



Gospel Acclamation Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor

and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 4:21-30

Jesus, like Elijah and Elisha, was not sent only to the Jews.

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips.

They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside." And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.

'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

In the readings for this week we see the reaction of those who hear the word of God. Jeremiah was told that he had been called to be a prophet even before he was born. Yet he had to fight against the people to whom he was sent. Those who heard Jesus were first amazed at his words and then later sought to throw him off a cliff. We too are often quite resistant to the word of God.

Neither Jeremiah nor Jesus recoiled from the implications of their call, regardless of the resistance they experienced. Instead, they entered even more deeply into the call to love. Lest he brood over his injuries, Jeremiah is reassured of God's protection. And, without aggressively demonstrating his strength when he was threatened with harm, Jesus exhibited patience and kindness. Both men bore and endured their bitter misfortunes. This is the image that is placed before us as an example for us to follow.

The call to discipleship is a call to live in the eschatological age of fulfilment inaugurated by Jesus. We can say with certainty that God calls us to a new way of living. We may chafe under the suffering that it could cause us, but we will not be left alone in our distress. As God was with Jeremiah so we can depend upon God to be with us in our need. We must remember that, however we do react, our response must be born out of love.

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PARISH OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE

EAST KEILOR

30th January 2022

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

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First Reading Jer 1:4-5, 17-19

I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying,

'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations. So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you. Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed. I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people. They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you - it is the Lord who speaks.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 70:1-6. 15. 17. R. v.15

(R.) I will sing of your salvation.

1. In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your justice rescue me, free me: pay heed to me and save me. *(R.)*
2. Be a rock where I can take refuge, a mighty stronghold to save me; for you are my rock, my stronghold. Free me from the hand of the wicked. *(R.)*
3. It is you, O Lord, who are my hope, my trust, O Lord, since my youth. On you I have leaned from my birth, from my mother's womb you have been my help. *(R.)*

4. My lips will tell of your justice and day by day of your help. O God, you have taught me from my youth and I proclaim your wonders still. *(R.)*

Second Reading 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 1 Cor 13:4-13 (shorter form)

There are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them. If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever.

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge - for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known.

In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

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

RECENTLY DECEASED

Franciska Ludvik, Maurice Corkill

ANNIVERSARIES

Rita Maria Lauricella, Giuseppe Nucara, Mary Purcell

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12 noon – Sunday, 6th February 2022

*Charlie Rose Stefanovic
Orlando Farfalla*

Please pray for these children and their families.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) Please call Mrs Teresa Paradowski on 9337 3103 for further information

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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2022 COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Last chance to purchase a Columban Calendar - \$9 each.

BIBLE DIARIES FOR SALE

Reflections on the Daily Gospel, easy to read layout, full texts of lectionary readings for all days, daily saints, prayers for various occasions. For sale in the narthex - \$15 each.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Do you need a helping hand? St Vincent de Paul Society volunteers are committed to providing people with access to the resources and support they need to overcome personal hardship. If you require assistance, please phone our Welfare Assistance Line on free call 1800 305 330 Monday to Friday (except for public holidays). This service is free and confidential.

PARISH NEWS

MASS TIMES

No 9.15am Morning Mass on Tuesday, 1st February or Wednesday, 2nd February.
Sunday 5pm Mass resumes Sunday, 6th February.

MASS – 1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

Mass will be celebrated at St Peter's next Friday, 4th February at 7.00pm followed by Benediction for devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

PARISH OFFICE

Parish Office is open Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday from 8.30am-4.00pm.

ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL 'STAFF COMMISSIONING MASS'

At the 10.30am Mass this Sunday, we will be joined by the School Principal, Linda Tarraran and School Staff who will be commissioned by Bishop Terry Curtin before the start of the school year. May God bless them all as they commence a new year of teaching at St Peter's Primary School.

NOTICES FOR PARISH BULLETIN

If you have a death anniversary you would like included in the Bulletin, please contact the Parish Office by Wednesday afternoon prior to the weekend you would like it published. Mass offering envelopes are available in the narthex.

COVID SAFETY REMINDERS

- Wearing a mask is required for everyone aged 8 and above (unless an exemption is held)
- Please use the QR Code to Check in each time you come to Mass.
- Please sanitise as you enter and exit the Church.
- Please keep a 1.5m distance at all times.
- If you do not feel well, please do not attend Mass.

PARISH GROUPS

Information on when Parish Groups will recommence in 2022 will be advised in next weekend's Bulletin.

2022 NATIONAL CHURCH LIFE SURVEY

From this weekend, the 2021 National Church Life Survey will be available for you to take home and complete, then return to the Church next weekend. Volunteers will be at the Exit handing the surveys out as you leave the Church. A 'Survey Returns' box will be provided from next weekend. The Survey is a chance to review our church's qualities as we look to the future. It will help us to better understand our strengths and weaknesses. Afterwards, we will receive our own church results.

- This is a voluntary, anonymous and confidential survey.
- Most people complete it within 15 to 20 minutes.
- Choose one response for each question unless it states otherwise.
- Please attempt to answer all questions.
- Do not fill in a second form if you have already completed one.
Not all survey forms are exactly alike.

On the **Paper** survey, please fill in our **NCLS Church Code** at the top right corner: **TAM12101**.

The Survey may also be filled in online: Please go to: attendersurvey.ncls.org.au and enter the NCLS Church Code: **TAM12101**.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

If you would like to join our Stewardship Program (Parish Thanksgiving), Pledge cards are available in the narthex. Please contact the Parish Office if you require further information.

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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, Wednesday Thursday & Friday (followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction)

RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday; 5.30pm Saturday

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SCHOOL NEWS

TERM 1 2022 commences Tuesday, 1st February.

WELCOME BACK!

We welcome back teachers and students to the new school year. A special welcome to the new Prep students commencing their schooling at St Peter's.

Drivers: Please remember, it is strictly a 40kph zone around the perimeter of the campus!

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.