



'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat.

Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered:

'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Some religions, and even strands of Catholicism, try to suppress appetites in order to achieve some 'out-of-this-world' liberation. But appetites are good things, telling us what we humans need as bodily, social, spiritual beings. They provide a reality check against our tendency to think that salvation is exclusively about the soul.

Our appetites for food and drink, for affection and companionship, for the truth about the Big Picture of our life journey, need to be satisfied or we disintegrate in various ways.

Our Lord Jesus Christ proclaims in today's Gospel that He is the total satisfaction of our deepest human appetites: 'I am the Bread from Heaven which gives life to the world.'

That 'Life' is nothing less than participation in Divine Life, existing in the Big Picture in the way God intended. That is the nourishment offered not to a particular tribe or ethnic group, but to the whole of humanity, indeed to the whole of creation.

We could take a moment to pray for faith to recognise that the bread brought up at the Offertory is truly transformed: no longer short term food like manna in the desert, but 'the Bread of Life', the Real Presence of the One who nourishes our humanity, indeed who gives Life to the world.

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First Reading Ex 16:2-4, 12-15

I will rain bread from heaven upon you.

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our hearts content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your hearts content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God."' And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 77:3-4. 23-25. 54. R. v.24

(R.) The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

1. The things we have heard and understood, the things our fathers have told us, we will tell to the next generation: the glories of the Lord and his might. *(R.)*

2. He commanded the clouds above and opened the gates of heaven. He rained down manna for their food, and gave them bread from heaven. *(R.)*

3. Mere men ate the bread of angels. He sent them abundance of food. He brought them to his holy land, to the mountain which his right hand had won. *(R.)*

Second Reading Eph 4:17, 20-24

Put on the new person that has been created in God's image.

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 6:24-35

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered:

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Irudayaraj, Joseph Irudayaraj

RECENTLY DECEASED

Theresa Tran Thi Vinh, Patricia Parker, John Ven Le, Christopher Irudayaraj, Ashok Rodrigues, Kevin Dragwidge

ANNIVERSARIES

Caterina & Domenico Riga, Peter Tran Van Hahn, Nina Cutayar, Leo Alvares, Carl Remedios, Rani Mutthiah

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S PARISH

1st August 2021 – 12 Noon

Harper Grace McLardy

Henry Thomas McLardy

Georgia Soccio

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:-

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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 2 nd Aug	St Peter Faber
Tuesday 3 rd Aug	St Dominic
Wednesday 4 th Aug	St John Mary Vianney
Friday 6 th Aug	The Transfiguration of the Lord

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Father, we lift up all those who are facing illness. We ask that You bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of your love. Amen

PARISH NEWS

OPEN AGAIN

We are overjoyed to be open again. We are limited to 100 worshippers at each Mass with the following regulations: the Victorian Government QR code must be used and all parishes must have COVID Marshals to help people check-in; masks must be worn. Please sanitise your hands and social distance. There is currently no need for Mass pre-bookings however you will be notified in advance when this is needed.

CATHOLIC MISSION – PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL 2021

This week Catholic Mission will share the story of Churai, who having experienced much heartbreak in childhood, turned to the Mother and Babies Home run by the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok when she experienced rejection as an adult, abandoned by her partner and pregnant. Without this program, many vulnerable mothers like Churai will have nowhere to turn when they need love and care the most. **This appeal was held over due to lockdown so we will have a collection at all Masses this weekend.** Envelopes are available. Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program.

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

There will be a further opportunity for those interested in finding out more about becoming a Catholic on **Tuesday 3rd August (strict COVID regulations will be in place) at 7.00pm at St Peter's Parish Centre Meeting Room.** 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.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, 4th and Friday 6th August. Any death anniversaries for weekend 7/8 August, please notify the Parish Office by Tuesday, 3rd August.

MASS - 1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH – 6 AUGUST A reminder that Mass will be celebrated at St Peter's next Friday, 6th August, commencing at 7.00pm followed by Benediction for devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

COVID MARSHALS STILL REQUIRED

We are still in need of volunteers who can come 15 minutes prior to the start of Mass to check everyone entering the narthex has scanned the QR Code or assist them with this. If you are available to help, please contact the Parish Office on 9337 4141 or email keiloreast@cam.org.au. Assistance at the 10.30am Mass Sunday is especially needed. A Working with Children Check is required prior to commencing to volunteer.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK 1-8 AUGUST

Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

DO YOU FEEL LIKE BEING CALLED TO SERVE? The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. 'Come & See!' An Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on 14 August, Saturday 10.00am-11.45am at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), East Melbourne. For more information take a brochure from the narthex. Please contact the Office of the Permanent Diaconate on 9412 3357 or email: diaconate@cam.org.au

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.

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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

Saturday, 7th August at 6.00pm Vigil Mass – Year 2AC Class Mass

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.