

**Gospel Mk 6:1-6**

A prophet is despised only in his own country.

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

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Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

I recommend viewing the film 'Billy Elliott' in which a youngster found that his body 'went electric' when he danced. To give expression to this, he had to break from the expectations of his family in a decaying mining town in the north of England.

Jesus had a similar experience. His home town of Nazareth wanted to keep him in the box they could deal with: 'the carpenter's son'. But he was aware of a divine dynamism which welled up from the depths of who he was and it had to find expression in 'mighty works'. So, he left Nazareth, never to return.

Each person has a unique identity and role conceived by God. Of course, we must be careful not to stifle it in others. But, first, we must try to discern what it is for ourselves. Why was I loved into existence just now, and not in the third or the twenty-third century? The cosmos as desired by God will be incomplete if I let others dictate who I am. God's plan of salvation history will be disrupted if I don't fulfil the role he wants me to play.

We could take a moment to pray for certain gifts of the Holy Spirit; understanding and wisdom to be enlightened as to one's unique identity and role, and then courage to persevere against the odds, perhaps confounding the expectations of others, so as to go on and perform his 'mighty works'.

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**4 July 2021****First Reading Ez 2:2-5**

The people are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst.

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 122. R. v.2

(R.) Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

1. To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens: my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords. (R.)
2. Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of his mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he shows us his mercy. (R.)
3. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's disdain. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Cor 12:7-10

I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

Gospel Acclamation See Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

CONGRATULATIONS

*Giuse Thin Dinh &
Theresa Tuyen Nhung Pham*

On their 50th Wedding Anniversary
04.07.1971 – 04.07.2021

GOD'S BLESSINGS TO YOU BOTH

IN YOUR PRAYERS

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Steven, Matthew Renehan, Alan Chapman

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Hoang Vi, Maria Pham Thi Hue, Peter Tran
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BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S PARISH

4th July 2021 – 12 Noon

Mason Galea

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Marco Vila

Please pray for these children and their families.

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PETER'S PENCE – ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY FATHER 'THANK YOU'

Many thanks for your kind contributions last weekend. \$785.50 was raised.

PARISH NEWS

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

We will have Morning Mass at 9.15am on **Monday, 5th July this week**. No 9.15am Mass on Tuesday, 6th July due to funeral. **Wednesday 7.00pm Mass** has resumed. **Saturday 9.15am Morning Mass** has resumed.

COVID-19 GUIDELINES UPDATE AS AT 02/07/21

- No 'Online' Mass Bookings are required until further notice.
- It is compulsory for everyone who comes to Church to Check-in with the Victorian Government QR code. Assistance will be provided if you don't have a mobile phone with you.
- Sign-in Sheets are only there if no-one is at the door to assist you with checking in with the QR code.
- Face masks must be worn inside the Church, except when receiving Communion or if you have a medical exemption.
- Please remember to social distance when inside the Church.

COVID MARSHALS NEEDED

All Parishes must now have COVID Check-In Marshals in place to ensure people are checking in at all Masses. We are still looking for volunteers (with a current Working with Children Check). We need 2 marshals at 6.00pm Saturday & 10.30am Masses and at least 1 marshal for the 8.30am & 5.00pm Masses each weekend. The density quotient is still 1 person per 4 sqm. In coming weeks, with marshals in place, we can hopefully increase this to 1 person per 2 sqm. This will allow us to welcome up to 200 people at each Mass, rather than 100. Marshals should be willing to arrive at the Church 25 minutes prior to the commencement of Mass. Please contact Helena at the Parish Office by email or call during the week, if you are able to be part of a regular roster at the Mass you usually attend each week. Training will be provided.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY – 4 JULY 2021

This weekend the Church in Australia celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. The theme of the day is 'Heal Country'. Today our world is in need of healing – environmentally, spiritually and socially. We must all come together as a global community to fight the injustices of inequality, racism and environmental damage.

Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics number over 130,000 and are growing strongly. Today we acknowledge that God has been walking with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, making His Presence known through a continuous living culture over many thousands of years. We pray in thanksgiving for these ancient peoples who have enriched and sustained our continent over all that time. We praise God for the people who nurtured the land here in our Parish that we call home.

R.C.I.A. AT ST PETER'S, KEILOR EAST

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or do you know someone who is? Are you a person in search of the meaning of life? Are you a Christian wishing to find out more about the Catholic Church? Are you a Catholic looking for an adult appreciation of your faith?

The *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)* is the normal process by which the Catholic Church welcomes new members, and we will walk with you on your journey of discovery. This journey of discovery begins with a time of discernment and *Enquiry*, continues through a period of *Catechumenate*, reaches its highpoint at the celebration of *Easter*, and concludes with a period of further deepening of and living the Christian faith.

There will be a series of *Enquiry Nights* for those interested in learning more about becoming a Catholic. They will take place on **Tuesdays 13th July, 20th July, 27th July at 7.00pm at St Peter's Parish Centre Meeting Room**. If you would like any further information, please contact Mrs Teresa Paradowski 9337 3103.

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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

Wishing all children, teachers and families a safe and restful holiday.

Term 3 commences Monday 12th July.

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.