

Gospel Acciamation Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 13:33-37

Stay awakel You never known when the Lord will come.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

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Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Our Lord portrays himself as the Master who goes away on a journey. It is certain that he will return, even if noone in his household knows exactly when. That is *our* situation. What do we do in anticipation?

Our Lord, the Master, indicates we have a choice. We can close our eyes and enter into the world of dreams where we create our own fantasy futures, or we can stay awake and alert to do what Our Lord wants us to do: 'He left his servants in charge, giving to each his work.'

You and me – his servants – have a particular role or work in and for this phase of human history. A deep down intuition, prompted by the Holy Spirit, indicates what this is. We must be true to this assignment.

We could take a moment to pray that, when the Lord returns, we may hear: 'Come, good and *faithful* servant, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world.'

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PARISH OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE EAST KEILOR

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First Reading Is 63:16-17; 64:1.3-8

Oh that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, Our Redeemer is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you?

Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance.

- Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down
- at your Presence the mountains would melt.

No ear has heard. no eve has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean. all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father: we the clay, you the potter. we are all the work of your hand.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19 R. v.4

- R. Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.
- O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne.
 O Lord, rouse up your might,
 O Lord, come to our help. (R.)
- God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see.
 Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)
- 3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your

Second Reading 1 Cor 1:3-9

name. (R.)

The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Bishop Peter Elliott

RECENTLY DECEASED

Barbara (Lina) Bordignon, Maria Tri Tam

ANNIVERSARIES

Tadeusz Gorecki, (Lady) Brenda Cook, Hubert Corray, Enrico Ciacci

BAPTISM AT ST PETER'S CHURCH

10.45am – Saturday, 28th November 2020

Margot Kennedy

Please pray for this child and her family.

PARISH SUPPORT

Thank you all for your support. For those who prefer to, online donations can be made as follows:-

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Reflections on the Daily Gospel, easy to read layout, full texts of lectionary readings for all days, daily saints, prayers for various occasions. For sale in the narthex - \$15 per copy.

NEW BOOK WRITTEN BY ADRIAN COMMADEUR

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(\$10 each), please speak with Adrian. A sample of Adrian's book is on display in the narthex.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 30 Nov St Andrew, Apostle Thursday 3 Dec St Francis Xavier

PARISH NEWS

Our Prayers have been answered and we have finally returned to celebrating all our Parish Masses inside the Church. Streaming of our weekend Mass will continue until Christmas. We have capacity for 110 people inside our Church and narthex, taking into account physical distancing requirements. All pews have been marked – please only sit where there is a cross and not add extra people to the pew.

Masks must be worn once you enter the narthex, unless a lawful exception applies. You may remove your mask when receiving Holy Communion.

Prior Bookings to attend a Mass are required for weekend Masses only, either through Trybooking(bookings now close 3pm Saturday) or by contacting the Parish Office by phone or email by 4.30pm Fridays. Please have your name marked off the attendance sheet and sanitise your hands before entering the Church. Please be patient as you enter because we do not want to have a build-up of people in the narthex.

Mass Hymn Books cannot be used, unless you bring your own.

If you take a Parish Bulletin to read, please don't leave it in the pew or return it to the table but take it home with you or place in a bin.

Father Sebastian may call on two Eucharistic Ministers if required.

Unless remaining in the narthex to meet with Fr Sebastian, or staying to clean, after the Mass has ended you are asked to leave through Exit door only and avoid social gatherings outside the Church.

As numbers increase, we are looking for volunteers to help with cleaning the pews after each Mass. We will need 3 people, it should not take long to do.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office re-opens from Tuesday 1st December (entry via Bellarine Ave) and will be open on Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday from 9.00am-4.30pm until Christmas. Please enter from Bellarine Avenue and be wearing your mask.

1ST COMMUNION CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulation to Oliver Tomai who is celebrating his 1st Holy Communion during our 10.30am Mass this weekend. May he always experience the grace and overflowing blessings from the Lord.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – CATHOLIC DEAF \$423.35 was raised last weekend. Thank you.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE: Is your Working with

Children Check up to Date? As we return fully to Masses and our parish life slowly turns to a new 'Covid Normal' it is a timely reminder that ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST HOLD A CURRENT WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK. There are no exceptions and we are required by law to enforce this requirement. Please update your WWCC to include St Peter's as a location where you volunteer, or apply for a new WWCC

https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/ Teachers with VIT registration must also add St Peter's as their voluntary location and provide a copy of their current VIT Registration to the Parish Office.

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 available for purchase - \$10 each.

FACE MASKS

\$5 available for purchase at all Masses.

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1ST RECONCILIATION AT ST PETER'S

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- Johnson

Congratulations to the Grade 3 students who will be making their 1st Reconciliation next Wednesday, 2nd December.

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