

**Gospel Mk 1:21-28**

This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The word 'diabolical' comes from a Greek word referring to something broken in two, shattered. Looking at persons and societies torn apart, it is obvious that the diabolical spirit is powerful. However, it harbours a fear that a more powerful Holy Spirit could reintegrate a personality, could make a community out of divided groups.

'Have you come to destroy us?' indicates that this fear was realised in the coming on to the scene of Jesus Christ. Jesus' answer was a resounding 'Yes', not in words but in action, healing a man torn apart by a diabolical spirit.

Jesus Christ invites and empowers us to join in his healing mission to overcome whatever it is which tears people apart, whether at the individual, community or global levels. We do so in the confidence of His Resurrection which overcame the diabolical tearing apart of His body and soul.

We could pause for a moment to commit ourselves to joining Jesus' mission, so putting the fear of God into the devil!

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**31 January 2021****First Reading Dt 18:15-20**

I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command.

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.9

**(R.) If today, you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in, let us kneel and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)

3. O that today you would listen to his
voice!

'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw
my work.' (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 7:32-35

The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

**A people in darkness have seen a
great light:**

**a radiant dawn shines on those lost
in death.**

Alleluia!

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

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

RECENTLY DECEASED

Maria Oanh Thi Kim Dong, Rexa Ada Williams

ANNIVERSARIES

Rita Maria Lauricella, Chris Portelli, Mary Purcell

ST PETER'S CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD DURING 10.30AM MASS

Resumption date to be advised soon.

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S PARISH

Sunday, 7th February 2021

*Max Rositto
Pia Serpiello
Oscar Davis*

Please pray for these children and their families.

PARISH SUPPORT

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

Presbytery Collection – 1st 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

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ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Do you need a helping hand? St Vincent de Paul Society volunteers are committed to providing people with access to the resources and support they need to overcome personal hardship. If you require assistance, please phone our Welfare Assistance Line on free call 1800 305 330 Monday to Friday (except for public holidays). This service is free and confidential.

PARISH NEWS

MASS TIMES

Sunday 5pm Mass resumes Sunday 7th February.
Wednesday 7pm Mass resumes from this Wednesday, 3rd February.
Saturday 9.15am Morning resumes from 6th February.

MASS – 1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

Mass will be celebrated at St Peter's next Friday, 5th February at 7.00pm followed by Benediction for devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

PARISH OFFICE

Parish Office is open Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday from 8.30am-4.00pm.

R.C.I.A.

Congratulations to Tom Russell who will be welcomed into full communion during our 10.30am Mass this Sunday through the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. We pray that he continues to respond to the Lord's call in his life. Thanks to our RCIA Team, led by Teresa Paradowski, for this important ministry within our community.

ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL 'COMMISSIONING MASS'

At the 10.30am Mass this Sunday, we will be joined by the School Principal, Linda Tarraran and School Staff who will be Commissioned by Bishop Terry Curtin. May God bless them all as they commence another year of teaching at St Peter's Primary School.

NOTICES FOR PARISH BULLETIN

If you have a death anniversary you would like included in the Bulletin, please contact the Parish Office by Wednesday afternoon prior to the weekend you would like it published. Mass offering envelopes are available in the narthex.

NEW FAMILIES TO ST PETER'S

We welcome all new families into our Parish. If you wish to be enrolled onto our Census, please take a Parish Census Card from the narthex to fill in and return, or contact the Parish Office on 9337 4141 or email keiloreast@cam.org.au

PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

If you would like to join our Stewardship Program (Parish Thanksgiving), Pledge cards are available in the narthex. Please contact the Parish Office if you require further information.

MASS BOOKINGS

Weekend Mass bookings are still required. All online bookings for weekend Masses 6/7 February open Monday morning at 9.30am and close Saturday 6 February at 3.00pm. The link to book in is:
<https://www.trybooking.com/BOKNE>

If you do not have a computer to book your seat online, please contact the Parish Office by 11am Friday and we can book you in.

The wearing of masks in the Church is no longer mandatory, but preferred. Please remember to keep a physical distance of at least 1.5 metres.

Please do not come to Mass if you are feeling unwell.

DOOR HELPERS AT MASSES NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers with computer skills, who can come at least 20 minutes prior to a Mass commencing, to assist with adding names of those in attendance. If you are available to assist, please contact the Parish Office on 9337 4141 or speak with Fr Sebastian.

PARISH GROUPS

Information on when Parish Groups will recommence in 2021 will be advised as soon as possible.

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WELCOME BACK!

We welcome back teachers and students to the new school year. A special welcome to the new Prep students commencing their schooling at St Peter's.

Drivers: Please remember, it is strictly a 40kph zone around the perimeter of the campus!

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.