

Gospel Mk 12:28-34

This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it.

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord you God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

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Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Israel was called by God. To what was Israel called? To what were the crowds who followed Jesus called? To what are we called? To a covenant relationship with the Lord who is God, the one who is Lord alone. We have been invited into an intimate personal relationship with the creator of the universe, the one who plays with black holes and white dwarfs and at the same time with infinite interest has numbered the very hairs on our head (cf. Matt 10:30). We have heard this so often that it may have become commonplace. The marvel of it may escape our attention, because it has become just a part of our religious language. It is well that once in a while we are shaken to our senses, 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord is your God, the Lord alone!'

It is not marvel enough that this mysterious God has created us; we have also been redeemed. As victim-priest Jesus has offered himself on our behalf. He is the sacrifice that sealed the covenant; his blood was the expiation for our sins; he is our rock, our fortress, our deliverer, our shield, our stronghold. Only one thing is asked of us in return: that we open ourselves to him and cling to the covenant, that we proclaim with all our hearts 'The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!' We are to love with all our heart and all our soul and all our strength; we are to love God and to love others.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

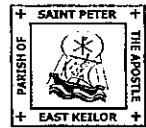
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First Reading Dt 6:2-6

Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R.v.2

(R.) I love you Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my
stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes.
(R)
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be to the God that saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown love for his anointed. (R)

Second Reading Heb 7:23-28

This one, because he remains for ever, has an eternal priesthood.

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

**All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we
will come to them.**

Alleluia!

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Ellen Burnside, Winnie Deren, Maria Profeta, Laura Guzzardi

RECENTLY DECEASED

Shannan Van Schellen, Meghan Christmas, Fr Vimal Raj

ANNIVERSARIES

Vincenzo D'Agostino, Joseph Muscat, Kenneth Perry, Peter Tran Van Hanh, Theresa Tran Thi Vinh

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12 Noon - Sunday, 7 November 2021

Chloe Polidano

Please pray for this child and her family.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Please call Mrs Teresa Paradowski on 9337 3103 for further information

ST PETER'S PARISH ZOOM 'COMMUNITY AT HOME TIME'

Continues next **Wednesday 3rd November from 8-9pm**. The Link to join is:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6279668391?pwd=TTJlVY1R0dThxaHM5WEQzQ3FjcXlzZz09> ID: 627 966 8391 Passcode: 7774040. Everyone welcome to join in.

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2022 COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Are available for purchase - \$9 each.

NOVEMBER MASSES Envelopes for November Masses are available in the narthex.

PARISH NEWS

ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS DAY MASSES

All Saints – Monday 1st November

Mass at 9.15am – For Unknown Vaccination Status (max 30 people)

All Souls – Tuesday 2nd November

Mass at 9.15am – Only for Fully Vaccinated (max 100 people)

Mass at 7.00pm – For Unknown Vaccination Status (max 30 people)

ST PETER'S MASS TIMETABLE FROM 30 OCTOBER UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Saturday

9.15am Mass – For Unknown Vaccination Status (30 people max)

5.00pm Vigil Mass – Only for Fully Vaccinated

6.00pm Vigil Mass – For Unknown Vaccination Status (30 people max)

Sunday

8.30am Mass – Only for Fully Vaccinated (for the time being, Mass only in English)

10.30am Mass – Only for Fully Vaccinated

5.00pm Mass – For Unknown Vaccination Status (30 people max)

Monday

No Services (except on All Saints Day)

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

9.15am Morning Mass – For Unknown Vaccination Status (30 people max)

For 'Unknown Vaccination Status' Masses, anyone can attend regardless of whether they are vaccinated or not, but keep in mind that capacity is capped at 30 people.

For 'Only for Fully Vaccinated' Masses, the cap is 100 in our Church, in line with the 4sqm density quotient.

Confessions will be available after the Saturday morning 9.15am Mass, from approx. 10.00am. Alternatively, please approach Fr Sebastian personally for Confession at other times.

PARISH OFFICE

Will be closed on Tuesday, 2nd November due to Cup Day Public Holiday. Re-opens Wednesday, 3rd November.

COVID CHECK IN MARSHALS

It is compulsory for all Places of Worship to have COVID Check in Marshals at Masses. They will assist with the Services Victoria QR Code Check In and must sight the proof of vaccination at all Masses for the Fully Vaccinated over the age of 16 years. You will be asked to show your COVID Vaccination Certificate (either by Digital Certificate or hard copy of the letter). Please have your mobile phones ready to show marshals. If you do not have the digital certificate on your phone, please fill in your name and contact number on the clipboard sheet and a Marshal will note that the hard copy has been sighted.

GOVERNMENT DIRECTIVE: MANDATORY VACCINATIONS FOR PARISH EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS All religious workers, (paid and volunteers e.g. staff, sacristans, musicians & livestreaming technicians) who work at or in connection with a place of worship are subject to Mandatory Vaccination (Workers) Directions. It would be appreciated if all volunteers in our Parish could also please either scan and email your vaccination status - COVID-19 digital certificate or provide a hard copy to the Parish Office asap. Information will be held strictly confidential.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS' ROSTER

Please update your availability to the Parish Office, for the period 6/11/21-31/1/22, no later than **Wednesday, 3rd November**.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE: IS YOUR WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK UP TO DATE?

Working with Children Checks or VIT Registrations are required for **ALL** St Peter's Parish volunteers. Please check the expiry date on your card and ensure that it is still current. If you need any assistance either applying for or renewing a WWCC Card, please contact the Parish Office or go to: <https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>

ARCHBISHOP'S LETTER ON SYNOD

Can be found on Parish Website or Facebook.

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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

Pupil Free Day – Monday, 1st November

Report Writing Day

Reminder!

Please remember the speed limit in Parkside Avenue and neighbouring streets is 40kph!

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.