Catholic Commission for Employment Relations in 2016, and Catholic Schools Parramatta Diocese continues the Bishop Manning Support Fund that assists struggling families who desire a Catholic education for their children but cannot afford it.

Bishop Manning was the epitome of a Good Shepherd. He was a dutiful and humble servant full of compassion, humour and a love for the Church. The Diocese of Parramatta owes much to his leadership and vision, and we pray for the repose of his soul and give thanks to God for his earthly life.

Entrance Antiphon [Psalm 53:6,8](#)

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

First Reading [Jeremiah 23:1-6](#)

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The remnant of the flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks –
when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 22.R. v.2](#)

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff, with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading [Ephesians 2:13-18](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Christ, our peace, has made us one.

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation [John 10:27](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Gospel [Mark 6:30-34](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

They were as sheep without a shepherd.

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon [Psalm 110:4-5](#)

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.



Recently Deceased: Bishop Kevin Manning, Elizabeth Anne O'Reilly

Sick: John Hunia, Eva Fitzgerald, Philip Coggan, Liz Miles, James Connor, Richard Ford, Odette Harb, Andy Hutvagner, Precious Tamayo, Julie Somerville, Fr Bob Bossini, Dane San Pedro, Marama Watson, Margaret Munro, **and all Private Intentions.** Due to the strict privacy laws, names of the deceased and sick can only be included in the Bulletin with the express permission of the immediate family. Thank you.

PARISH AND DIOCESAN NEWS

FINANCIALLY SUPPORTING OUR PARISH AND ITS WORKS: Please support our Parish and its projects.



• **Direct Debit:** Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

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Bank Account Name: Springwood; BSB: 067-950
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FIRST COLLECTION: This goes to the Board of Management. The fund supports the living expenses of the priests within our Diocese.

SECOND COLLECTION: This goes to our Parish of St Thomas Aquinas—directly funding operational costs, pastoral activities and various programs that enrich our community. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS: Pope Paul VI said, "The Mass is the most perfect form of prayer!" It has immense power and countless miracles and conversions have occurred throughout the centuries by offering Masses for a specific intention or person. Intentions like for quick recovery of our loved ones who are ill, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died, for the intentions of another person such as on a birthday or thanksgiving. Mass intentions are a great treasure of the Church and have a spiritual weight that is incalculable. The Christian faithful who give an offering to apply the Mass for their intention contribute to the good of the Church and by that offering share its concern to support its ministers and works. **Mass Offering Envelopes are available at the back of the church which can be used to express your ongoing generosity and support to our church. Thank you.**

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: CHURCH CLEANING

Our community greatly values the contributions of dedicated volunteers and help is always needed to keep our church looking clean and welcoming. As we continue to maintain our sacred space, we invite anyone who may be interested to be a part of our church cleaning team. We appreciate any time you can spare, whether it's a few hours a week or once every eight weeks. Benefits: 1) Fulfillment through service, 2) Strengthening our church community and 3) Connecting with fellow parishioners. If you would like to become one of our fantastic group of volunteers, please contact our Parish Office on 02 4754 1052 or email: springwood@parracatholic.org. Your willingness to serve is a blessing to us all.



VALE BISHOP KEVIN MANNING (2 NOV 1933 – 15 JULY 2024):

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We extend our heartfelt condolences to Mrs Jan Malone on the sorrowful passing of her aunt Elizabeth Anne O'Reilly. During this time of grief, we hold you in our prayers and thoughts asking for God's comfort and peace to surround you and your families. May the soul of Elizabeth Anne rest in the eternal love of Christ. With deepest sympathy from your parish family.

The next PPC Meeting is on Wednesday, 24th July 2024 to be held at St Thomas Aquinas Parish Centre starting at 7:00pm. If you would like to include any items in the agenda, please email: springwoodparishpc@gmail.com



2024 Reconciliation Sacramental Program

We invite you and your child (Year 3 or older who have not yet received Reconciliation) to be part of our 2024 Reconciliation Sacramental Program.

This sacrament will take place through a parish-based process. This means that you will do the preparation with your child, but we help you through a process of guided reflection on a weekly basis by meetings in the church.

Parent Information Sessions:

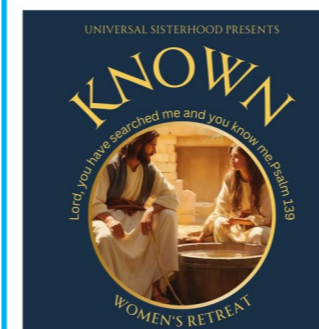
- 1ST MEETING: Tues 6th Aug at 7.00pm, STA Church
- 2ND MEETING: Tues 13th Aug at 7.00pm, STA Church

Children and Parent Information Sessions:

- 3RD MEETING: Sat 24th Aug at 11.00am, STA Church
- 4TH MEETING: Sat 31st Aug at 11.00am, STA Church (and practice)

Reconciliation will take place on Wed 4th Sept at 7.00pm, St Thomas Aquinas Church

Reconciliation enrolment forms are available on our website, parish office and back of the church.



Save the date: 2024 KNOWN WOMEN'S DAY RETREAT: This retreat is open to all women 18+ who want to develop a deeper understanding of their faith and are searching for an authentic relationship with the Lord and with other like minded women. This retreat provides an opportunity for guest speakers, reflective prayer, adoration, confession, the rosary, praise and worship, wonderful sisterhood, catholic merchandise, creative outlet, all meals and Saturday night vigil Mass. You will receive a goodie bag with some special extras to make you feel right at home. Where: St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook NSW; When: Saturday, 17th August, 2024; Time: 8:45am—5:15pm (Vigil Mass at 5:30pm); Speakers: Fr Chris del Rosario, Leonie Nahhas and Jessica Doherty. Praise and worship led by Rachel Kama.

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