

**Gospel Acclamation Gal 6:14***Alleluia, alleluia!**My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,**which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.**Alleluia!***Gospel Mk 8:27-35***You are the Christ ... the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.*

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

**Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

There are several messianic traditions, each one characterising the anointed one of the future in a unique way. Do we expect a prophetic figure who will enter our world and reform the structures of society, or a strong leader who will overturn these structures and establish a new order? Are we waiting for a teacher who will transform our minds and hearts, or a judge who will punish us for our infidelities? Are we expecting someone who will renew the face of the earth, or someone who will come in fire and brimstone to destroy it? What kind of a messiah do we expect? For what kind of a change are we preparing ourselves?

Jesus seems to overturn our expectations. We look for one who will save us from the predicaments in which we find ourselves, and he comes to us as one who seems to be a victim of his own predicament. God's thinking seems to be the reverse of ours: Those who save their lives, lose them; those who lose their lives, save them; the seed must die before it can bear fruit; Jesus will be killed, but will then be raised from the dead.

Can we claim to understand Jesus? Or are we more like the people in James' community: people who profess faith in Jesus, but who do not live it out; people who speak pleasant words to others, who say the right things, but who do not back up their words with good works? Is our faith really living?

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**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B****12 September 2021****First Reading Is 50:5-9***I gave my body to those who struck me.*

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me?

Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me?

Let him approach me.

The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

**Responsorial Psalm****Ps 114:1-6. 8-9. R. v.9**

*(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.*

or

*(R.) Alleluia!*

1. I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal; for he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him. *(R.)*

2. They surrounded me, the snares of death, with anguish of the tomb; they caught me, sorrow and distress. I called on the Lord's name. O Lord my God, deliver me! *(R.)*
3. How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion. The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me! *(R.)*
4. He has kept my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living. *(R.)*

**Second Reading Jas 2:14-18***Faith without good works is dead.*

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

## IN YOUR PRAYERS

### SICK

Davorka Stevanja

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Lina Bartnik, Wiestawa Martin

### ANNIVERSARIES

Terence D'Costa, Costantino & Antonina Bergonzo, Janina Paradowski

### BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S PARISH

Please pray for the families waiting to have their children baptised in our Church.

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Classes will commence once we can reopen. For enquiries, please contact Teresa Paradowski 9337 3103.

### 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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### Lockdown Light—a weekly series

*A weekly series bringing 'light' to this time of lockdown* Well and truly done with sourdough starters? Not interested in another DIY project? To help fill the void during lockdown, each week we'll suggest some inspiring content to bring 'light' to this difficult time. Pop on the kettle and check out the recommendations at [www.bit.ly/LockdownLight](http://www.bit.ly/LockdownLight)

## PARISH NEWS

### ONLINE MASS

This weekend, for parishioners with internet access, the Mass for the 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time will be available online via our Parish Website, Facebook or You Tube from approximately 5.00pm on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> September. For parishioners without internet access, please tune in to Channel 31 (44 on digital tv) at 11am on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September, for the St Patrick's Cathedral Mass.

### ST PETER'S 'COMMUNITY AT HOME TIME'

We continue our weekly Zoom meetings. This is a friendly, relaxed way to get together during this time of lockdown. Our next Zoom 'get together' will be **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September from 8-9pm**. Everyone is welcome. The link to attend is:

Topic: St Peter's Community at Home  
Time: This is a recurring meeting each week between 8-9pm. Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6279668391?pwd=TTJlVlY1R0dThxaHM5WEQzQ3FjeXlZz09> Meeting ID: 627 966 8391  
Passcode: 7774040

### PARISH REMEMBRANCE BOOK

The Parish Remembrance Book will be updated and reprinted soon. Please contact the Parish Office with the name and date of death of loved ones you wish to be added, by **14<sup>th</sup> September**.

### BREAK OPEN THE WORD OR DAILY MASS BOOKS FOR 2022

These 2 resources can be ordered through the Parish Office - \$24 each. Please call or email your order by **Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September**.

### FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Mon 13 Sep	St John Chrysostom
Tues 14 Sep	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Wed 15 Sep	Our Lady of Sorrows
Thur 16 Sep	Sts Cornelius & Cyprian

## SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2021

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and people at risk. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: [www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday)

### A Prayer for Our Children

Gracious God,  
you love and care for all of your children, especially the smallest and most vulnerable.

We entrust to you the lives of children and adults at risk who have been sexually abused, and whose trust and innocence have been destroyed.

Help us to hear their cries of pain and to take responsibility for those whose lives have been broken. Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded by abuse, and the failure to be heard.

We pray that with the help of your grace communities and families will find understanding and support, so that now and in the future their wounds may be healed and they may find lasting peace.

Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our children and adults at risk, giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience to seek out assistance when required.

We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. **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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**Administration:** Ms Belinda McPherson & Mrs Sherrill Johnson

### SCHOOL NEWS

We continue to pray for the teachers, students and their families during these difficult times.

*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.*