**Reflection** by Fr Michael Tate

Israel was often portrayed as a bride in Jewish scriptures. So, the question was: 'When would the Bridegroom – the Anointed One of God, the Christ – appear?' Jesus' warning is to the attendants of the bride: 'Be alert, be vigilant, be prepared.' Some (the five foolish attendants) did miss the moment: the earthly ministry of Jesus of Nazareth.

But his warning is also for the Catholic Church which is the new Bride of Christ. We are the attendants to the Bride and the imperative applies to us also: Be alert, be vigilant. Be prepared for the eruption, the intervention of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Bridegroom, into *our* history, into *our* moment of time.

For example, is Christ coming to meet us in the modern movements which demand to hold authority accountable, or which press for just recognition of women? We can foolishly remain in the dark or we can wisely try to throw light on these questions. Only then we will be able to discern whether indeed it is the Lord who is approaching.

We could pause to pray that we be ready when the Bridegroom responds to the ancient prayer: 'Come, Lord Jesus!'

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**Gospel** Mt 25:1-13

*Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.*

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone of to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

**Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A****8 November 2020****First Reading** Wis 6:12-16

*Wisdom is found by those who look for it.*

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2**

*(R.) My soul is thirsting for you,  
O Lord my God.*

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. *(R.)*
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary. to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. *(R.)*
3. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. *(R.)*

4. On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. *(R.)*

**Second Reading** 1 Thes 4:13-18

*Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.*

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

**Gospel Acclamation** Mt 24:42. 44

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Be watchful and ready:*

*you know not when the Son of Man is coming.*

*Alleluia!*

### IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### SICK

We pray for all who are sick in our parish community.

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

#### ANNIVERSARIES

John Galea, Carmen & Joe Galea, Angela & Santo Sciacchitano, Mark Gorecki, Filippo Simone

*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.*

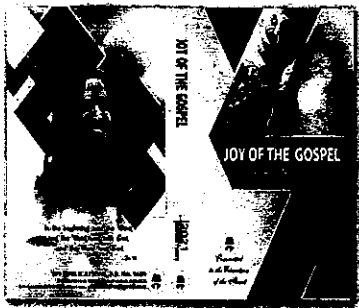
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We are now permitted to celebrate Mass inside the Church for 10 people and outside for 20 people. Attendance at all Masses must be prior booked by using the online booking agency, by emailing your mass time request, or by calling the Parish Office and leaving a message. 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 capital letters: ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, KEILOR EAST. Go to 'Find Event' put in the date and you should see the Masses come upon the right. Make sure you are booking for our Parish, as there are other "St Peter's" with booking sites. 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** are celebrated Tuesday-Friday, commencing at 9.15am in the Church. Please do not arrive before 9.00am, to allow school traffic to disperse. Bookings must be made.

**Weekend Masses** are celebrated on Saturdays at 6pm, Sundays at 8.30am & 10.30am. We are celebrating Mass outdoors next to the Church, to allow 20 people to attend at a time and anyone attending must book in their name, no walk ups. We will be praying for some good news this weekend with regards to these numbers increasing. Hand sanitisers will be provided. Face masks must be worn at all times, except for when taking Communion.

Thank you for your co-operation.

#### 2021 COLUMBAN CALENDAR

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

#### FACE MASKS

\$5 each. Available in the narthex.

### INTRODUCING YOUR CHILD SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE

St Peter's Safeguarding Committee comprises: Father Arockia Sebastian, Peter Boudville, Carmel Egan, Charles Meneze, Melinda Falzon, Mary Skidmore and Helena Meredith. The Committee have a number of responsibilities including but not limited to:

- Promoting child safety within the community and fostering an understanding of the importance of child safety
- Working collaboratively with the leadership of each parish, agency or entity to promote the safety of children and young people
- Implementing, maintaining and/or reviewing child safety processes and procedures to support the wellbeing and safety of children and young people with input from relevant stakeholders e.g. priest, parish administration, school parents, children and young people, parish group leaders, parishioners.
- Engaging in and/or reviewing risk management processes to promote the safe participation of children and young people in programs, activities and events.
- Involving children and young people in (and their families) in decision-making and planning to promote child safety.
- Ensuring that reporting processes for concerns and/or allegations are well communicated across the parish, agency or entity and act as a first point of contact in relation to child safety concerns, reports or allegations and comply with reporting protocols for child abuse reports and allegations
- Participating in and/or delivering child safety information and training
- Monitor ongoing compliance with the CAM Safeguarding and Young People Framework.

#### NOVEMBER MASSES

Envelopes for November Masses are available in the narthex.

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### 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, please 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.