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EAST KEILOR

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**First Reading** Is 45:1,4-6

*I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.*

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,  
whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me.  
I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 95:1, 3-5, 7-10. R. v.7

(R.) *Give the Lord glory and honour.*

- 1 O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)
- 2 The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens. (R.)

**Reflection** by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus first cleverly throws his questioners on the defensive. They are the ones carrying the coinage, not him. Then he poses the crucial question, 'Whose image is it and whose inscription?' They said to him, 'Caesar's'. Then he said to them: 'Render to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's.'

The coin bore the image and inscription of Caesar. Genesis teaches us that human beings are made in the image and likeness of God. Our Lord is saying, 'Let the political and financial authorities have their coinage. It is their legal tender. But they cannot have human beings. Human beings belong to Another. They belong to God.'

We are fortunate to live in a wonderful democracy. But even a democracy can violate the dignity of a human being created in the image and likeness of God. As Pope John Paul II said: 'Authentic democracy is possible only in a state ruled by law, and on the basis of a correct conception of the human person.' (Italics added)

We could pause for a moment to thank God for the inscription, 'Child of God', effectively engraved on our hearts by baptism.

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**Gospel** Mt 22:15-21

*Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.*

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

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- 3 Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts. (R.)

- 4 Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

**Second Reading** 1 Thes 1:1-5

*We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.*

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

**Gospel Acclamation** Phil 2:15, 16

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.*

*Alleluia!*

## CATHOLIC VOCATIONS

FAMILY LIFE CAN BUILD VALUES integral to a strong vocation – whether to priesthood, religious life or marriage. Teaching your children to value commitment, service and prayer will help them make strong vocation decisions as adults and live out those vocations with success and fulfilment.

### IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### SICK

Glen Makary, Nancy Berns

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

Maria George

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Dorothy June Robinson, Giuseppe & Vincenza Serruto, Nick Carni

#### PARISH SUPPORT

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

#### Church Collection – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

*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 must have a current Working with Children Check.*

#### FACE MASKS FOR SALE

One of our wonderful volunteers has been busy on her sewing machine making masks for the Parish to sell. Proceeds to the Parish. They are \$5 each and come in a variety of colours and patterns. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like one.

## COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS UPDATE

We have now commenced outdoor Mass for the permitted 5 people plus Fr Sebastian. We are praying that numbers will increase to 10 soon but in the meantime, please wait to be offered a place or contact the Parish Office if you would like add your name to attend a Mass. Masses this week will be held at 9.30am and 10.15am Tuesday-Friday weekdays and on Sunday. Please ensure you follow the procedures sent out with the letter last week.

If anyone who would like to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation, please be in touch with Fr Sebastian or the Parish Office. The Parish Office is still required to remain closed, however please do not hesitate to call or email if you need anything and we will respond as soon as possible.

## CATHOLIC MISSION SUNDAY 2020

*For the Joy of the Lord is your Strength*  
Nehemiah 8:10

This year's Catholic Mission Church Appeal highlights the important work of the Church in Cambodia, which aims to reach out to those who have been affected by disability, and give them hope and support to live a fulfilling life. Today, landmine accidents are still prevalent in Cambodia, a cruel reminder of the country's troubled past, even for those who were not yet born during the tumultuous years of the Khmer Rouge regime and civil conflicts that followed. Will you join with us today to be there for those in need during this crisis? For more information and to give generously to support vital mission programs through COVID-19, please go to catholicmission.org.au/mission or if attending an outdoor mass at St Peter's during the next few weeks, envelopes are available for your donation. Another option to make a donation to Catholic Mission is by using your mobile phone. The process is simple: one only needs to send the word "GIVE" to the number: 0488 854 436. This prompts an immediate reply which provides a link to a platform to make a donation.

## CHILD SAFEGUARDING – 'ONLINE SAFETY RESOURCE FOR GRANDPARENTS AND CARERS'

The eSafety Commissioner has recently published a free e-book resource 'Online safety for grandparents and carers' which provides advice about online safety issues that children and young people may experience. This resource provides "key advice about online safety issues that can affect children and young people" including practical tips to help grandparents and carers to talk about these issues with children and young people and manage them. Helpful topics include: setting up devices safely; managing time online; preventing unsafe contact from strangers as well as a guide to some of the most popular sites and apps. Grandparents and carers can order a hard copy or download and view the resource online:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/seniors/online-safety-grandparents-carers>

## OCTOBER - THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

If you have internet access, some useful links are provided below (many thanks to Carmel Egan for sharing these with parishioners):-

### Daily recital of Rosary:

Look up 'Spirit Juice Rosary' ... you will find all the rosaries.

JOYFUL – Monday & Saturday

<https://youtu.be/uy2aUocZ08g>

SORROWFUL - Tuesday & Friday

<https://youtu.be/dsqbpbpQRw0>

GLORIOUS - Wednesday & Sunday

<https://youtu.be/wjn8UZVFvBU>

LUMINOUS - Thursday

<https://youtu.be/r8TePYRBvMk>

Three Hail Mary's:

<https://youtu.be/JqWGiCoigS8>

If you are unable to pray the full rosary - A daily 3-Hail Mary's Devotion is encouraged.

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## ST PETER'S COMMUNITY VIRTUAL ART SHOW 2020

St Peter's Primary School have come up with a great idea to host a St Peter's Community Virtual Art Show with the theme being 'Advent & Christmas'. The children are busy creating artworks in their classes for the display and Parishioners are also invited to present a piece of Art Work. This could involve any medium: drawings, paintings, photography, sculptures, pottery or craft works.

If this is of interest to you, you would be required to submit a digital photo of the Art piece with the name of the artist, the title of the piece and a short description (optional) to Mrs Seona Martin at [smartin@spkeiloreast.catholic.edu.au](mailto:smartin@spkeiloreast.catholic.edu.au) prior to the 20<sup>th</sup> November.

Please consider sharing your wonderful artistic talents with the St Peter's Community.