

**Reflection** by Fr Michael Tate

The eternal destiny of every human being of a certain maturity is determined by decisions made in relation to food and drink for the famished, clothing and housing for those without decent clothing or shelter, visiting those in circumstances which cut them off from life-giving contact with others (the sick and prisoners).

Those who provide such assistance, in the words of Pope Francis, touch the wounds of Christ! A Christian can be fully conscious of this, but for non-Christians it is possible to do so without any of our awareness or belief. Christ is *completely* incognito to them: 'When did we ever see you hungry and feed you ...?'

We know the doctrine of the Real Presence in the poor and marginalised. Woe betide those of us who ignore this fact of faith. We are on the way to a Hellish state of existence. That is equally possible for those who do not share our faith, but who ignore the plight of the marginalised and continue in a self-absorbed way.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we, and many billions of non-Christians, may hear the invitation: 'Come you blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'

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kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year A 22 November 2020**First Reading** Ez 34:11-12.15-17

You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22:1-3. 5-6. R. v.1

*(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.*

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. (R.)
2. Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall
follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 15:20-26.28

He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel Acclamation Mk 11:9-10

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Blessings on him who comes
in the name of the Lord!*

*Blessings on the coming kingdom
of our father David!*

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 25:31-46

He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the

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SICK

Bishop Peter Elliott

RECENTLY DECEASED

ANNIVERSARIES

Elisabetta Muratore, Rudolf Iskra, Giovanna Di Falco

BAPTISM AT ST PETER'S CHURCH

12 Noon - Sunday, 22 November 2020

Tatum Armstrong

Please pray for this child and her family.

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Adrian has a new book out "Faith for Today – Catholic Faith for a New Generation". We congratulate Adrian on his wonderful achievement. If you wish to purchase a copy, please speak with Adrian. A sample of the book is on display in the narthex.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 24 Nov St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions

CONGRATULATIONS TO FATHER SEBASTIAN!

During the recent lockdown, we received notification from Archbishop Peter Comensoli, that Fr Arockia Sebastian is finally now, officially appointed "Parish Priest" (previous title "Parish Administrator") of St Peter's Parish, Keilor East. We offer our heartfelt congratulations to Fr Sebastian, on receiving this official title. We pray that God will continue to bless, guide and direct your path. May you continue to find joy amid your service to our community. Thank you for all the hours you dedicate to our Parish. Congratulations Fr Sebastian!

MASS AT ST PETER'S

Where we will be celebrating our **Weekend Masses** next weekend, the 1st Sunday of Advent, depends on what is announced by Premier, Daniel Andrews on Sunday. If numbers permitted inside Places of Worship increase to 50 or more, we may be able to have Mass in our Church from next weekend. If there is no change, we will continue to have Weekend Masses outdoors. Weekend Mass bookings still need to be made, either online through www.trybooking.com.au, leaving a phone message at the Parish Office, or by email. Online Weekend Mass bookings open Tuesdays at 9.30am and we are extending the closing time to 3pm on Saturday afternoon, or when filled. Bookings are not required for our **Weekday Masses** Tuesday-Friday at 9.15am. However, we still need to keep a record of everyone who attends Mass and take details, due to contact tracing. We continue to stream our weekend Mass online. Confessions can be heard from 30 minutes prior to each Weekend Mass. Hand sanitisers are provided. Face masks must be worn at all times, except for when taking Communion. Thank you for your co-operation.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – CATHOLIC DEAF

This weekend we will have a special collection for the Catholic Deaf. Please support their activities.

MONTH OF PRAYER FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

In November we pray for our faithfully departed. The Church dedicates the month of November to praying for our deceased loved ones. Both Scripture and Tradition remind us to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins and enter the joy of Heaven. Offering Masses therefore is the greatest gift we can give to them. Special envelopes for November Masses for the Holy Souls can be collected from the table in the narthex or in your set of envelopes.

SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Parish Safeguarding Committee continue to work through and review the compliance obligations that all Parishes are now required to adhere to. All policies, procedures and practices that influence the life of the Parish are been looked at using the Self-Assessment Tool, which contains 10 National Standards that all Parishes are required to work towards. This must be forwarded to the Professional Standards Unit, within the Archdiocese of Melbourne by 30 November 2020

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. Makes a great Christmas gift. \$10.00.

FACE MASKS

\$5 available for purchase at all Masses.

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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>