

**Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:17**

*Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
Repent, says the Lord;  
the kingdom of heaven is at hand.  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!*

**Gospel Lk 13:1-9**

*Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.*

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.'"

**Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

One major theme emerges from today's readings: incomprehensibility of God. We see it in the mysterious divine name, which distinguishes the God of Israel from all others and yet leaves us in the dark as to its meaning. We see it as God communicates with us through inanimate objects and the people in our lives. Finally, we see that God both pardons iniquities and decides to root out unfruitful branches, and we are confused by such inconsistency.

In the midst of this ambiguity we have one sure source of stability – Christ. It is Christ who reveals the nature and meaning of the divine name; it is Christ who intercedes for us before God. Christ, the one who set his face toward Jerusalem, there to suffer and die, is the great messenger through whom God is revealed. He is the one who reveals majesty through the simplicity of a bush; he is the one who judges with the patience of a gardener. However, the limits of the experience and mercy of God in our lives are defined by our own openness. Despite the blessings that we receive in the wildernesses of our lives, it could happen that God is not pleased with us. We must not take God's goodness for granted.

These readings close on a note of caution. Take care! We might be able to rest secure in the knowledge of the love and mercy of God, but these readings tell us that we should not dare to rest passively or complacently.

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**Third Sunday of Lent, Year C****20 March 2022****First Reading Ex 3:1-8, 13-15**

*This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.*

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

**Responsorial Psalm****Ps 102:1-4, 6-8, 11. 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 does deeds of justice, gives judgement for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses and his deeds to Israel's sons. (R.)
4. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. (R.)

**Second Reading 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12**

*All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.*

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

### IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Davorka Stevanija, Fr Mathew Alapatt

### ANNIVERSARIES

Le Hoa, Rita Rajakariar, Souls of the Parnis, Spiteri, Busuttill, Zarb & Sapiano families

### BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12 noon – Sunday, 20 March 2022

*Lucas Cassar*

11am – Saturday, 26 March 2022

*Sam Runnalls*

*Eddie Simpkins*

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 of St Joseph

19<sup>th</sup> March

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy,  
and courage,  
and defend us from every evil.

*Amen*

### PARISH NEWS

### LENTEN PROGRAM - REMEMBER AT ST PETER'S CHURCH, KEILOR EAST

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March, in the Church from 7.00pm. All Welcome!



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday during Lent from 7.00pm.

### THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

Thanks to all parishioners who collected their new Thanksgiving envelopes and receipts from the narthex over the past 2 weekends. There are still some left. Please take a moment to collect yours.

### PALMS

If anyone has Palms for Palm Sunday (10<sup>th</sup> April), please bring them to the Church on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> April or contact the Parish Office if they need to be collected from your home.

### MINISTERS' ROSTER – MARCH-JUNE

Please check your emails, or the box in the narthex. If you require a hard copy, some extras have been printed and are available from the Sacristy.

### 24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

Our next 24 Hours Adoration will take place on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> April & conclude with the 9.15am Mass on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April. A clipboard will be kept in the Church narthex next weekend to add your name.

### NEW TO THE PARISH?

If you are new to our Parish, we welcome you. We hope that you will feel part of the life of St Peter's Parish. If you would like to register as a parishioner please contact Helena at the Parish Office.

### FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Friday, 25 March The Annunciation of the Lord

### PARISH APPEALS

The Vicar General, Father Joe Caddy AM, has commended the following Appeals to all parish communities.

### FLOOD APPEAL – SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The floods in Queensland and NSW are having a devastating effect on the people living in these regions of Australia. For those wishing to support the long-term recovery work to be undertaken by St Vincent de Paul Society in Queensland and NSW, financial donations can be made either directly to either state through: [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au) – Flood appeal – St Vincent de Paul Society - Good Works ([vinnies.org.au](http://vinnies.org.au)) or by calling – Qld – (07) 3010 1000 or NSW – (02) 9568 0262.

### CARITAS AUSTRALIA – UKRAINE EMERGENCY APPEAL

The People of Ukraine are living through a crisis that will impact the country for years to come. Caritas Australia has launched an appeal to support Caritas Ukraine and other partners in the region. The appeal will support the provision of clean water, hygiene and food kits to vulnerable families, as well as safe collection centres for families on the move, emergency accommodation and support for distressed children and families. <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/ukraine/> or contact 1800 024 413.

### CARITAS AUSTRALIA: PROJECT COMPASSION 2022 "For All Future Generations"

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Janice 44, is a proud Wagilak woman, a traditional dancer, who tells stories through movements handed down over generations. With your support, Janice and the Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation support the community to generate income and employment, while keeping culture alive. Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help provide employment and training for First Australians, allowing them to remain on country and keep their culture alive. You can also donate by calling 1800 024 413 or visiting [www.lent.caritas.org.au](http://www.lent.caritas.org.au)

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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

**Monday 21 March**

Harmony Day

**Wednesday 23 March**

Year 6 Reflection Day in preparation for Confirmation

**Thursday 24 March**

School Advisory Board AGM at 6pm

*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.*