



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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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.'

Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year B

9 May 2021

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

Nicola Genchi(in Italy).

RECENTLY DECEASED

Vincent Tin Tran, Elvie Lewis, Fred Schembri

ANNIVERSARIES

Bertha Officer, Mary Couacaud, Eufrecina Baera, Dominic Tran Van Dat, Maria Nguyen Mai

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S PARISH

Sunday, 16 May 2021 at 12 Noon

Ivy Bugeja

Harrison Saxonis

Sonny Serrano

Please pray for these children and their families.

PARISH SUPPORT

Thank you all for your continued 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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CHAPLAINCY SUNDAY APPEAL 2021

Next weekend is the Chaplaincy Appeal in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Each year a special collection is conducted in all parishes for the purpose of supporting the vital work of our Catholic chaplains. The chaplains support thousands of Victorians every year in hospitals, prisons and youth justice centres, and those living with HIV/AIDS. Chaplains provide a listening ear, a compassionate presence, along with assistance to cope with emotional pain and loneliness. **Please give generously.** We will have a special collection next weekend at all Masses. Envelopes will be available.

PARISH NEWS

TWO 'SPECIAL PARISH EVENTS' – WEEKEND 29/30 MAY 2021

Our Lady Statue Procession on Saturday 29th May and Fr Sebastian's Birthday Luncheon & Fundraiser on Sunday, 30th May at 12noon

On Saturday, 29th May, we will carry Our Lady's Statue in a procession, commencing at 5.30pm from St Peter's Church and return by 6.00pm for our Vigil Mass. Everyone welcome to join in the Procession prior to the Mass. *Please arrive by 5.15pm for QR code check in.*

On Sunday, 30th May, you are invited to attend a 3 Course Luncheon to celebrate Fr Sebastian's Birthday, commencing at 12noon in the Parish Centre. Adults \$25ph, children under 12, \$15ph. BYO drinks. Payment to the Parish Office by Wednesday, 26th May. Please ask your family and friends to come along. Limited bookings available, due to capacity requirements. Sign up sheet in the narthex or contact the parish office. RSVP – Tuesday, 25th May.

Donations of good quality items or vouchers to make up prizes for a raffle, would be appreciated. Please bring to the Parish Office by 26/5. Thank you.

50TH GOLDEN JUBILEE 'THANK YOU'

Thank you once again to all the parish volunteers and school staff who helped make the Jubilee celebrations on 2nd May such a wonderful success.

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

The annual Mass count continues to take place across the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Collectors at weekend Masses are asked to compile the figures and complete the clipboard please.

REGISTRATION FOR MASS

The Government now requires us to use the QR Code system for Mass registrations.

For all Masses: Please arrive early and register via the QR code, before the commencement of Mass. There will be no pre-booking via "Trybooking.com" anymore, except on occasions when we would be expecting a higher number of people attending a Mass than usual. We still need to keep a 1.5m physical distance while seated, unless you are from the same household. Our QR code is displayed below. The code is also displayed on the narthex glass, with clear instructions on how to scan to your smartphone. We have purchased some Tablets to assist with the QR Code check in, so that if you do not own a smart phone or don't like to bring your mobile phone to Mass, you can still Check In. Please note:

- If there are elderly people who have no smart phone, please kindly register them through a Tablet found in the narthex.
- 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.

Thank you for your assistance with this important government requirement.

Please note that from 22 May, we will be moving to the Victorian Government QR code service. The current QR code will no longer be able to be used after 22/5. Please have the Service Victoria App ready on your phones.

**PARISH OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE,
EAST KEILOR – QR CODE(UNTIL 21/5)**



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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

We welcome the Year 3SS class children and their families to our 6pm Mass this weekend.

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.