



Gospel Mk 1:29-39

He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The mother-in-law of Simon (Peter) was sick in bed with a raging fever. When Jesus learned about her distressed state, he 'took her by the hand and helped her up'. He broke the taboo about physical contact with a woman not his relative because he wanted to holistically heal her disease.

Simon's mother-in-law didn't need an aspirin and a cup of tea. She felt quarantined, isolated, and needed a hand reassuring her of sociable relationships. Jesus overcame her fever and her dis-ease with the world.

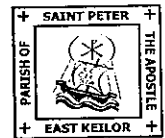
At every Mass we exchange a physical gesture at the greeting of Peace. This quite often overcomes being ill-at-ease with a family member or just with the neighbour in the pew. We need to take that symbolic action into the world. For somebody, it may be the most touching thing we ever do.

We could pause for a moment to identify that person who needs us to reach out, to take their hand and help them up.

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First Reading Jb 7:1-4. 6-7

I am filled with sorrow all day long.

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'how slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 146:1-6. R. v.3

(R.) Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving: to him our praise is due. *(R.)*
2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's exiles, he heals the broken-hearted,

he binds up all their wounds. He fixes the number of the stars; he calls each one by its name. *(R.)*

3. Our Lord is great and almighty; his wisdom can never be measured. The Lord raises the lowly; he humbles the wicked to the dust. *(R.)*

Second Reading 1 Cor 9:16-19. 22-23

Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 8:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering

Alleluia!

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Fred Schembri.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Maria Oanh Thi Kim Dong, Vesna Coric(in Malta), Eta Sapiano(in England), Joseph Psaila(in Malta,) Jela Jukic, Irudhaya Mary(in India)

ANNIVERSARIES

Maria Puglia, Paola Salustro, Mary Galea & family, Anthony Doan Dao, Anna Hoang Bich Hong, Joseph Pham Van Khanh, Dominic Tong Van Lac, Mary Doan Thi Hoa

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

Resumption date to be advised.

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S PARISH

Sunday, 7th February 2021 – 12 noon

*Max Rossitto
Pia Serpiello
Oscar Davis*

Please pray for these children and their families.

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PARISH NEWS

MASS TIMES – FEBRUARY 2021

Weekend Mass Times:

9.15am Saturday Morning Mass
6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass
8.30am, 10.30am & 5.00pm Sunday Masses

Weekday Mass Times:

9.15am Tuesday, Thursday & Friday (followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction)
7.00pm Wednesday (followed by Benediction & Devotion to two hearts)

RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday
5.30pm Saturday

LENTEN SCRIPTURE JOURNEY WITH ST JOSEPH

Commences Tuesday, 16 February until Tuesday, 30 March from 7.00pm. This 7 week program consists of prayers, discussion and reflection on the role of St Joseph in the story of salvation. Please see clipboard in narthex for expressions of interest for attendance.

MASS BOOKINGS

Weekend Mass bookings are required. All online bookings for weekend Masses 13/14 February open Monday morning, 8th February at 9.30am and close Saturday 13 February at 3.00pm. The link to book is: <https://www.trybooking.com/BONSK>

If you do not have a computer to book your seat online, please contact the Parish Office by 11.00am Friday and we can book you in.

Please wear your mask inside the Church, unless you have a medical reason not to or child under the age of 12. Please remember to keep a physical distance of at least 1.5 metres. Please do not come to Mass if you are feeling unwell.

ASH WEDNESDAY – 17TH FEBRUARY

A Day of Fasting and Abstinence.

Mass times for Ash Wednesday – 17th February

8.00am Morning Mass
9.15am Morning Mass
7.00pm Evening Mass

PALMS FOR ASHES

If you have old palms to bring back to the Church for burning for Ash Wednesday, please place them in the box provided in the narthex.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS' ROSTER

Please email or call the Parish Office by **Tuesday, 9th February** if you will not be available for Parish Ministry any weekend between 13/14 February-30 June 2020.

DOOR HELPERS AT MASSES NEEDED

Attendance Recorders and Greeters are required for all Masses. If you are available to assist, please contact the Parish Office on 9337 4141. A current Working With Children Check is required for all Parish volunteers.

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, contact the Parish Office on 9337 4141, or email keiloreast@cam.org.au

FEAST OF ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA - 8 FEBRUARY Long after slavery was officially abolished, the practice not only continues but thrives. Whether they are women in electronics, children on cocoa farms or men in bonded labour on construction sites, millions of people globally, including Australia, are forced to perform labour through coercion, intimidation or deceit. On Monday 8th February we celebrate the Feast of St Josephine Bakhita, Patron Saint of Victims of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking and Patron Saint of South Sudan and Sudan. We are encouraged to pray for all those affected by the crimes of modern slavery and human trafficking, and for the people who volunteer and work for the eradication of these crimes.

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SCHOOL NEWS

OPENING SCHOOL YEAR MASS

Thursday 11th February at 9.15am. Parents welcome to attend.

CONFIRMATION COMMITMENT MASSES

Saturday, 13 February at the 6.00pm Mass
Sunday, 14 February at the 10.30am Mass

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.