

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

*My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 6:30-34

They were as sheep without a shepherd.

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

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Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

In the Temple precinct in Jerusalem there was a stone barrier separating the inner area into which only Jewish people could enter. A non-Jew would cross the barrier under pain of death. This is the 'dividing wall of enmity' to which St Paul refers, and which has been torn down by Jesus Christ in whom a new humanity is being created where discrimination or segregation is to have no place.

It is to the great shame of the Catholic Church that it collaborated in putting the Jewish people behind dividing walls of enmity in the ghettos of Europe. It is to the great credit of St John Paul II that much of this enmity was overcome, symbolised when he pressed a prayer into a cleft between stones of the Wailing Wall of the Old Temple.

Every week we come to Mass in response to Our Lord's invitation in today's gospel: 'Come away and rest a while.' Our Lord is saying 'Come away by yourselves so that I can nourish you with Heavenly Bread and Spiritual Drink which is my Holy Communion with you.'

Yes, we do that as a moment celebrating our distinctive identity, but always as a prelude to the great task. We are to go out and break down the various 'dividing walls of enmity': racism, caste and class, historical grievances, sexist subjugation.

We could take a moment to pray that we imitate St John Paul II in pressing our prayers and actions into whatever opportunities present themselves so as to break down dividing walls of enmity within our families, local communities and even around the world.

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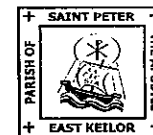
PARISH OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE

EAST KEILOR

18th July 2021

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First Reading Jer 23:1-6

The remnant of the flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land.

In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22. R. v.2

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)

2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of
darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your
staff,
with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall
follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 2:13-18

Christ, our peace, has made us one.

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

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

RECENTLY DECEASED

Kevin Dragwidge, Theresa Tran Thi Vinh, Viktor Glavina

ANNIVERSARIES

Peter Tran Van Hanh, Mieczyslaw Kut, Iolanda Rocca, Denise Beasley, Showri Reddy, Manickamma, Raja Reddy, Boya Patti Rayappa Reddy, Ceceliamma

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S PARISH

No Baptisms this weekend. Church is closed.

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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CATHOLIC MISSION – PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL 2021 This appeal has been postponed to a later date.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) - ENQUIRY PERIOD

A group of people met last Tuesday night to begin the process of inquiring into the Catholic faith. Please remember these people and the RCLA Team in your prayers. There will be a further opportunity for those interested in finding out more about becoming a Catholic on **Tuesday 27th July (subject to lockdown restrictions)** at 7.00pm at St Peter's Parish Centre Meeting Room.

Everyone is welcome. Please pass this information on to those you think may be interested.

PARISH NEWS

HERE WE GO AGAIN!

Following the announcement this week by the Victorian Government, regrettably St Peter's Church is closed. We pray that we will be able to reopen on Wednesday, 21st July.

For parishioners with internet access, our Parish Mass will be available online via our Parish Website, Facebook or You Tube from approximately 5pm on Saturday, 17th July.

For parishioners without internet access, please go to TV Channel 31 (44 on digital tv) at 11am on Sunday for the St Patrick's Cathedral Mass.

LATEST COVID LOCKDOWN RESTRICTIONS AS AT 16.07.21

- Face masks must be worn inside and outdoors: everywhere except your own home.
- 5 Reasons only to leave home: shopping for necessary goods and services, within 5kms of your home; caregiving or compassionate reasons; authorised work or permitted education; exercise (up to 2 hours, with one other person or members of your household, within 5km); receive a vaccination.
- Private and public gatherings are not permitted.
- Prayer and Religious Ceremonies: No in-person gatherings permitted, Livestreaming and Broadcast is permitted with a total of 5 people present including technicians.
- Funerals: (indoor and outdoor): Permitted with no more than 10 people (and those necessary to conduct the Funeral).
- Weddings: (indoor and outdoor): Not permitted unless end of life.
- Aged Care: No visitors are permitted except for end-of-life reasons.
- Hospitals: No visitors are permitted into health care settings, except for end-of-life reasons, a support partner for birth, or a parent to accompany a child.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You;

Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen.

A Prayer to St Joseph

St Joseph,

You were receptive to God working in your life.

Help us by your prayers at this time of trial.

You kept Jesus and Mary under your watchful care: may your prayers assist our local Church to respond to those in need.

You taught the Christ Child your trade and prayers: help us to follow his example of love.

You were part of God's plan for all humanity: assist us to be vigilant and responsible this day.

You spent your life in service:

May we be mindful of others, particularly the elderly and vulnerable, caring for them in these difficult days.

You trusted in the clear primacy of God over all history and every situation: help us to grow in faith and pray to the Father, *Thy will be done.*

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

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SCHOOL NEWS

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.