



The hired man, since he is not the shepherd  
and the sheep do not belong to him,  
abandons the sheep and runs away  
as soon as he sees a wolf coming,  
and then the wolf attacks and scatters  
the sheep;  
this is because he is only a hired man  
and has no concern for the sheep.  
I am the good shepherd;  
I know my own  
and my own know me,  
just as the Father knows me  
and I know the Father;  
and I lay down my life for my sheep.  
And there are other sheep I have  
that are not of this fold,  
and these I have to lead as well.  
They too will listen to my voice,  
and there will be only one flock  
and one shepherd.  
The Father loves me,  
because I lay down my life  
in order to take it up again.  
No one takes it from me;  
I lay it down of my own free will,  
and as it is in my power to lay it down,  
so it is in my power to take it up again;  
and this is the command I have been  
given by my Father.'

**Reflection** by Fr Michael Tate

In the regions where Jesus was an itinerant preacher, three or four flocks could be kept in a communal sheepfold for safety. In the morning, the shepherds would come and, as each called out, the sheep attuned to the sound of his voice would follow to life-giving pasture.

We are surrounded by hundreds of voices clamouring for our attention. We are bombarded by messages, social media incessantly chattering. Jesus invites us to get attuned to *his* voice, listening for the distinctive sound of it so that, even if it is faintly heard in a cacophony, we immediately turn toward it so that we can follow it in a life-giving direction.

How do we get attuned to that voice? By reading the gospels. A Chinese student once told me that the Chinese character for gospel is 'happy sounds'. I like the plural. Jesus' gospel voice is not a monotone but a polyphony sounding in different ways in different situations.

As disciples, we have to get onto the same wavelength as that voice so that we can echo it in our own lives. We become reverberations of Christ's voice in many different situations, helping him to lead others to life-giving pastures.

We could take a moment to pray for better listening so that we might recognise the gospel voice of Jesus Christ, especially at the moment of death. Then we may hear the one voice we need and long for: 'Today you will be with me in paradise.'

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**Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year B**

**25 April 2021**

**First Reading Acts 4:8-12**

*This is the only name by which we can be saved.*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29. R. v.22**

*(R.) The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.*

or:

*(R.) Alleluia.*

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.  
It is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in men:  
it is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in princes. (R.)
2. I will thank you for you have given  
answer  
and you are my saviour.  
The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

3. Blessed in the name of the Lord  
is he who comes.  
We bless you from the house of the  
Lord;  
I will thank you for you have given  
answer  
and you are my saviour.  
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;  
for his love has no end. (R.)

**Second Reading 1 Jn 3:1-2**

*We shall see God as he is.*

Think of the love that the Father has  
lavished on us,  
by letting us be called God's children;  
and that is what we are.  
Because the world refused to acknowledge  
him,  
therefore it does not acknowledge us.  
My dear people, we are already the  
children of God  
but what we are to be in the future has not  
yet been revealed;  
all we know is, that when it is revealed  
we shall be like him  
because we shall see him as he really is.

**Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:14**

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.  
Alleluia!*

**Gospel Jn 10:11-18**

*The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.*

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd:  
the good shepherd is one who lays down  
his life for his sheep.'

### IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### SICK

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

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

Margaret Lane, Vincent Tin Tran

#### ANNIVERSARIES

All who gave their lives in service in wars, Priests who have served our Parish, Joseph Refalo, Bernardo Quattrucci, Sante Quattrucci & family, Fiore Augusto & family.

#### BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S PARISH

Sunday, 25 April 2021 at 12 Noon

*Hendrix Nardella*

Please pray for this child and his family.

#### PARISH SUPPORT

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

##### Presbytery Collection – 1<sup>st</sup> 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

##### Church Collection – 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection

Account Name: St Peter's Church Account BSB: 083 347 A/C No. 53530 4676 Reference as your first initial then surname and if known, your giving number e.g. A.Smith T/G 500

#### EASTER OFFERINGS

Envelopes are available in the narthex.

#### PROJECT COMPASSION

Please return your Project Compassions boxes or envelopes no later than Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> May.

#### EASTER HOUSE BLESSINGS

Please contact the parish office if you would like your house blessed for Easter.

#### WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY – NO 7PM MASS

No 7.00pm Mass on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> May due to Confirmations. Mass will be at 9.15am.

#### LENTEN SCRIPTURE JOURNEY WITH ST JOSEPH CONCLUSION

New Date: Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm

### ST PETER'S PARISH AND PRIMARY SCHOOL, EAST KEILOR

#### CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

SUNDAY, 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY

Golden Jubilee Mass at 10.30am

Principal Celebrant:

Archbishop Peter Comensoli

followed at 11.40am by

Refreshments and a School Dance Performance and Disco

St Peter's Parish and Primary School will recognise our 50 Year Anniversary jointly on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May, when Archbishop Peter Comensoli will celebrate our Jubilee Mass at 10.30am. Following the Mass, we will gather for refreshments and then be entertained by St Peter's school students, who will be performing a 'Harmony Dance'.

Prior Registration is essential (School families to RSVP through the School). Last chance to add your name and contact details to the sign up sheet in the narthex, or please Register online by going directly to: <https://www.trybooking.com/BQPSW>

Bookings will remain open until **Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm**. If you have included your name on the yellow sign-up sheet in the Church, please do not register again online. If you are staying after the Mass for refreshments and entertainment, please do a separate booking at the correct session time. 10.30am-11.30am Mass only

11.40am-1.30pm Refreshments and Entertainment.

We need to know exact numbers for capacity and catering reasons.

**Please be aware that not everyone will be able to sit inside the Church for the Mass. We will give priority to the elderly and our parish pioneers and invited guests. There will be outdoor seating under cover with live LCD streaming of the Mass. Please wear warm clothing, depending on weather conditions on the day. Thank you for your understanding.**

### IF YOU ARE ATTENDING THE CELEBRATIONS NEXT SUNDAY PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

The special celebration is ranked as a tier 3 event and we need to comply with all government requirements. A self-assessment will need to be completed prior to entry to ensure you are well enough to attend. Please bring a face mask as you may be asked to wear one – it is a regulation to carry one when you leave home. Please arrive no later than 10.00am. Mass will commence at 10.30am sharp.

**REMINDER:** Only one Mass at 10.30am on 2<sup>nd</sup> May - No other Masses at St Peter's Church on 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

**VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR GOLDEN JUBILEE - Meeting to be held Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre** Volunteers are needed for the Golden Jubilee celebrations. Please come to the Parish Centre at 7.30pm. We need volunteers for various duties on the day.

#### GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY 2021

Today is the World Day of Vocations. Pope Francis tells us: *There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him.*

Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.

#### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O God,  
who chose the Apostles to make disciples of all nations,  
and who by Baptism and Confirmation has called us to build up your Holy Church, we implore You to choose from among us, your children, many priests and religious who will love You with their whole hearts and will gladly spend their lives to make You better known and loved by all.  
Through Christ Our Lord.

*Amen*

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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

#### ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### SCHOOL NEWS

#### CONFIRMATION AT ST PETER'S

On Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> May at 5.30pm and 7.30pm, Year 6 Candidates from St Peter's Parish Primary School will be confirmed by Bishop Terry Curtin. We congratulate and pray for all Candidates, together with their sponsors, teachers and families

*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.*