



to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

### Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The disciples fell into the verbal trap which Jesus set. They believed that market forces should dictate how the hunger of the crowd could be satisfied. It was a young lad who put the disciples to shame, simply handing over five barley loaves and two fish to Jesus. It was because of his generosity that Divine generosity was able to feed the crowd.

Divine desire to satisfy the hungers of humanity for the various necessities of life (food, shelter, companionship, education, medicines) require human generosity. Otherwise, Divine Compassion cannot be effective in the world.

Voluntary renunciation of property and sharing of wealth still occurs in the little oases of monasteries and convents, echoes of the radical redistribution of wealth recorded in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 4:32-35). St Luke makes it clear that this was essentially linked to the Apostles' testifying to the Resurrection 'with great power'.

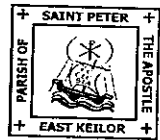
Francis of Assisi and now Francis of Buenos Aires remind us that the Church itself needs to engage in the redistribution of its wealth to enable the hungers of humanity to be satisfied. This will give authenticity to its preaching of the Gospel, and enable its evangelising to be undertaken 'with great power'.

We could take a moment to pray that we become more like the little boy in the Gospel, more like Francis of Assisi, more like Francis of Buenos Aires, voluntarily sharing our wealth to satisfy the hungers of humanity.

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### First Reading 2 Kgs 4:42-44

*They will eat and have some left over.*

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 144:10-11, 15-18. R. v.16**

*(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us;  
he answers all our needs.*

- All your creatures shall thank you,  
O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God. (R.)
- The eyes of all creatures look to you  
and you give them their food in due time.  
You open wide your hand,  
grant the desires of all who live. (R.)
- The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him,  
who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

### Second Reading Eph 4:1-6

*There is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.*

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

### Gospel Acclamation Lk 7:16

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*A great prophet has appeared among us;  
God has visited his people.*

*Alleluia!*

### Gospel Jn 6:1-15

*He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.*

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people

### IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### SICK

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

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

Fathi Raju, Theresa Tran Thi Vinh

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Alma Berlinger(1 month), Caterina & Domenico Riga, Philip Muscat, Vincenzo Pierorazio, Maria Carni, Valerie Butcher, Peter Tran Van Hahn, Sebastian Manickam, Mrs Ronikkammal, Mr Kulandhaisamy

#### 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:-

##### Presbytery Collection – 1<sup>st</sup> Collection

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

Due to lockdown, we have extended our Enquiry Period. There will be a further opportunity for those interested in finding out more about becoming a Catholic on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August** (subject to Government regulations) 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. Please bring your mask and do not attend if feeling unwell. Enquiries: Teresa Paradowski 9337 3103.

#### FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 26 July Sts Joachim & Anne

Thursday 29 July St Martha

Saturday 31 July St Ignatius of Loyola

### PARISH NEWS

#### LOCKDOWN CONTINUES

Let us continue to pray that we will be able to celebrate Mass in Church next weekend. If we do reopen but restrictions are imposed, anyone wishing to attend a weekend Mass next weekend will need to pre-book. Please contact the Parish Office during the week if you are unsure.

This weekend, for parishioners with internet access, our Parish Mass will be available online via our Parish Website, Facebook or YouTube from 5pm on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> July. For parishioners without internet access, please watch TV Channel 31 (44 on digital tv) at 11am on Sunday for the St Patrick's Cathedral Mass.

Anyone feeling lonely and in need of a friendly chat over the phone, please call the Parish Office during the week (Tues, Wed, Fri) or email your name and contact number.

#### CATHOLIC MISSION – PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL 2021

This year, we invite you to partner with the essential work of the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok, Thailand, as they reach out to vulnerable mothers and their babies. These mothers find hope and a new start at the Mother and Babies Home at the Good Shepherd Centre. By providing a loving home, a community of women from similar backgrounds, parenting skills training and pre and postnatal medical care, the Good Shepherd Sisters are supporting women and their babies in need.

However, the Home can only continue this work through the generosity of others. Through this appeal, parishioners are given the opportunity to come alongside the Sisters to ensure more mothers in need are given an opportunity at a brighter future. Those wishing to donate online can do so by going to: catholicmission.org.au/Thailand.

Envelopes will be available in the narthex when the Church reopens. Please include any cash donations or add your card details, place in the collection basket and we will collate and send all donations to Catholic Mission for you.

#### WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & ELDERLY – SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY

On Sunday, we acknowledge Grandparents and older people with the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. The theme chosen by Pope Francis is "I am with you always" (cf. Mt 28:20) which is a way of expressing the closeness of the Lord to every older person, especially in these challenging pandemic times. "I am with you always" is also a promise of closeness and hope that young and old can mutually share. Not only are grandchildren and young people called upon to be present in the lives of older people, but older people and grandparents also have a mission of evangelisation, proclamation and prayer, and encouraging young people in their faith. So, let us all pray together in spirit to recognise and celebrate grandparents and the elderly.

#### PRAYER FOR THE FIRST

##### 'World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly'

I thank You, Lord, for the comfort of Your presence: even in times of loneliness, You are my hope and my confidence, You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth!

I thank You for having given me a family and for having blessed me with a long life. I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty, for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me. I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me.

Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your peace, teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me, to never stop dreaming and to tell of your wonders to new generations.

Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church, that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth. Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world, that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed, the poor consoled and wars ended.

Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life to the full in each moment that You give me, in the certainty that you are with me every day, even until the end of the age.

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

#### ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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#### SCHOOL NEWS

The school is currently closed. Remote learning is taking place during lockdown. We pray teachers and students are all coping well with this disruption to their teaching & learning.

*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.*