

**Gospel Lk 6:17. 20-26**

Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Paul teaches us that, united to Christ through faith and in baptism, we are united in his death and resurrection. With Christ we die to sin; with him we rise to a new life. We cannot wait to see proof of our transformation before we change our actions. The proof is in the lives we live in faith. To deny that we have died and been raised is to deny the resurrection of Christ. Paul insists that they cannot be separated. The challenge is to live in and out of this faith.

Both Jeremiah and Jesus introduce us to such a way of living. It is a way of paradox, a way that moves us beyond the self-centred standards of the world. The poor, the hungry, those who weep, and those who are persecuted are really the ones who are blessed. The victims of our social and economic systems, those who have been ravaged by war or have been made vulnerable by life itself are the ones who, if they place their trust in God, will be blessed in the end. They may appear to be the outcasts of this world, but, if they are filled with faith, they will inherit heaven. The wealth of this world and its pleasures are not the blessings that we might think they are. They can blind us to the real values of life and prevent us from dying to the world and living resurrected lives in Christ.

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C**13 February 2022****First Reading Jer 17:5-8**

A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,
who relies on things of flesh,
whose heart turns from the Lord.
He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,
he settles in the parched places of the wilderness,
a salt land, uninhabited.

'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord,
with the Lord for his hope.
He is like a tree by the waterside
that thrusts its roots to the stream:
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,
its foliage stays green;
it has no worries in a year of drought,
and never ceases to bear fruit.'

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 1:1-4. R. Ps 39:5**

(R.) Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

- Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked;
nor lingers in the way of sinners
nor sits in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord
and who ponders his law day and night. (R.)

- He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper. (R.)
- Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they like winnowed chaff
shall be driven away by the wind.
For the Lord guards the way of the just
but the way of the wicked leads to doom. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20

If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 6:23**Alleluia, alleluia!****Rejoice and be glad;****your reward is great in heaven.****Alleluia!**

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

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

RECENTLY DECEASED

Timothy Donovan, Magdaline Elizabeth Costa

ANNIVERSARIES

Pascal, Lola & George Attard, John Chalabi, John(Jack) Rennie, Sebastiana Giardino, Nunzia Bonnici, Giuseppe Sgro, Pasquale Cuppari, Barry Dooley

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12 noon – Sunday, 20th February 2022

*Nicola Sgro
Hannah O'Neil
Holly Grant*

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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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 14 Feb Sts Cyril & Methodius

COVID SAFETY REMINDERS

- Wearing a mask is required for all aged 8 and above (unless an exemption is held)
- Please use the QR Code to Check in each time you come to Church.
- Please sanitise your hands on entry and exit.
- Please keep a 1.5m distance at all times.
- If you do not feel well or waiting the result of a PCR test, please do not attend Mass.
- Please wipe down your pew at the end of Mass. Wipes are available on pews and bins located at back of church.

PARISH NEWS

MASS TIMES

Please note that the Wednesday 7.00pm Mass has now resumed. No Wednesday 9.15am Morning Mass.

CHAPLAINCY APPEAL 2022

This weekend is the Chaplaincy Appeal. Donations from our parish community will help the Chaplaincy programs to support the most vulnerable people in our community. Your support and generosity will ensure that Catholic Chaplains can continue to be the messengers of God's mercy, love and compassion. Parishioners are encouraged to offer prayers and financial support to help provide continued spiritual and emotional comfort to individuals and families in Victoria facing loneliness, illness, pain, grief and death. You can donate using the envelopes available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: READERS OF GOD'S WORD AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

We are calling for expressions of interest for volunteers to serve as Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for our Weekend Rosters. This is a great way to become a steward of your time and talent for the Parish. Please fill in a Liturgical Ministers Contact & Preference Form, which can be found in the narthex, and email it to Helena at the Parish Office: keiloreast@cam.org.au. Training will be provided. A Working with Children Check is required. Please go to: www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au to apply online. Please contact the Parish Office if you need any assistance with this.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS' ROSTER

Current Liturgical volunteers, please email or call the Parish Office with any 'away' dates between March-June 2022 by **Tuesday, 22nd February**. Thank you.

PALMS If you have palms from last Palm Sunday, please bring them to the Church and put them in the box in the narthex. The Palms will be burnt and used on Ash Wednesday.

NEW FAMILIES TO ST PETER'S

We welcome all new families into our Parish. If you wish to be enrolled onto our Census, please take a Parish Census Card from the narthex to fill in and return, or contact the Parish Office. on 9337 4141 or email keiloreast@cam.org.au

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.

GOSPEL DISCUSSION GROUP

Has resumed for 2022. Mondays from 10.00am until 11.30am in the Parish Centre Meeting Room. Enter via Bellarine Avenue. New members are welcome. Please contact Margaret Walsh on 0401 399 577 for further details.

ST PETER'S SOCIAL CLUB

Meets Wednesdays in the Parish Centre from 10am until approximately 1.30pm. Friendly chats, tea & coffee, Bingo, regular outings. New members are welcome. Please call Tess Zarb on 0400 777 368 for further information.

2022 NATIONAL CHURCH LIFE SURVEY

Thank you to all who took the time to fill in and return the 2022 National Church Life Survey over the past 2 weekends. The Survey may also be filled in online: Please go to: attendersurvey.ncls.org.au and enter the NCLS Church Code: **TAM12101**.

ST MONICA'S MOONEE PONDS PRAYER GROUP

recommenced on Thursday 3 February 2022, from 7.30 to 9 pm in the Simons Centre. Anyone who wishes to return after Covid to pray and reflect on the purpose and meaning of our Christian life is most welcome. The following topics are to be addressed: 3 Feb – A Vision for the Prayer Group. 10 Feb – Fruitful Prayer. 17 Feb – Making the Most of the Bible and 24 Feb – The Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Enquiries 0403 512 936.

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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

RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday; 5.30pm Saturday

ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Administration: Belinda McPherson, Carmel Perry and Brenda Wedge

SCHOOL NEWS

YEAR 6 SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION – COMMITMENT MASSES

Saturday 26th February at 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 27th February at 10.30am Mass

PUPIL FREE DAY

Monday, 28th February

VICTORIAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL GUIDE

Free in the narthex. Please take one.

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.