



unless a wheat grain falls on the ground
and dies,
it remains only a single grain;
but if it dies,
it yields a rich harvest.
Anyone who loves his life loses it;
anyone who hates his life in this world
will keep it for the eternal life.
If a man serves me, he must follow me,
wherever I am, my servant will be there too.
If anyone serves me, my Father will honour
him.
Now my soul is troubled.
What shall I say:
Father, save me from this hour?
But it was for this very reason that I have
come to this hour.
Father, glorify your name!

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it,
and I will glorify it again.'

People standing by, who heard this, said it
was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an
angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It
was not for my sake that this voice came, but
for yours.

'Now sentence is being passed on this
world;
now the prince of this world is to be
overthrown.

And when I am lifted up from the earth,
I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death
he would die.

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

I can observe a baby, but the parents 'see'
their baby very differently. They gaze with
total fascination, trying to perceive what
this little bundle of flesh is really all about,
trying to get an insight into its personality,
visualising a possible future, hoping for a
response.

This Gospel passage begins with a request
from some Greeks 'to see Jesus', surely in
all the ways parents see their baby. They
were trying to perceive what this Jesus was
really all about, trying to get an insight into
his personality, imagining a possible future,
hoping for a response.

And there was a response full of allusions
to the future.

Jesus was as a grain of wheat. He died and
was buried in the earth and that death was
fruitful for the whole of humankind. He
foresaw being nailed to the cross which
would be dropped upright into a hole in the
ground.

Our Lord says of that scene: 'When I am
lifted up I will draw all people to myself.'
How were people drawn to this scene?

People saw the length to which Jesus was
prepared to go in order to persevere in his
mission to live out the message that his
Heavenly Father was full of mercy and
wanted all people to share in Divine Life.
This led to his being lifted up on the cross,
being buried in the ground like a grain of
wheat, only to rise to new life.

We could take a moment to pray that we
will shortly see all this with the eyes of faith
as we participate in the rituals of Good
Friday and Easter.

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Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year B

21 March 2021

First Reading Jer 31:31-34

The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive - it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest - it is the Lord who speaks - since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 50:3-4. 12-15. R. v.12

(R.) Create a clean heart in me, O God.

1. Have mercy on my, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt.
and cleanse me from my sin. *(R.)*
2. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. *(R.)*

3. Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you. *(R.)*

Second Reading Heb 5:7-9

He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 12:26

*Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, my servant will also be.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!*

Gospel Jn 12:20-33

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus.

Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come
for the Son of Man to be glorified.
I tell you most solemnly,

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REGISTERING FOR A WEEKEND MASS

All online bookings for weekend Masses 27/28 March (Palm Sunday) open Monday morning, 22nd March at 9.30am and close Saturday 27th March at 3.00pm. The link to book is:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BPTMD>

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER MASS REGISTRATIONS

Please book for any or all of the Easter Services at St Peter's. Please go to the following Link.

<https://www.trybooking.com/BPWXR>

Bookings for all Easter Masses open Thursday, 25th March at 9.30am and close on Holy Thursday, 1st April at 3.00pm.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Thursday 25 March The Annunciation of the Lord

PARISH NEWS

50TH GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Save the Date – **Sunday, 2nd May**

Details to come soon!

LENTEN SCRIPTURE JOURNEY WITH ST JOSEPH AT ST PETER'S PARISH, KEILOR EAST The next meeting will be held on **Monday, 22nd March** at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre. All Welcome.

MISSING REMOTE CONTROL

The remote control for the television up high on the back wall has gone missing and needs to be found urgently! If you have it, please return it to the Church.

GRADE 4 1ST EUCHARIST COMMITMENT MASSES are being held this weekend. Please pray for these children as they prepare to make their First Holy Communion in June.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday during Lent from 7.00pm.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA: PROJECT COMPASSION 2021 'BE MORE'

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes from the basket in the narthex.

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Halima is raising two children in a Bangladeshi refugee camp while caring for her mother, who has a disability. A Caritas Australia-supported program helped her with a shelter, cooking equipment and hygiene training. Halima now earns a small income as a trainer, helping to maintain the health and cleanliness of her community.

PALMS

If anyone has Palms for Palm Sunday, please contact the Parish Office or bring to the Church next **Friday**. Thank you.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR EASTER TRIDUUM MASSES - Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

Liturgical Ministers, Mass Attendants/Greeters, Car Parking Supervisors, Cleaners are needed for all Masses. Please fill in your details on the clipboard in the Narthex or email the Parish Office with your availability. *All volunteers must have a current Working with Children Check.*

2021 LENTEN CALENDAR

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD – 28 March

Normal weekend timetable (Blessing of the Palms, Procession & Mass)

HOLY WEEK

Monday of Holy Week – 29 March

9.15am - Mass

Tuesday of Holy Week – 30 March

9.15am - Mass.

7.30pm - Chrism Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral.

Wednesday of Holy Week – 31 March

9.15am Morning Mass

7.00pm – Lenten Penance with Eucharistic Adoration – no Mass (*Priests will be available for individual Confessions*)

HOLY THURSDAY – 1 April

7.00pm – Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper.

8.30pm – Altar of Repose & Eucharistic Adoration until midnight

GOOD FRIDAY – 2 April

10.30 am - Way of the Cross

3.00pm - Solemn celebration of The Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY – 3 April

7.00pm The Easter Vigil Mass – Blessing of Fire, Paschal Candle & Baptismal Water followed by solemn Mass of Easter.

EASTER SUNDAY – 4 April

8.30am Mass (Bilingual)

10.30am Mass (English)

No 5.00pm Mass on Easter Sunday however there will be 7.00pm Divine Mercy Novena followed by Mass on Easter Sunday

PARISH THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

If you have taken home someone else's thanksgiving envelopes by mistake, or have yet to deliver a neighbour's to their letterbox, please do so or return them to the church. Thank you.

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

Many thanks to all who participated in the 24 Hours of Adoration on Friday and Saturday.

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MASS TIMES

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

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SCHOOL NEWS

END OF TERM 1

Thursday, 1st April

YEAR 4 - 1ST HOLY COMMUNION COMMITMENT MASSES

Saturday, 20 March at 6.00pm and Sunday, 21st March at 10.30am

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.