

**First Reading 2 Kgs 4:8-11. 14-16**

*That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.*

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.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 88:2-3. 16-19. R. v.2**

*(R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.*

1. 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.)
2. 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.)

3. 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 of Israel. (R.)

**Second Reading Rom 6:3-4. 8-11**

*Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.*

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

**Gospel Acclamation 1 Pt 2:9**

*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 Mt 10:37-42**

*Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.*

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.'

**Reflection by Fr Michael Tate**

In the early Church, Christianity ripped families apart. Good Jewish families would have been appalled to see their sons and daughters go off to follow a crucified blasphemer. Good reason to keep apart in the synagogue, avoiding damnable pollution. This sectarianism contrasted with the Christians who fearlessly went out into the world.

St John Paul II personified what it is to be Catholic. But, he pressed a prayer into a crack in the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem and as an old man shuffled across the floor of a Mosque in Syria.

Of course, there was no compromise of belief and faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, denied by both Jews and Muslims. But his actions were not those of one with the siege mentality of the member of a cult. Rather, he was able to respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit to take these steps recognizing what was good amongst the *adherents* of those faiths.

We could pause for a moment to implore the Holy Spirit to break us out from any constricting cult-like tendencies so that we can go out into the world powerfully proclaiming the resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

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28 June 2020

Dear Parishioners,

Last week I wrote that numbers permitted to attend Mass were increasing to 50 from 22<sup>nd</sup> June. A lot has happened since then, and you would be aware that there has been a significant increase in the numbers of COVID-19 cases in Victoria. Therefore, numbers permitted to attend weekday and weekend Masses, stay at 20. This will remain until at least 12<sup>th</sup> July. We must keep vigilant, especially at this time, and look after ourselves and our loved ones.

**Mass Timetable for week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> June**

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June – Feast Day of Saints Peter & Paul. Mass at 9.15am. (no bookings required however the limit is 20 people allowed to attend the Mass)

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Mass at 9.15am (no bookings required).

**Please Note: No Morning Mass Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July due to Private Funeral**

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Vigil Mass at 6.00pm (bookings required)

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Masses at 8.30am and 10.30am (bookings required)

Bookings to attend a weekend Mass can be made as follows:-

**Online Bookings:** For parishioners with internet access

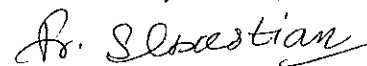
Mass attendance is via TryBooking.com. Go to 'Buy Tickets'(free), 'Search Events'(or 'Find Event') and type in **Mass St Peter's Church Keilor East** and find the correct date and Mass time you wish to attend. Add your details and confirm booking. If all 20 spots are filled, you will be prevented from booking in at that particular Mass time. Bookings for Masses at 6.00pm, 8.30am and 10.30am on the weekend of 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> July, will open at 9am on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> June and close at 5.00pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, unless filled earlier.

**Phone Bookings:** For parishioners unable to book online

Please call the Parish Office to register your name on 9337 4141 from Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June. We will let you know if there is availability for the weekend Mass you wish to attend, and book you in if requested.

May I request those attending a Mass not to gather together before or after the Mass in the narthex or outside the Church. It is recommended to keep in contact with your friends by giving them a friendly phone call. If you wish to speak with me personally, please let me know and stand aside in the narthex until I am able to speak with you. Alternatively, please call or email me.

Yours sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Arockia M. Sebastian  
Parish Administrator

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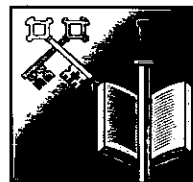
Theresa Zarb, Caterina Larobina, Davorka Stevanja

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Maria Concetta Bruzzese

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Michael Chircop(1 month), Filippo & Francesca Simone, Filippo Mirenda, Patrick Cooper, George La Fontaine, David Clarke



**FEAST OF STS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES**

Mass at 9.15am on Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> June. No bookings required, however we are limited to 20 people being able to attend the Mass. Gate will open at 9.00am. Sadly this year, we will not be able to gather together after Mass to celebrate our Feast Day. Perhaps at home or work you can take some time out of your day to pray our Parish Prayer.

**PARISH FINANCES**

We are most grateful for your contributions during this challenging time. Thank you all for your support. Online donations can be made as follows:-

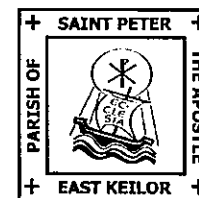
**Presbytery Collection – 1<sup>st</sup> Collection**

Account Name: St Peter's Presbytery A/C  
BSB: 083 347 Account No. 66541 7521  
Reference as your first initial then surname, or remain anonymous

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Parish Office is open Tuesday, Wednesday and (currently) Friday, if you wish to drop off your envelopes. Entry via Bellarine Avenue.



**1970 – 2020: Celebrating 50 Years**

Whilst our Celebrations may be on hold for now, we can still pray our Parish Prayer.

**Prayer of the Parish of St Peter the Apostle, East Keilor**

God our Father,  
your parish family of St Peter's, East Keilor,  
thanks you for the faith we share.  
Make us a people who cares for one another,  
and has a genuine concern for the wider community.

Help parents to give good example;  
give children the grace of love and respect;  
fill our youth with wisdom, hope and vision.

Their leadership is the future of our Church and Nation.

To our sick grant health;  
to those of advancing years serenity,  
and to those in sorrow your peace and joy.

Father, deepen our love and strengthen our faith.

Jesus, nourish us with your word and eucharist.

Holy Spirit, direct us in all we do and help us to say always:

'Lord, it is good for us to be here.'

Amen.