



**Gospel Mt 5:1-12**

*Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.*

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

- 'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.
- Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.
- Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.
- Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.
- Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.
- Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.
- Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

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**Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

Today we celebrate the memory of all the baptised who have gone before us and whose lives were virtuous. The saints of God are all those who have been baptised into Christ, who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb. We all know people whose lives were steeped in genuine holiness. The life of every one of us has been blessed by their goodness. This is a day for us to remember and to celebrate their holiness. We celebrate the lives of all those who have been marked with the sign of faith, those who have been canonised by the church, those whom we have known personally as well as those whose names we do not know.

In the beatitudes listed in today's gospel we are given examples of what it means to live lives of holiness. This gospel really does not present a blueprint for holiness. Rather, it offers a series of snapshots that demonstrate the holiness that is ours by virtue of our baptism. Those who have gone before us lived such lives. Today, as we remember them, we hold up their lives as examples of holiness and models for our imitation. The sentiments that are expressed and the commitment that it illustrated in the beatitudes clearly stand in opposition to the standards of the world. Their radicality may be more than some can understand, but they are traits that are recognisable by those who belong to the family of God, for they are genuine godly traits.

**All Saints**

**1 November 2020**

**First Reading Rv 7:2-4, 9-14**

*I saw an immense crowd, beyond hope of counting, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.*

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 23:1-6. R. see v.6**

*(R.) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.*

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm. (R.)

2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things. (R.)
3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. (R.)

**Second Reading 1 Jn 3:1-3**

*We shall see God as he really is.*

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

**Gospel Acclamation Mt 11:28**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia!*

## CATHOLIC VOCATIONS

A VOCATION MUST BE NURTURED for a lifetime, not just until ordination or the taking of vows. You can help nurture the vocations of priests, sisters and brothers by praying, listening, and expressing appreciation. A life of service needs support from those served.

### IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### SICK

Jamaluddin Mohd Beni

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

John Borg Bardona

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Kerry Lane, Henry & Josephine Mizzi, Jozo Batunjac, Ivan Belajic, George Sinnayah

## ST PETER'S COMMUNITY VIRTUAL ART SHOW 2020

St Peter's Primary School are hosting 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.

*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.*

## 2021 COLUMBAN CALENDAR

The 2021 Columban Art Calendar is now available for purchase - \$10.00.

## FACE MASKS FOR SALE

\$5 each. Lovingly made by one of our parishioners. Will be on display for purchase at all Masses.

## LET US REJOICE!

Dear Parishioners,

I am very pleased to advise that we are now permitted to celebrate Mass inside the Church for 10 people and outside the Church for 20 people. All Masses must be prior booked, by emailing or calling the Parish Office. Please wait for confirmation of booking before coming to a Mass. We will get back to you as soon as possible if there are spaces available.

For Online bookings, please go to: [www.trybooking.com.au](http://www.trybooking.com.au)

Type in: St Peter's Parish, Keilor East. Go to 'Find Event' put in the date and you will see the Masses come upon the right side of the page. Online Bookings for Weekday Masses open Friday prior to week of Mass at 9.30am and close at 5.00pm the day prior to the Mass, or when filled. Online Weekend Mass bookings open Tuesday prior to weekend of Masses at 9.30am and close Fridays at 6.00pm, or when filled.

**Weekday Masses** from Tuesday-Friday will commence at 9.15am in the Church. Please do not arrive at the Church before 9.00am, to allow school traffic to disperse. Bookings must be made.

**Weekend Masses** will be celebrated on Saturdays at 6pm, Sundays at 8.30am & 10.30am. We will start with outdoor Mass to allow 20 people to attend each Mass. We will reassess this as numbers are permitted to increase.

Hand sanitisers will be provided. Face masks must be worn at all times, except for when taking Communion.

Thank you for your patience and co-operation. **Father Arockia Sebastian**

## THE COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED – ALL SOULS DAY – 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER

Masses at 9.30am and 7.00pm which will be Livestreamed on our Parish Facebook page.

A recorded mass for All Souls Day also will be uploaded to our YouTube and Facebook page on Sunday evening.

## NOVEMBER MASSES

Envelopes for November Masses are available in the narthex or in your current set of envelopes.

## COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS UPDATE

The Announcement by the Government for Metropolitan Melbourne from 11.59pm Tuesday 27th October 2020 states the following:

**Indoor Religious Ceremonies:** Permitted with up to 10 people plus a faith leader.

**Weddings:** Permitted in outdoor public spaces allowed with up to 10 people. The faith leader, a photographer, and children under 12 months not included in the cap.

**Funerals:** Allowed with up to 20 mourners. Infants under 12 months of age or people required to conduct the funeral not included in the cap. A separate grouping of mourners may not come in to remove the coffin from the church.

**Baptisms:** May be celebrated under the latest outdoor and indoor religious gathering limits. There are specific hygiene around use of oils and water.

**End of Life and Care:** Faith Leaders may attend a dying resident or provide end of life support to a resident in their home or in a Health or Care facility at the request of the patient. Visits may also be made to support a patient or resident with their emotional or mental wellbeing if it cannot be done remotely. Such care must be undertaken in co-operation with the particular facility and in line with other visiting restrictions and facility guidelines.

**Visitors to the Home:** Two adults and children that cannot be left unsupervised can gather in a household within the 25km radius once a day. Visitor records must be kept. If you have visitors, you cannot visit someone else's home that day. Visitors to households must wear masks. Single bubbles remain in place.

**Curfew:** No longer in place.  
**Travel:** Up to 25km (but not into Regional Vic for recreation)

**Face Coverings:** For any permissible activity within a Parish location, face coverings must be worn. A face covering needs to cover both your nose and mouth and can be a face mask or shield.

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## READY, SET, PRAY! CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD @ HOME

The Ready, Set, Pray! Children's Liturgy of the Word @ Home video series has been created to provide an engaging space for families to encounter Jesus through the Sunday gospel. Each week includes an invitation for families to create and gather in their own prayer space, to sing, hear the Gospel, pray and respond creatively through an activity. This weekly resource follows the familiar Children's Liturgy of the Word format provided in many parishes – but moved to an online setting. It can be used by families in their homes, and also by teachers and catechists. The series consists of 10 weekly sessions of 15-20 minutes duration. It commenced on Sunday 18th October and continues each Sunday until Christmas. Please follow this link to view: <https://bit.ly/ReadySetPray>

We hope this experience of gathering for prayer will encourage families in this time when they cannot gather for parish celebrations of Eucharist. It is produced by Proclaim: The Office for Mission Renewal at the Archdiocese of Melbourne.