



Gospel Acclamation See Eph 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 6:7-13

He called the Twelve, and began to send them out.

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals, but, he added, ‘Do not take a spare tunic.’ And he said to them, ‘If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.’ So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

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Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

As St Paul would have put it in terms of modern science, before the cosmos was big-banged into existence, before human creatures evolved over the aeons, before you were loved into existence through your parents, *God conceived of you, 'God chose you in Christ'*.

The universe was erupted into existence by Divine Ecstasy so that creatures might be drawn to evolve into human beings so that you, personally, might enjoy a wonderful destiny.

That destiny is to be an ensouled body totally transfigured by Divine Light, made radiant by Divine Energy, living through love in God's presence.

That is the Big Picture, the 'Very Big Picture'. Grasp that, or rather be grasped by that, and it will enable you to do things you would otherwise not risk doing. One way could be that portrayed in today's Gospel. Jesus could say to his missionary followers: "take no purse, no haversack" because they had an interior freedom from anxiety about the future, a freedom generated from knowing that they had been divinely loved even before time began.

You might take a moment to pray for the courage to make a generous response to the truth spoken directly to you by St Paul. 'Before the world was made, He chose you, chose you in Christ.'

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

11 July 2021

First Reading Am 7:12-15

Go, prophesy to my people.

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets.' Amos replied to Amaziah, 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. (R.)
3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 1:3-14

or shorter form Eph 1:3-10

Before the world was made, he chose us in Christ.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual

blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determined that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight. He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth. And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came. Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it: and you have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Steven, Matthew Renchan, Alan Chapman

RECENTLY DECEASED

Kevin Dragwidge, Theresa Tran Thi Vinh,
Elia Bianchi(in Italy)

ANNIVERSARIES

Peter Tran Van Hanh, John Galea, Joseph & Carmen Galea, Santo & Angela Sciacchitano, Caterina Riga, Domenico Riga, Francesco Favata, Pascal, Lola & George Attard, Jack Rennie, Palma Amadio, Tony, Stella, Joe & Eta Sapiano & Souls of the Sapiano family

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S PARISH

18th July 2021 – 12 Noon

*Nicola Sgro
Hannah O'Neil
Holly Grant*

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
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ST PETER'S CHURCH - VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED Please consider volunteering at St Peter's. We need more Readers of God's Word, Ext. Ministers of Communion, Singers, Musicians, Altar Servers, Mass Helpers, Cleaners, COVID Marshals & Greeters. Training will be provided to all our new and greatly appreciated volunteers. A Working with Children Check will be required, unless you already have one. Please contact the Parish Office if you can assist.

PARISH NEWS

COVID-19 GUIDELINES UPDATE AS AT 09/07/21

- No 'Online' Mass Bookings are required until further notice.
- We are now permitted to have a density quotient of 1 person per 2 sqm, (up to 200 people in Church and narthex) but only when using a COVID Check-in Marshal, otherwise density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm applies (up to 100 people in Church and narthex).
- It is compulsory for everyone who comes to Church to Check-in with the Victorian Government QR code.
- Sign-in Sheets are only to be used if there are no COVID Marshals to assist and you don't have the Services Victoria app on your mobile phone.
- Face masks must still be worn inside the Church, except when receiving Communion or if you have a medical exemption.
- Hygiene precautions must be maintained at all times – please sanitise when you enter and leave the Church.
- Please refrain from touching any Church statues or pictures on Church walls.

COVID MARSHALS NEEDED

We still need COVID Marshals to assist at all Masses, especially the 6pm Saturday Vigil Mass and 10.30am Mass on Sundays. Please be in touch with Helena at the Parish Office if you are willing to help.

CATHOLIC MISSION – PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL 2021

Next week Catholic Mission will invite you to partner with Sister Chalaad and the Good Shepherd Sisters in Thailand as they reach out to vulnerable mothers, and their babies, who would have nowhere to turn when they need support, love and kindness the most. A collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend. Envelopes will be available. Donations will be tax deductible. Please come with an open and generous heart.

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.

MARY MACKILLOP HERITAGE CENTRE "OPEN DAY" 362 Albert Street, East Melbourne Saturday 7th August from 10.00am-4.00pm. Please see poster on notice board for further details.

MARY MCKILLOP TODAY – FUNDRAISING DINNER & AUCTION Friday, 27th August 2021. Please see noticeboard for further details.

HEART OF LIFE CENTRE FOR SPIRITUAL & PASTORAL FORMATION: 'Discernment Seminar' via Zoom & in-person, 14 x Tuesdays, 9.15am-11am (AEST), 20 Jul - 16 Nov 2021. This seminar focuses on the movements of God's Spirit and spirits not-of-God in our lives and in our ministries. Discernment of spirits and discernment of God's will are explored. The series is led by Paul Beime (MA, MDiv, DMin, PhD, Cert Spir Dir, Supervisor, Australasian Assoc of Supervision), Director of Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost \$450. Book and pay via <https://www.trybooking.com/BSUVX>, email secretary@heartoflife.melbourne, or tel (03) 9890 1101

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MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass Times:

9.15am Saturday Morning Mass

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

8.30am & 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

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.