

**Gospel Lk 6:27-38**

*Be merciful as your Father is merciful.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

**Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

Perhaps one of the most difficult lessons to learn is forgiveness of those whom we consider our enemies, those who have wronged us. As challenging as this may be, the Gospel calls us to a very high standard: we must be merciful as God is merciful. If such perfection can become a reality in our lives, we will be able to forgive. Paul assures us that we can indeed attain such perfection, not by ourselves, but through the power of the risen Lord whose image we bear.

Paul plays with the theology of creation. In the beginning, we were made like the first Adam, earthly, limited, weak, concerned about the things of this world, and committed to our own well being. Through baptism we have been fashioned after the image of the second Adam, Christ the risen Lord. Being like Christ, we become godlike, empowered with his saving power, transformed with him into new beings. It is now in our power, which is really the power of the resurrection, to be merciful as God is merciful. In the risen Lord we experience a mystical transformation. From now on, all of our actions can flow from this new reality.

Transformed by the power of the resurrection, we are capable of unprecedented good works. We can live without retaliation; we can render good for evil. We can be prodigal in our generosity toward others; we can relinquish any rights of proprietorship that we might enjoy. We can live with others without unfairly judging them. We can be like God, boundless in our forgiveness.

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**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C****20 February 2022****First Reading 1 Sm 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23**

*The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.*

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice. David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8**

*(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.*

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R.)

2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)
3. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)
4. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. (R.)

**Second Reading 1 Cor 15:45-49**

*Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.*

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

**Gospel Acclamation Jn 13:34**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I give you a new commandment;  
love one another as I have loved you.*

*Alleluia!*

### IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### SICK

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

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

Domenico Di Tizio, Magdaline Elizabeth Costa  
**ANNIVERSARIES**  
Filippa Cabone(1 month)

#### 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:-

#### Presbytery Collection – 1<sup>st</sup> Collection

Account Name: St Peter's Presbytery A/C BSB: 083 347 Account No. 66541 7521 Reference as your first initial then surname, or remain anonymous

#### Church Collection – 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection

Account Name: St Peter's Church Account BSB: 083 347 A/C No. 53530 4676. Reference as your first initial then surname and if known, your giving number e.g. ASmith T/G 500

#### FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 22 Feb The Chair of St Peter  
Wednesday 23 Feb St Polycarp

#### PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed Wednesday & Friday next week - 23 & 25 February.

#### CHAPLAINCY APPEAL 2022 – THANK YOU

Last weekend, we conducted the annual Chaplaincy Appeal in our parish and your generous donations totalled \$1,417 (incl. cr cards). The presence of Catholic chaplains is a crucial witness to our faith, a crucial dimension of our service of love, and a vital testimony to the value of life in all its stages. Thank you to those who have supported this Appeal.

**PALMS** Please bring your old palms to the Church by next weekend and we will burn them to use as ashes on Ash Wednesday. Thank you.

### PARISH NEWS

**CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE - NEW COVID SAFETY UPDATE AS AT 18 FEBRUARY 2022**

- Wearing a mask is required for all aged 8 and above (unless an exemption is held)
- The QR Code is **no longer** required for **parishioners** coming for Mass.
- The QR Code is **required** for **Staff and Volunteers** within the Parish setting. All Special Ministers and Parish Groups are still required to be up to date with vaccinations and do need to check in with the QR Code at the Church.
- QR Code check-in is still required for **everyone** attending the Parish Centre if not for a religious or worship gathering and those attending need to be fully vaccinated.
- Please sanitise your hands.
- 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.

#### LENTEN PROGRAM - REMEMBER

**AT ST PETER'S CHURCH, KEILOR EAST**

For 6 weeks on Tuesdays 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> March and 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> April. From 7.00pm-8.00pm in the Church. This weekly program consists of Prayer, Scripture Readings, and Reflection. Led by Guest Speakers. Please see clipboard in narthex for expressions of interest for attendance, or email the Parish Office with your name and contact number. All Welcome!

#### LENT 2022

Lent begins on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, Ash Wednesday. Day of Fast and Abstinence.

#### ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass times for **Ash Wednesday – 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

**8.00am** Mass  
**9.15am** Mass  
**7.00pm** Mass

- Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all Masses.
- Ash Wednesday is a day of special prayer and penance. Mass is an excellent way to begin Lent.
- We can reach out to the needy through charitable activities during Lent in special ways such as Project Compassion.

#### Obligations:

- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence.
- Fasting – means being moderate in what we eat and applies to those over 18 and not yet 60.
- The sick and those with special dietary needs are not obligated.

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday during Lent from 7.00pm followed by Mass.

#### ITALIAN PRAYER GROUP

On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February the Italian Prayer Group will recommence at 10.00am to 12.00noon. Masks must be worn and checking in is required. All welcomed!

#### GRUPPO DI PREGHIERA ITALIANO

Lunedì 21 febbraio ci riuniamo per lodare il Signore alle 10.00 Fino alle 12.00 Si deve mettere la mascherina e si deve registrare. Tutti benvenuti!

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

We need volunteers to serve as Readers, Greeters, Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers for our Weekend Rosters. 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](mailto:keiloreast@cam.org.au). Training will be provided. A Working with Children Check is required. Please go to: [www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://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, 22<sup>nd</sup> February**. Thank you.

### ST PETER'S PARISH, KEILOR EAST

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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

**Principal:** Ms Linda Tarraran

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**Administration:** Belinda McPherson, Carmel Perry and Brenda Wedge

#### SCHOOL NEWS

#### YEAR 6 SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION – COMMITMENT MASSES

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 6.00pm Vigil Mass  
Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 10.30am Mass

#### PUPIL FREE DAY

Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> 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.*