



Remain in my love.
If you keep my commandments
you will remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father's
commandments
and remain in his love.
I have told you this
so that my own joy may be in you
and your joy be complete.
This is my commandment:
love one another,
as I have loved you.
A man can have no greater love
than to lay down his life for his friends.
You are my friends,
if you do what I command you,
I shall not call you servants any more,
because a servant does not know
his master's business;
I call you friends,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
You did not choose me,
no, I chose you;
and I commissioned you
to go out and to bear fruit,
fruit that will last;
and then the Father will give you
anything you ask him in my name.
What I command you
is to love one another.'

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

A pagan Roman officer was so evidently graced by the Holy Spirit that St Peter realised that the followers of Jesus Christ need not be constrained within the confines of Judaism. This incident, together with St Paul's mission, has helped Christianity spread to every tribe and nation on the face of the earth.

'Catholic' simply means 'world wide', and the Church's universal mission is to preach the truth of Christ's victory over death and the true meaning of love: 'No greater love can a man have than to lay down his life for his friend.'

In our experience, this is best exemplified in the desire of a mother or father to substitute themselves for a dying infant or child. Our Lord practised what he preached with incredible intensity. He substituted himself for the whole of humanity dying because of a broken relationship with its Creator. He did so on behalf of us whom he calls friends, those with whom he wishes to share his victory over death.

This is the message entrusted to the members of the one, holy, *catholic* and apostolic church to be spread to the people of every tribe and nation.

We could take a moment to pray that we better express our undying gratitude for our status as friends of the Risen Lord, and better do our part as missionary disciples spreading the news of his great love embracing the whole of humanity.

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PARISH OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE

EAST KEILOR

9th May 2021

6th Sunday of Easter - Year B

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First Reading

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

or:

(R.) Alleluia.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. (R.)

2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. (R.)
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Jn 4:7-10

God is love.

My dear people,
let us love one another
since love comes from God
and everyone who loves is begotten by God
and knows God.
Anyone who fails to love can never have
known God,
because God is love.
God's love for us was revealed
when God sent into the world his only Son
so that we could have life through him;
this is the love I mean:
not our love for God,
but God's love for us when he sent his Son
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

*All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will
come to them.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 15:9-17

No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me,
so I have loved you.

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

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

RECENTLY DECEASED

Vincent Tin Tran, Evelyn Thy, Maria Concetta Leone(in Sicily), Soosai Mary(in India), Sr Amala(in India), Sr Maria Alliegro(in India)

ANNIVERSARIES

Roman Gorniakowski, Margaret McConville, Joseph Pham Van Khanh, Anthony Doan Dao, Anna Hoang Bich Hong, Nancy Palumbo, Lola Attard, MaryRose Cassar, Josephine Mizzi, Augustin Jurisic, Ruza, Krizan & Ivan Marusic Pok Krizana, Rosario Carni, Dolores Farrugia, Giuseppe Bonfa

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S PARISH

Sunday, 9 May 2021 at 12 Noon

Remington & Lexington CULLEN

Please pray for these children and their family.

PARISH SUPPORT

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

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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 – 2nd 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. ASmith T/G 500

PROJECT COMPASSION

Please bring back your Project Compassion boxes no later than 10.00am on Tuesday, 11th May, to the Parish Office.

EASTER HOUSE BLESSINGS

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

PARISH NEWS

50TH GOLDEN JUBILEE 'THANK YOU'

Last weekend's Golden Jubilee Mass and celebrations were a wonderful success and we hope all who were present enjoyed themselves. My thanks once again to all who came along. I sincerely wish to thank all the Volunteers in their various roles, the Jubilee Committee, Mass Registrars, Traffic Controllers, Musicians, Choir, Altar Servers, AV operators, Cleaners, Liturgical Ministers, Teachers. Thank you all for making last weekend such a memorable occasion for the whole Parish & School Community.

If you go to: <https://melbournecatholic.org>, then click on 'News & Stories', you will see a fabulous article on our 50th Jubilee celebrations and some beautiful photos taken on the day.

MOTHER'S DAY – SUNDAY 9TH MAY

During the month of May, the Church honours with special love Mary, the Mother of God. This weekend is also a special time for celebrating the gift of mothers and women. We pray for all mothers in our community. May they continue to love and nurture their children and may we treasure their precious gift of mothering.

All mothers, grandmothers & special women in our lives attending St Peter's Church this weekend for Mass, will receive a flower from the Parish as a small 'Thank You'.

MONTH OF MAY – MONTH OF ROSARY Month Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Rosary is recited on weekdays before the 9.15am Mass throughout the month of May.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

Commencing last weekend, the annual Mass count takes place across the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Collectors at weekend Masses are asked to compile the figures and complete the clipboard please. Thank you.

REGISTRATION FOR MASS

The Government now requires us to use QR Codes for Mass registration.

For all Masses: Please arrive early and register before the commencement of Mass. We will continue with online bookings only on weekends when a higher number of attendees are expected because we are still limited by the one person per two square metres density quotient inside St Peter's. This equates to no more than 200 people inside our church and narthex combined per Service, keeping a 1.5m physical distance, unless you are from the same household. Our QR code is displayed below(you should only scan once you have arrived at the Church, not beforehand). It is displayed on the narthex glass, with clear instructions on how to scan to your smartphone. Please note:

- If there are elderly people who have no smart phone, please kindly register them through your phone.
- If you see someone who struggles to use the QR code, please assist them.
- If multiple parishioners of one household have the same contact number and they arrive at the church together, they can be checked in by entering their first names, separated with a comma.

In coming weeks we hope to have some extra devices available to scan those in who don't own a smartphone. Thank you for your assistance with this important government requirement.

Please note that the clipboard will still be available to record name and contact details for those not comfortable with using QR Codes yet.

PARISH OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE, EAST KEILOR – QR CODE



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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

Monday, 10th May – Pupil Free Day

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.