



out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The disciples had started off from the Jewish side of the Sea of Galilee, familiar territory. Jesus guided them through the stormy situation to "the other side", the pagan side, unfamiliar territory where they would not have felt at home.

Buffeted by storms, the Church is in the midst of a journey from familiar to unfamiliar territory.

Some of the storms include a new attitude to authority, to gender roles. There is anger and suspicion at sexual abuse and its cover up. In all these situations and many more, Our Lord will not allow us the indulgence of nostalgic yearning for the safety of the past country inhabited by the Church. We must make our way to the other shore.

We could pause for a moment, resolving to row with courage because we know we are in the same boat as Peter whom our Risen Lord assures:

"Do not be afraid."

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

9 August 2020

First Reading 1 Kgs 19:9.11-13

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say; a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. *(R.)*
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. *(R.)*
3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. *(R.)*

Second Reading Rom 9:1-5

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 19:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord,

I trust in his word.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 14:22-33

Command me to come to you over the water.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far

COVID-19 STAGE 4 RESTRICTIONS

With Stage 4 restrictions now in place, our Parish Office must be closed. Our Parish Secretary, Helena Meredith will be working from home. Please email if you need anything or call 9337 4141 and leave a message. We will respond to messages as soon as possible.

Please do not risk a fine by leaving your home outside the permitted hours of 8pm and 5am. If you have envelopes for the weekend collections, please contact me if they need to be collected, or keep until we are able to open again. Please consider changing to credit card, direct debit or direct online banking. We can assist you with setting this up.

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Maria George, Desmond Wijetunga

RECENTLY DECEASED

Vin O'Neil, Rod Osborne.

ANNIVERSARIES

Giuseppe Profeta, Giovanni Profeta, Gateano Indovino, Guiseppina Didio, Piotr Wolff, Tarcis & Lillian Mizzi, Francesca Bonfa, Angelina Mathrubhutham, John Baptist

CATHOLIC CARE SUNDAY APPEAL

This weekend is the CatholicCare Sunday appeal. Donations from our parish community will help CatholicCare to support the most vulnerable people in our community. Your support and generosity will help break barriers to social inclusion and strengthen families and communities to live life to the full. You can donate online at www.ccam.org.au/Sunday Appeal or call 9287 5513.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS

This week we celebrate the Feast of St Mary of the Cross McKillop, our first Australian born canonised saint. St Mary took bold new directions in education and care of children. We know her saying 'Never see a need without doing something about it'. We pray this week that many young people in our communities may embrace this spirit in response to the call of the Lord to serve as priests or consecrated religious.

MASS AT HOME

St Peter's Parish

Please continue to upload our Mass each weekend from any of the the following:

Website:

<http://pol.org.au/keiloreast/Home.aspx>

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Peters-Parish-Keilor-East-248965765799277>

YouTube: St Peter's Church Keilor East

St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne

All Masses at St Patrick's Cathedral will continue to be live streamed on the Archdiocesan YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/archmelb>) or Catholic Archdiocesan website: www.melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass.

Television

Channel 31 (televised to greater Melbourne) at 11am Sunday.

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 – 1st 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

Church Collection – 2nd Collection

Account Name: St Peter's Church Account
BSB: 083 347 A/C No. 53530 4676
Reference as your first initial then surname and if known, your giving number e.g. ASmith T/G 500

CARITAS AUSTRALIA-PROJECT COMPASSION

We received a 'Thank You' card for our ongoing support of Caritas Australia through Project Compassion. Our total donations for 2020 were \$2,203.80. Well done St Peter's Parishioners!

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Saturday 8 Aug	St Mary of the Cross
Monday 10 Aug	St Lawrence
Tuesday 11 Aug	St Clare
Friday 14 Aug	St Maximilian Kolbe

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM COVONAVIRUS



O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger,

O glorious and blessed Virgin.

- Prayer originated from

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-03/pope-francis-prayer-our-lady-protection-coronavirus.html>

The Parish of St Peter's, Keilor East and the Diocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community.

All staff and volunteers in our parish of St Peter's, Keilor East, must have a current Working with Children Check.

A Prayer to St Joseph

St Joseph,

You were receptive to God working in your life.

Help us by your prayers at this time of trial.

You kept Jesus and Mary under your watchful care: may your prayers assist our local Church to respond to those in need.

You taught the Christ Child your trade and prayers: help us to follow his example of love.

You were part of God's plan for all humanity: assist us to be vigilant and responsible this day.

You spent your life in service:

May we be mindful of others, particularly the elderly and vulnerable, caring for them in these difficult days.

You trusted in the clear primacy of God over all history and every situation: help us to grow in faith and pray to the Father, *Thy will be done.*

Amen.

AVE MARIA COLLEGE YEAR 7 – 2022

Applications for Year 7 in 2022 have been extended and will close **Friday 9th October 2020**. Contact the Registrar on 9331 9308 or via email at registrar@avemaria.vic.edu.au